

Sunday, April 3, 2022
Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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Director of Ministries, Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern)

SUNDAY BULLETIN



Today is the Sunday of the Advent.

**Per the City of Cambridge's revised mask mandate,
Masks are optional in the sanctuary and in all church
complex buildings.**

***Please feel free to contact our office at 617.354.0632 if you have any questions or concerns.**

We are grateful for your trust and loyalty to our Holy Trinity community.

From Today's Bible Reading

Matthew 22:34-23:39 In these verses, Jesus summarizes the law in the two greatest commandments in which all the law and prophecies of the Old Testament can be summarized (22:36-40). In 23, there is an extended warning (the “seven woes”) against the vanities and false pieties of the Pharisees. The reading concludes with Jesus’ poignant lament for Jerusalem in which (23:37) – in one of the rare moments when a female metaphor for God is used – He yearns to protect its people as a “mother bird gathers her young under her wings.” *Discuss/reflect: Why do you think Jesus asks us to love God (22:37) “with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind?” What is distinct about each of these three ways of loving?*

Colossians 2:8-3:17 In a beautiful accompaniment to today’s Gospel, St. Paul urges us to depend on Christ rather than human tradition or worldly principles. Through baptism we have died with Him and are raised with Him into faith and a new way of living. That virtuous, good life is eloquently described in 3:12-17. *Reflection: In Christ “you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.” (3:9-10) Comparing the “old” ways described in 3:5-8 with the “new” outlined in 3:12-17, how would you rate yourself? Where do you need more of God’s help?*

Isaiah 66:1-24 Isaiah conveys God’s promise of both restoration and judgment; His children will thrive and be comforted in a new Jerusalem. But those who persist in false worship and rebellion will be harshly judged. Again (as in the Gospel passage above), we are offered a beautiful female image: God will comfort His people as a mother does her child. *Reflection: Isaiah shares these words of God in verse 13: “As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.” God is more often described as a father; what shades of meaning does this picture of God as mother add to your understanding of His love?*

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This sixth and last Sunday of Lent is dedicated not only to the Second Coming of Christ but also to His Incarnation, God’s becoming Jesus, fully God and fully human. He will come again -- this time not as the gentle and lowly Savior, but as a righteous judge in the glory of His Father with a retinue of angels. He will sift through the good and evil just as a shepherd separates the sheep and the goats at day’s end. Jesus declares (Matthew 25:31- 46) that we will be judged for acts of righteous goodness born of a loving faith. Did we feed the hungry? Console those in need of comfort, ease suffering? Only on this unequivocal basis, will we be received into eternal life. *Reflection: Prayerfully read Matthew 25:31-46. Imagine that day of glory and visualize where you will be; pray for Jesus to open your heart that you might see His face “in the least of these.”*

Readings of the Day:

Is 66:1-24. Col 2:8-3:17. Mt 22:34-23:39.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 22, vs. 34 -46 and will be read by Kaspar Torosian.

April 3, 2022 Hokehankisd

- **Leo Topjian, 1st Anniversary:** Requested by Mary Topjian & Family for husband, father & grandfather.
- **Daniel Topjian, 5th Anniversary:** Requested by Mary Topjian & Family for son, brother & uncle.
- **Peter & Alice Jamgotchian:** Requested by Lee Liburdy and Family for parents and grandparents.
- **Bedros & Takouhi Arabian, Haigouhi Garoyan, & Roxy Arabian:** From the Trust Fund established by Roxy Arabian.
- **Garabed, Lousintak, Aram H., and Araxie Tashjian:** From the Trust Fund established by Aram and Araxie Tashjian.

Fellowship Hour

You are all welcome to join us following Church Services for Fellowship Hour hosted by Holy Trinity's Armenian School.

Upcoming Sunday Feast Days

TODAY - Sunday of the Advent

April 10 – Palm Sunday

April 17 – Easter Sunday

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are requested to have mercy on our countrymen in Artsakh, to strengthen them in defense of their homeland, and to grant consolation to the suffering and grieving.

Your prayers are also requested for **Nishan Tikijian and Ara Hollisian; John Marsoobian, Sr.** and for the good health of all those who suffer from illness in their own private way; and for those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Der Vasken offers a weekly Hokehankisd Service.

