

Sunday, December 4, 2022
Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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Celebrant: The Pastor
SUNDAY BULLETIN



***Holy Communion will be distributed using enhanced safety practices.
Approach the altar, make sign of the cross, present the back of your
hand, Holy Communion will be placed on the back of your hand,
consume at the altar.***

Readings of the Day:

Is. 36:22-37:11. 1 Thes. 4:1-11. Lk. 13:1-9.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to
St. Luke, chapter 13, vs. 1-9.

From Today's Bible Reading

Luke 13:1-9 Jesus refers to two local tragedies: Galilean pilgrims massacred by Pilate and people killed by a collapsing tower. He counters the world view of the time that those whose lives were cut short must have sinned in some way. No indeed! They were no better nor worse than any of us. But the fact that lives may tragically and suddenly end calls all the more for repentance; without skipping a beat, our Lord tells the story of a fig tree which has yet to bear fruit but is spared for one more year. Cultivated and tended it has been given every opportunity to be fruitful. *Reflection: What kind of "death" do you think Jesus refers to in verse 5? What are the different ways your faith has been nourished? What fruit has this produced in your life? If none or little, what are you waiting for?!*

I Thessalonians 4:1-11 St. Paul commends the Thessalonians for acknowledging God's gift of holiness, as a result they shun sexual immorality, exert honorable self-control, and love others as one might a sister or brother. Paul encourages them to love even more expansively. *Reflection: Paul taught this community how to live in order to please God (4:1). Whom do you live to please? How would you live differently if it were God you were aiming to please?*

Isaiah 36:22-37:11 Assyria has leveled the Northern Kingdom and is now at Jerusalem's door, threatening Hezekiah and mocking his God. Yet King Hezekiah and the prophet Isaiah remain steadfast in their trust in God. *Reflection: God is unequivocal in His response to Hezekiah's fear, in summary: Do not be afraid! Listen! I have an answer... (37:6-7) Think of a worry or fear of your own. How might these emphatic words comfort you?*

Saturday, December 10 is the Feast of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker

From a young age, St. Nicholas (c 270-343) was known for his kind-heartedness and unwavering faith. He was imprisoned during the persecution of Christians under Emperor Diocletian and remembered later for his inspiring encouragement to fellow prisoners. As Bishop of Myra, he attended the Council at Nicaea in 325. His moniker "wonderworker" came from the many miracles his prayers and deeds prompted -- saving unjustly condemned prisoners, drowning men at sea, and even his city from a terrible famine. But his name is most associated with Christmas and with the boundless love he had for those in need. One well-known legend of his charity concerned the bags of gold he secretly gifted to three very poor girls whose father was about to turn them out of the house. This led to the practice of giving presents to children at Christmas in his name, which itself evolved from St. Nicholas to Santa Claus. The modern day image of Santa also draws from the story of the pagan god Thor who was associated with winter and the Yule log and rode on a chariot drawn by goats named Cracker and Gnasher. *Reflection: Explore the life of this remarkable saint. Emulate his loving dedication to the poor, the hungry, and the persecuted.*

December 4, 2022 Hokehankisd

We have all been asked to pray during the Divine Liturgy for the souls of:

- **Albert Oskoian, 1st Anniversary and Anne Oskoian, 7th Anniversary, Charles & Alice Nahabedian, Sarkis & Nuvart Hedison, Shumavon & Altoon Zahigian:** Requested by Diran, Judith Smith, Rachel, Renee & Robert Zahigian for uncles, aunts, grandparents and great-grandparents.

- **Helene A. Dorian, 4th Anniversary:** Requested by Daniel & Lisa Dorian, Janice Dorian, Lois & Ron Malconian for mother; Ashley & Scott Martin, Amanda & Matt Keller, Sarah Malconian & Kwasi Mensah, Ron Malconian & Trisha Brandt, Danielle & Gary Dodakian for grandmother; and Matty and Danny Keller and Gary C Dodakian for great-grandmother; Nancy R. Kolligian and Michele M. Kolligian & Bob Khederian for khenamee.

- **George D. Hagopian:** From the George D. Hagopian Trust: Requested by the Hagopian Family for brother, uncle, great-uncle and nephew; Barbara Johnson for companion, Lillian Johnson.

- **Dr. Martin & Anna Alexander:** From their Trust Fund.

- **The Victims of the 1988 Earthquake in Armenia**



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, Monica Edwards, Ara Hollisian, 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.

Fellowship Hour

You are all welcome to join us following Church Services for Fellowship Hour hosted by the Parish Council and the Diocesan Delegates.

GRADUATES FOR WINTER DAJAR

If you know of any Holy Trinity parishioner who graduated from high school, college or graduate school in Spring or Summer 2022 or who will graduate in Winter 2022/23, please ask him/her to send a high-quality photograph and short bio (student's and parents' names, school, special achievements and honors, future plans, etc.) to Ani Ross Grubb (anirossgrubb@gmail.com) so that we can include it in the next issue of Dajar and share the news of this accomplishment with our entire Church family.

Submission deadline is December 20, 2022.


HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS
HOLIDAY DRIVE
NOVEMBER 20 – DECEMBER 11, 2022

THE GIVING TREE
 TO BENEFIT THE FAMILIES OF **SOLUTIONS AT WORK***
WWW.SOLUTIONSATWORK.ORG

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- CHOOSE** a gift tag from *The Giving Tree* in Peter Adamian Hall
- PURCHASE** a gift card in the amount of \$25
(Please choose a store appropriate for a 14-16 year old boy or girl.)
- BRING IN** the **UNWRAPPED** gift card **AND** tag and place it under *The Giving Tree* by **Sunday, December 11**

Those who prefer to make a donation towards the purchase of gift cards can submit donations to the Sunday School Superintendent or Church office, payable to "Holy Trinity Armenian Church". Please reference "Sunday School Giving Tree" in the memo

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of the families of Cambridge this Christmas season

*Solutions at Work, Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty and homelessness by providing individuals and families with resources and opportunities to strengthen their self-confidence, achieve self-sufficiency, and participate in helping others.

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*Remembering
 the words of the
 Lord Jesus,
 for He Himself said,
 'It is more blessed
 to give
 than to receive'."*
 Acts 20:35



**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? <small>*Second Wednesday</small>
January 4, 2023 Is Your Home Built On Sand Or Rock?	May 10, 2023* Crumbs That Fall From The Table . . . <small>*Second Wednesday</small>



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!

***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 - 6:30pm
Dinner - 7pm**

Please RSVP by December 8
by calling the church office at 617-354-0632
or emailing office@htaac.org



HOLY TRINITY ACYOA JUNIORS
INVITE YOU TO OUR 10TH ANNUAL

Christmas Ball

OPEN TO ALL ACYOA JUNIORS (AGES 12-18)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2022

CHARLES AND NEVART TALANIAN CULTURAL HALL

8:00 TO 10:30 P.M.

DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 P.M. ~ NO ADMISSION AFTER 9:00 P.M.

THEME: WINTER WONDERLAND SEMI-FORMAL

ADMISSION: \$15 PER PERSON IN ADVANCE / \$20 AT THE DOOR

20% OF EACH ADMISSION WILL BE DONATED TO THE FAMILIES OF ARTSAKH SOLDIERS

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FOR ALL GUESTS—NO WALK-INS ACCEPTED

RESERVE AND PRE-PAY ONLINE BY DECEMBER 14 AT

tiny.cc/ACYOAChrismasBall2022

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS & PRE-PAYMENT DEADLINE: **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14**

CASH OR CHECK PAYABLE TO "HOLY TRINITY ACYOA JUNIORS" ACCEPTED AT DOOR

PLEASE DIRECT ANY INQUIRIES TO htchristmasball@gmail.com

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HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH

THIRD ANNUAL

Christmas

NATIVITY PAGEANT

&

PARISH TREE LIGHTING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

PAGEANT WILL BE HELD INDOORS IN THE SANCTUARY

PAGEANT PRESENTATION - 11:40 AM

TREE LIGHTING - FOLLOWING PAGEANT PRESENTATION



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS COMMUNITY CELEBRATION
TO USHER IN THE CHRISTMAS SEASON!

TREE DONATED BY RICHARD AND KAREN DIRANIAN

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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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OUTREACH

For the past two months, members of the Nominating Committee, Suzanne Ekchian, Ani Grubb, Heather Surabian, and myself, have been working on creating the ballot which will be presented at the Annual Assembly in February. We are grateful for those of you who have agreed to be candidates for Nominating Committee and Parish Council. And, we apologize to those of you who may be interested in the above positions and were not contacted...as much as we are involved with Holy Trinity, we, unfortunately, are unacquainted with many fellow members.

At this point in time, we are in the final stages of completing the above mentioned ballot, especially as it pertains to candidates for Parish Council. If you are interested in sharing your time and talents as a member of this entity, please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee.

Yes, being a member of Parish Council is a commitment and responsibility. Yet, it has been my experience, in interacting with parishoners who have been, or are currently serving on PC, that the satisfaction and comradarie are much greater. As a matter of fact, those members who are incumbents, when asked if they are interested in serving for another two year term, have, most often, responded with an enthusiastic, "Of course!" Doesn't that seem to say it all?

Thank you very much for your consideration!

Sincerely,
Ann M. Danielson, Chair
November 20, 2022

COMMUNITY NEWS

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY:

The Armenian American Medical Association (AAMA) is seeking applicants for its 2022- 2023 academic year scholarships.

Qualifications:

- Of Armenian descent
- Accepted to/enrolling in a medicine, nursing or graduate program at a New England college/university
- Degree programs include: MD, DO, PhD, PA, NP, CRNA, RN, Dental, Podiatry, etc.
- For more information and application, scan QR code or visit: www.aamaboston.org
- DEADLINE: December 9, 2022

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

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;
Holy Trinity Armenian Church, 7pm

Mon, Dec 12

TMU Dinner Meeting- ALL WELCOME; Wine Tasting with Special Guest, Gerry Finnegan from The Washington Street Tavern. Johnson Hall, 7pm

Sat, Dec 17

10th Annual ACYOA Juniors Christmas Ball,
for all area ACYOA Juniors;
Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, Doors open at 7:30pm and close at 9pm, Dance held from 8pm- 10:30pm. *See flyer for details.*

Sun, Dec 18

Christmas Pageant Presentation; Holy Trinity Armenian Church
Christmas Tree Lighting; Hollisian Plaza, after Church Services
Pre- Christmas Sarma Supper,
Underwritten by Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr. & Crystal Mazza,
Catered by Kevork Boyajian of The Agoomp;
Johnson Hall, 12:30pm
Mini Bazaar; Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall

Sat, Dec 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service; Holy Trinity Armenian Church, Musical Prelude, 4:30pm- Service, 5:00pm- 5:45pm
(Prayers and Christmas Carols in English)