

Sunday, November 20, 2022  
**Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston**

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**Celebrant: The Pastor**

## **SUNDAY BULLETIN**



**The Pastor and Parish Council wish you all a  
Blessed and Joyful Thanksgiving.**

### **Thanksgiving Day**

The basic meaning of many holidays has been obscured through the years since their observance. Unintentionally, their spiritual significance has been distorted. What originally prompted those who set a day for Thanksgiving was- gratitude. But gratitude is not an emotion we can call up within ourselves just because we think we ought to. Unless there are certain abiding attitudes in our souls our Thanksgiving will be artificial and short lived. The Apostle Paul suggested that "spiritual wisdom and understanding" enables us to see that whatever good our life possesses is a gift of God. Let us offer thanks to the Lord for our being, our reasons, our endowments of mind and body, for health and strength, friendship and love, and everything that makes life happy.

## Readings of the Day:

Is. 29:11-20. Phil. 4:8-24. Lk. 11:1-13.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, 11, vs. 1-13 and will be read by Sona Tashjian.

## From Today's Bible Reading

**Luke 11:1-13** As they observe Jesus once again in prayer, His disciples ask Him to teach them how to pray. Amazing isn't it? With all the healings and miracles Jesus had performed, the one thing they wanted to learn from Him was this. Surely they had noticed how often He withdrew to pray and the effect it had on Him each time. He gives them what has come to be known as "the Lord's Prayer" and offers examples of how the Father is always responsive to the prayers of a sincere and faithful heart. *Reflection: Look up these verses (not exhaustive!): Matthew 14:19, 23; 19:23, Mark 6:41, 14:32, Luke 5:16, 6:12-13, 9:18, 9:28, 11:1, John 11:41, 17:1-26 and read them aloud as you do. They reveal the Lord's habit of frequent solitary prayer or giving thanks before a meal, at an important moment, or for others. Reflect on words that speak to you, i.e. withdraw, solitary, thanks, etc. How do they figure in your life?*

**Phil 4:8-24** From prison in Rome, St. Paul writes his poignant letter to the Philippians and concludes by exhorting them to live their faith: to dwell only on what is true, noble, pure, and right and thereby find abiding peace in God. Having experienced both great need and great comfort, He has found contentment in any situation, able to do "everything through Him who gives me strength." Paul thanks the community for sharing in his troubles and supporting him throughout. *Reflection: What do you learn from Paul in this passage about contentment and giving and receiving help from others? Are you content?*

**Isaiah 29:11-20** A warning to the city of Jerusalem whose people are uncomprehending (vv 11-12) and hypocritical (v 13). Those who hide from the Lord - thinking their deeds will go undetected - will come to nothing. The deaf and blind will soon hear and see His glory and the meek and poor rejoice. *Reflection: Can you think of a time you honored God with your lips but your heart was far from Him? (v.13)*

### Tomorrow is the Feast of the Presentation of St. Mary to the Temple

The early life of St. Mary does not appear in the Gospels. According to the apocryphal Gospel of James, however, we learn that her parents Sts. Joachim and Anna had prayed that they might have a child and made a solemn promise that if God were to bless them with one, they would dedicate him or her to His service. A daughter, Mary, was born to them, and they did not forget their vow. When Mary was three years old, her parents took her to the Temple where she was dedicated and where she stayed in the care of devoted women until she was betrothed at about the age of twelve. She herself would be a greater temple - a place where God would dwell - than any made by hands. This Feast Day is "immoveable," meaning that it is celebrated on the fixed date of November 21 regardless of the day of the week on which it might fall. *Reflection: In the Gospel of James, Anna holds her miracle baby girl and sings a song of praise and thanksgiving. Have you ever thanked God with a song? Think of something for which you are grateful. Sing to the Lord about it!*

## **THANKSGIVING FAMILY SERVICE**

**A Thanksgiving Family service is being celebrated in our Church today with the participation of the entire congregation. The faithful are strongly encouraged to sing the choir's portion of the Divine Liturgy as we praise God and thank Him for the manifold blessings that we all receive.**

### **PLATE COLLECTION**

Today, a second voluntary plate will be passed to benefit the needs of our dedicated Choir and will be passed following the English Bible Reading.