Please note that if you would like Der Vasken to offer your prayer request during his silent prayers at the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, please fill out the Prayer Request cards that are located on the table in the Narthex (the Church Sanctuary lobby).

Please contact the church office with any questions.

**Requests submitted after 11 am on Thursday will not be printed in the Sunday Bulletin but will be read from the altar by Der Vasken.*

*Please alert a Parish Council member on Sunday if you requested a Hokehankisd after 11 am on Thursday to ensure Der Vasken has the name of your loved one.**

GREAT LENT

Great Lent which began February 28, and ends on Friday, April 8, is the 40-day period of spiritual preparation that leads to the greatest Feast of the Church - Easter. It is a time for focused spiritual disciplines, prayer, reading the Bible, service, giving, fasting and living a simpler life.

Throughout Lent

- We do not receive or pass the Voghchooyin (Kiss of Peace).
- Holy Communion is not administered during the Divine Liturgy. Those in need of Holy Communion may see the Celebrant following the Badarak.
- Mahs is distributed to the faithful regularly.
- We do not approach the Celebrant at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy to kiss the Gospel.

Holy Trinity's 2022 Calendar for Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday, April 10

Morning Services - 9:00 am

Services of Turnpatzek, Sunday School and Armenian School Students - 10:00 am

Divine Liturgy - 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday, April 14

Commemoration of the Last Supper of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Divine Liturgy - 11:00 am

