

Sunday, January 29, 2023  
**Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston**

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**Celebrant: The Pastor**  
**SUNDAY BULLETIN**



*Please note:*

*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.  
We ask that the faithful consume their portion of the  
Holy Communion at the altar.*

## Readings of the Day:

Is. 61:10- 62:9. 2 Tm. 2:15-26. Jn. 6:15-21

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter 6, vs. 15-21 and will be read by Ann Danielson.

### From Today's Bible Reading

**John 6:15-21** When Jesus is seen walking on the stormy surface of the Sea of Galilee, He assures His terrified disciples: "It is I; don't be afraid" (v.20). The original Greek is a more powerful construction, namely, "I AM," echoing God's very same self-identification to Moses at the burning bush. *Reflection: Immediately before this incident, the disciples had been with Jesus as He miraculously fed the 5,000 with a few loaves of bread and fish. What had they failed to see then that might have helped them here? Do you truly trust that the Lord can bring peace to a troubled heart?*

**2 Tim 2:15-26** St. Paul urges the apostle Timothy, his protégé, to serve confidently as a man of faith and to adhere to rules for righteous living. To counter false teachings, he suggests instructing people gently so that their hearts might open to God's truth. *Reflection: What might be some "desires of youth" (v22) that can lead us away from God's radical call to a life of peace, faith and love?*

**Is 61:10-62:9** Isaiah describes a commissioning by God in which Israel will bring healing and hope to others and for which it will be clothed in priestly "garments of salvation" and "robes of righteousness." (v.10). These images are echoed in the Armenian rites of baptism and ordination as well as in the priest's vesting prayers before the Divine Liturgy. *Reflection: What are some ways you can speak up (62:1) for righteousness' sake in the world? In your parish?*

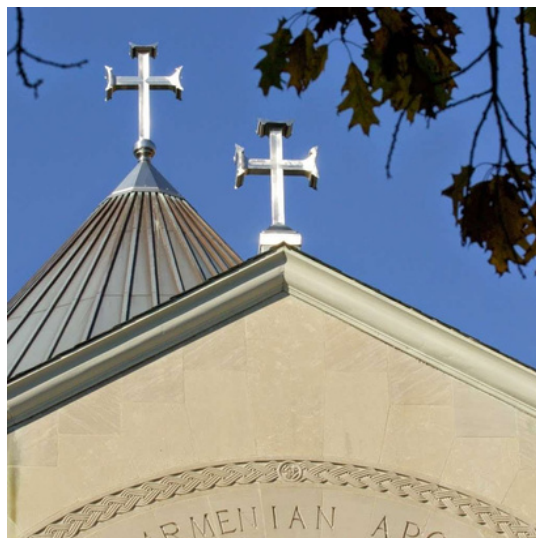
#### February 4: St. Sarkis the Warrior (4th century)

Sarkis was a valiant and faithful soldier of Greek descent in Emperor Constantine's army. When Emperor Julian took the throne in 361, he began to zealously promote traditional Roman paganism instead of the Christian faith legitimized by Emperor Constantine in 313. This earned him the title "Apostate." Under threat of persecution, Sarkis and his son Mardiros sought the protection of King Tiran of Armenia. From there, he went to serve in the Persian army, where he and his son won many converts to Christianity. When they refused to worship pagan idols, father and son were martyred. Sarkis believed that telling people about Jesus was more important than his life in this world. Fourteen Persian soldiers whom he had converted to Christianity risked their lives to bury the general's body and they too were executed. In the fifth century, Mesrob Mashdotz moved the saint's remains to Armenia.

## **January 29, 2023 Hokehankisd**

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

- **Tyler John Antonevich, 1st Anniversary:** Requested by Michelle & Craig Sammataro, Kayla Antonevich, Mary Kupjian, Kristen & Christopher Phillips for son, brother, grandson and nephew.
- **Roger Berube:** Requested by Nishan & Margaret Mootafian, Robert & Marilyn Takvorian for khenamee.
- **Dikran & Arshaloys Mootafian:** Requested by Nishan & Margaret Mootafian, Richard & Nadia Masse for parents.
- **Abraham & Haigouhi Melkonian:** Requested by Mootafian, Melkonian and Takvorian Families for parents.
- **Haig & Vasiliki Bessie Bedigian:** From the Vasiliki Bessie Bedigian, Krikor, Arousiag, Mardiros & Martha Bedigian and Mardiros Kasigian Trust Fund.
- **Mary Der Hagopian:** From the Hagop & Mary Der Hagopian Trust Fund requested by Edward & Frances Hagopian, Michael & Mark, and Bernard & Carol Gardner, Bernie & Andrew for mother & grandmother.