*\*\*The regular first plate will be passed  
before the start of Der Voghormya.\*\**



**After Church Services today,  
The Holy Trinity ACYOA will be hosting their annual  
ACYOA Thanksgiving Luncheon as we celebrate the  
season of giving thanks.**

## **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 **The Very Rev. Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan, Primate, John Armen Demirjian, Richard Diranian, Ara Hollisian, Seta Lepore and Nishan Tikijian;**  
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.\**

***\*\*All Hokehankisd requests for Thanksgiving weekend must be submitted by 3pm on Tuesday, November 22nd to be printed in November 27th's Sunday Bulletin\*\****



## **Congratulations**

*\*Congratulations to Michael Anthony Timonian and Grace Hajinazarian who received the sacrament of matrimony yesterday, November 19, in our Church. We pray that Almighty God may bless and keep them under the protection of the Holy Cross.\**



**2022**

# ***Holy Trinity's Annual Christmas Bazaar***

**Friday, December 2**

**12pm- 9pm**

**Saturday, December 3**

**10am- 7pm**

## **Delicious Armenian Food**

Lamb Shish, Losh, Chicken Kebab, Khyema, Fasoulia, Kids Meals

*Dine-In and Meals To Go*

## **Gourmet Armenian Delicacies & Pastries**

Choreg, Paklava, Bourma, Khadaiyf, Simit, Apricot Squares, Rojik, Manti, Boreg, Tourshi, Vospov Kheyima, Soujouk, Sini & Porov Kufta, and much much more!

## **Booths & Vendors**

Pastry Booth, Gourmet Booth, Armenian Wine, Farmer's Produce Market, Country Store, Poinsettias and Wreaths, Armenian Vendor, ACYOA Punch is Right, Kid's Penny Candy

*Children's activities to take place on Saturday*

## **Super Raffle**

1st Prize \$2,500  
2nd Prize \$1,000  
3rd Prize \$500  
4th Prize \$500  
5th Prize \$500  
6th Prize \$500  
7th Prize \$500

## **Raffle**

Amazon Gift Cards  
denominations of  
\$1,000, \$500 and \$300.  
One for \$5, 6 for \$25, 12 for \$50.

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**Deadline for Bazaar Sponsorships is November 30th at noon!**

**Call the Church Office at 617.354.0632**

**Your Support is Appreciated!**

## **Holy Trinity's 2022 Christmas Bazaar**

# **Sponsorship Opportunities**

Please help support our annual Trinity Christmas Bazaar by becoming a sponsor

**Bazaar Meals - \$1,000**

Goal \$12,000

**The Gourmet Booth - \$1,000**

Goal \$4,000

**Country Store - \$1,000**

Goal \$3,000

**Raffles - \$500**

Goal \$8,000

**Pastry Booth - \$500**

Goal \$7,000

**Wreaths and Poinsettias - \$500**

Goal \$2,000

**Beverages - \$500**

Goal \$1,500

The 2022 Bazaar will take place on the weekend of December 2nd

General donations are also welcome with much appreciation

Thank you for helping to make this year's bazaar a success!

Please make checks payable to Holy Trinity Armenian Church

To pay by credit card please call the church office at 617-354-0632

Holy Trinity Armenian Church

*Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service*

*Saturday, December 24, 2022*

*Join us in the Sanctuary  
Musical prelude- 4:30pm  
Service- 5:00pm to 5:45pm*



*We warmly invite all to attend for  
prayers and Christmas carols in English*

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Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic  
Church of Greater Boston

Erevan Choral Society  
and Orchestra

Cambridge MA

# Christmas Holiday Concert



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022, 7:00 P.M.

Remembering Fr. Oshagan Minassian  
on what would have been his 90th birthday  
Erevan Choral Society Founder and Music Director [1965-2008]

Composer Konstantin Petrossian  
Music Director and Conductor

Featuring soloists

Rosy Anoush Svazlian - soprano  
Giovanni Formisano - tenor



*The public is warmly invited to attend  
this complimentary concert*

## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!