Ceremony of Washing of the Feet - 7:30 pm

Commemoration of the Betrayal and Passion of Our Lord - 8:30 pm

Good Friday, April 15

Order of the Crucifixion of Christ - 10:30 am

Commemoration of the Burial of Our Lord Jesus Christ - 7:30 pm

Holy Saturday, April 16

Easter Family Worship Celebration, Sunday School and Armenian School - 10:20 am

Easter Eve

Evening Service - 7:00 pm

Jurakalouytz Divine Liturgy - 7:30 pm

Feast of Holy Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

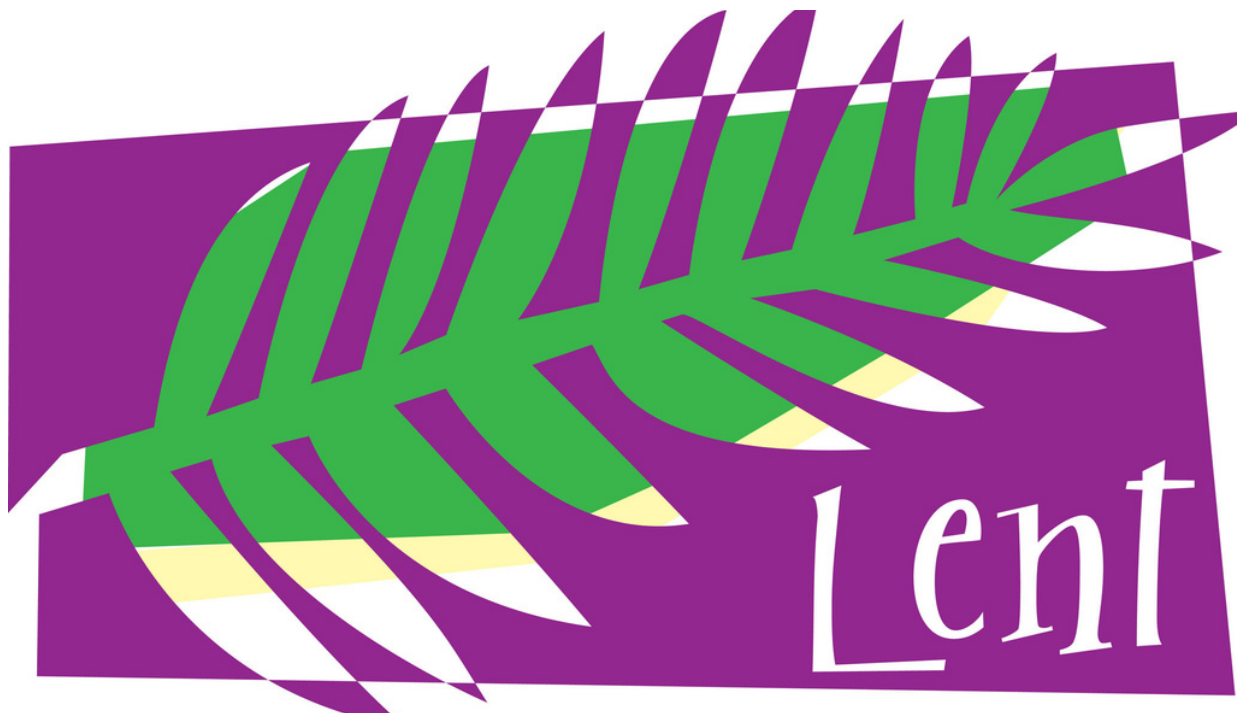
Easter Sunday, Soorp Zadig, April 17

Morning Service - 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy - 10:00 am

Sermon - 11:45 am

****All Hokehankisd Services will be held on April 24****



Holy Trinity's Wednesday Lenten Services

Join us on Wednesday evenings during Lent
in the Holy Trinity Sanctuary for
Lenten Services where the prayers of
"I Confess with Faith" by St. Nersess Shnorhali
are read in both English and Armenian.

A light Lenten supper will be available at 6:00 pm
in Johnson Hall prior to services.





*Immediately following Church services
in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall*

"GROUNDED IN FAITH AND COMMUNITY"

*In this year of celebrations, members of the ACYOA leadership will reflect on
Holy Trinity Church's 60th anniversary on Brattle Street,
the ACYOA's 75th +1 Anniversary,
and the reuniting of our Church family as we come together in celebration*

CHICKEN & BEEF KEBAB DINNER

INCLUDING MEZZÉ, SALAD, DESSERT AND COFFEE

SEATING BY ADVANCE PAID RESERVATION ONLY

RSVP DEADLINE: April 6, 2022

DONATION: \$20 ADULTS / \$12 CHILD UNDER 12 / ACYOA JUNIOR

PLEASE RESERVE ONLINE AT tiny.cc/PalmSundayBanquet2022

OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 617.354.0632

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR ACYOA!

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Throughout the day, life hands us questions for which we seek answers. Each month, we discuss one of these life questions through the lens of our Christian Faith.

Below are the topics for this year. We warmly welcome you to join our ongoing conversation.

October 6, 2021 Imagine a world without love	February 2, 2022 Celebrate Human Rights Everyday
November 3, 2021 Prayer is like a knock on the door	March 2, 2022 Is Life Unfair?
December 8, 2021* How Can We Experience God's Guidance? <small>*Second Wednesday</small>	April 6, 2022 The Chalice of: Life, Hope of Resurrection, & Forgiveness . . .
January 12, 2022* The Seed That Bears Fruit <small>*Second Wednesday</small>	May 4, 2022 Even In the Hills & Valleys . . . We Are Not Alone



Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church of Greater Boston
Erevan Choral Society and Orchestra
Cambridge MA

Erevan Choral Society Spring Concert

In Commemoration of our Sainted Martyrs of 1915



Sunday, April 24, 2022, 1:30 p.m.
Church Sanctuary

Composer Konstantin Petrossian
Music Director & Conductor

Levon Hovsepian
Organ & Piano

Kane Norigian, Soprano
Armen Ghazharyan, Violin
Guest Soloists

Recitations by Holy Trinity Armenian School students

We invite the Armenian and non-Armenian community to join as we
commemorate through music the Holy Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide.
This concert is a gift to the community.
- Fr. Vasken A.Kouzouian, Pastor



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Holy Trinity's

LOSH SPRING STOCK-UP SALE

Frozen Losh Kebab (6/bag) for \$18

Stock up for those Cape weekends or keep them in your freezer for something quick to throw on the grill!

There is nothing tastier than Holy Trinity's Losh Kebab!

To Place Your Order:
Call or e-mail the church office at
617-354-0632 or office@htaac.org

Walk-up orders are also welcome!
Pick ups will be every Sunday after church services in
Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall.
Swing by, say hello and let's get ready for Spring!