## **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, Ara Hollisian, Rita Mushluyan, 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.\**

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## **Fellowship Hour**

You are all welcome to join us following Church Services for Fellowship Hour hosted by the Sunday School.

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# HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Sunday  
February 12, 2023

**The Pastor and Parish Council cordially invite** all dues-paying members of the Holy Trinity Church to its Annual Parish Assembly. The Assembly will take place in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall immediately following church services. A light lunch will be available.

*(Invitations and Sample Ballots will be mailed. Annual Reports will be made available a week prior to the assembly. Please ask a Parish Council member.)*

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# TMU DINNER MEETING

(ALL WELCOME)

**FEBRUARY 13  
2023**

**APPETIZERS  
START AT  
6:30PM**

**MEMBERS OF THE  
CAMBRIDGE  
POLICE DEPT**

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

**Topic:  
Current  
Scams and  
Personal  
Safety**

If you would like to forward questions ahead- and to RSVP to this dinner- please email John Marsoobian, Jr at [tmu@htaac.org](mailto:tmu@htaac.org)

**Last Losh kebab and Kheyma Meal Before Lent Begins**

**Meal is \$20 - Please RSVP to help plan food quantities**

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## 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.

<b>October 5, 2022</b> What Kinds of Seeds Do We Sow In Life?	<b>February 1, 2023</b> Why Are Some Accepted & Others Rejected?
<b>November 2, 2022</b> Why Neighbors Matter . . .	<b>March 1, 2023</b> Vanity vs. Humility
<b>December 7, 2022</b> We Seek Forgiveness, But Do We Offer It To Others?	<b>April 12, 2023*</b> Will There Be Mustard In Heaven? <small>*Second Wednesday</small>
<b>January 4, 2023</b> Is Your Home Built On Sand Or Rock?	<b>May 10, 2023*</b> Crumbs That Fall From The Table . . . <small>*Second Wednesday</small>

The Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament  
Committee is already at work on the 2023 event!  
Please make note the date change this year. The tournament  
will be held on *Monday, July 10, 2023*  
at Marlborough Country Club.

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

Save the Date  
**THE 2022  
GREGORY HINTLIAN  
MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

*Sponsored by Holy Trinity Armenian Church*

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**MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023**

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**MARLBOROUGH COUNTRY CLUB**



## 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

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>ACYOA General Membership Gathering;</b> Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 12:15-1:45 p.m.
<b>Mon, Jan 30</b>	<b>Parish Council Meeting;</b> Johnson Hall, 6:30pm
<b>Wed, Feb 1</b>	<b>First Wednesdays Series; February's theme is "Why Are Some Accepted &amp; Others Rejected";</b> Johnson Hall, 6:45- 7:30pm
<b>Sun, Feb 12</b>	<b>Annual Parish Assembly;</b> Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 12:15 pm (Sun, March 5 - snow date)
<b>Mon, Feb 13</b>	<b>TMU Dinner Meeting TMU Dinner Meeting, featuring members of the Cambridge Police Department to speak and answer questions about current scams and personal safety (PLEASE RSVP);</b> Johnson Hall, 6:30pm
<b>Sun, Feb 19</b>	<b>Poon Paregentan Celebration for parish hosted by ACYOA Juniors</b> <i>SAVE THE DATE (Flyer to follow)</i>

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### IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER

If severe inclement weather affects Sunday School and Armenian School classes, Church Services, Sunday activities or activities and programs during the week, this information will appear in the following media:

- On TV Channels 4 (WBZ) and CBSBoston.com, Channel 5 (WCVB) and TheBostonChannel.com, Channels 7 and 56, as well as their websites
- Church's answering machine at 617.354.0632
- An Email "Alert" sent to parishioners through the Constant Contact software program
- Holy Trinity's website, [www.htaac.org](http://www.htaac.org)
- Holy Trinity's Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/HolyTrinityArmenianChurch](http://www.facebook.com/HolyTrinityArmenianChurch)
- A Text "Alert" sent to parishioners that are signed up for our Constant Contact texting program