# FIRST WEDNESDAYS

A BREATH OF GOD

First Wednesday of every month • Johnson Hall or virtual on zoom • 6:45pm - 7:45pm

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 5, 2022**

What Kinds of Seeds Do  
We Sow In Life?

**February 1, 2023**

Why Are Some Accepted &  
Others Rejected?

**November 2, 2022**

Why Neighbors Matter . . .

**March 1, 2023**

Vanity vs. Humility

**December 7, 2022**

We Seek Forgiveness, But  
Do We Offer It To Others?

**April 12, 2023\***

Will There Be Mustard  
In Heaven?

\*Second Wednesday

**January 4, 2023**

Is Your Home Built On  
Sand Or Rock?

**May 10, 2023\***

Crumbs That Fall  
From The Table . . .

\*Second Wednesday

*TMU Dinner Meeting - All welcome*

# WINE TASTING

WITH SPECIAL GUEST

**GERRY FINNEGAN  
OF THE WASHINGTON STREET TAVERN  
IN BROOKLINE**

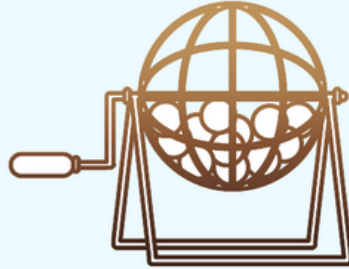
**Monday, December 12  
in Johnson Hall**

**Mezze - 6:30 pm**

**Dinner - 7 pm**

Please RSVP by December 8  
by calling the church office at 617-354-0632  
or emailing [office@htaac.org](mailto:office@htaac.org)

# Holy Trinity Church's 1000 Club



The 1000 Club is a monthly cash raffle with proceeds supporting Holy Trinity Armenian Church.



A one year membership costs just \$60.00! As a 1000 Club member, you choose one available number from 000 to 999. Each month 12 numbers are drawn to award prizes from \$50 to \$1,000 with a total of \$2,000 awarded in cash prizes to the 12 winners.

You can also give a 1000 Club Membership as a gift for graduations, birthdays, and much more!

Interested in learning more  
about the 1000 Club?  
Contact the church office at  
617.354.0632 for 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.

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## HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

- TODAY**                      **Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon hosted by Holy Trinity's ACYOA;**  
Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall,  
Immediately following Church Services, Reservations required.
- Mon, Nov 21**                **Parish Council Meeting;** Johnson Hall, 6:30pm
- Thurs, Nov 24**             **Church Office Closed- Happy Thanksgiving!**
- Fri-Sat, Nov 25-26**      **ACYOA Junior's OVERNIGHT Fall Lock-In;**  
5pm on Friday-10am on Saturday, Please register by November 20,  
*Open to all registered Holy Trinity ACYOA Juniors*
- Fri- Sat, Dec 2-3**        **2022 Holy Trinity's Annual Christmas Bazaar;**  
*Friday, December 2, 12pm- 9pm*  
*Saturday, December 3, 10am- 7pm*
- Wed, Dec 7**                **First Wednesdays, "We Seek Forgiveness, But Do We Offer It To Others?";** Johnson Hall, 6:45pm- 7:45pm
- Sun, Dec 11**                **Christmas Holiday Concert;** Sanctuary, 7pm
- Mon, Dec 12**                **TMU Dinner Meeting- ALL WELCOME; Wine Tasting with**  
**Special Guest, Gerry Finnegan from The Washington Street Tavern.**  
Johnson Hall, 7pm
- Sun, Dec 18**                **Sunday School Christmas Pageant ;** Sanctuary  
**Christmas Tree Lighting;** Hollisian Plaza, after Church Services  
**Mini Bazaar;** Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall  
**ACYOA Junior's Christmas Party;** Adamian Hall, after Church Services
- Sat, Dec 24**                **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service;** Sanctuary,  
Musical Prelude, 4:30pm- Service, 5:00pm- 5:45pm  
*(Prayers and Christmas Carols in English)*