Credit cards accepted for pre-orders
Checks only will be accepted for walk-up orders

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MARLBOROUGH COUNTRY CLUB

**MONDAY
JUNE 20, 2022**

**SPONSORED BY
HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH**

**THE 2022
GREGORY HINTLIAN
MEMORIAL GOLF
TOURNAMENT**

IT'S FORE-SURE GOING TO BE A GOOD TIME!

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Commemoration of the 107th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide

Genocide Education in the 21st Century: Empowering the Next Generation to Lead from Boston to Burundi

Keynote Lecture: We are the Builders of Hope

Ms. Marguerite Barankitse

Humanitarian Activist and Genocide Survivor
Founder, Maison Shalom
Laureate, 2016 Aurora Prize for Awakening Humanity



Panel Discussion on the 2020 Massachusetts Genocide Education Bill

Eric Cohen, Act for Sudan & Investors Against Genocide
Lerna Ekmekçioğlu, PhD, Department of History, MIT
Dikran Kaligian, PhD, Armenian National Committee of America
Herman Purutyan, Armenian Assembly of America

As we approach the 107th and 71st anniversaries of the Armenian Genocide and Yom HaShoah, respectively, it is incumbent upon us to educate, empower and inspire the next generation to work towards eradication of hate crimes. In that spirit, we are delighted to host Ms. Marguerite Barankitse, a Human Rights activist, educator and eye witness to atrocities, who courageously stood up against brutalities during the Burundian civil war (1993-2005), the ongoing Burundi crisis since 2015, and the Rwandan Genocide.

A panel discussion on the S 2557 bill, *An Act Concerning Genocide Education*, will follow the keynote address. The panel will discuss the challenges associated with the passing of the bill and outline resources to teachers to help integrate human rights into their curricula and educate our youth on the need for their continued vigilance.

Sunday, April 10, 3:00PM

Armenian Cultural and Educational Center
47 Nichols Avenue, Watertown



Face masks optional per individual preference
Please contact sardarabad@arfeastusa.com for more information.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Morning Service - 9:15 a.m.

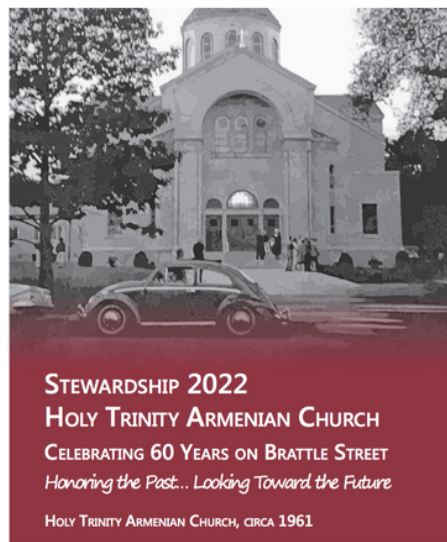
Divine Liturgy - 10 a.m.

Services conclude - 12 Noon.

We urge our faithful to attend Church Services on time.

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

- Sun, April 10** **Annual ACYOA Day Palm Sunday Banquet;** Following church services in the Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, hosted by the ACYOA
- Sat, Apr 16** **Easter Family Worship Celebration for the Church Schools;** for details please email Yn. Arpi Kouzouian, youth@htaac.org
- Sun, Apr 17** **Easter Sunday**
ACYOA Juniors Easter Plant Sale on the Plaza; following Church services
- Sun, Apr 24** **ACYOA Jr. General Membership Gathering;** Peter Adamian Hall, 12:15pm
Erevan Choral Concert; Church Sanctuary, 1:30pm
- Sun, May 15** **ACYOA Jr. General Membership Gathering;** Peter Adamian Hall, 12:15pm
- Sun, May 22** **Sunday School Graduation**
- Sun, June 5** **ACYOA Jr. General Membership Gathering;** Peter Adamian Hall, 12:15pm
- Sun, June 12** **Sunday School/Armenian School Year End Cookout**
- Mon, June 20** **SAVE THE DATE- Details to follow**
The 2022 Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament



If you have any questions about becoming a Member or Steward, please call the church office at 617.354.0632.