

Sunday, February 12, 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. 63:18-64:12. Ti. 1:1-11. Jn. 7:37-52.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter 7, vs. 37-52 and will be read by Sona Tashjian.

From Today's Bible Reading

John 7: 37-52 During the important Jewish Feast of the Tabernacles, Jesus has been teaching the crowds and the Temple authorities. He speaks of the “living water” that will flow from those who believe in Him (meaning that they will be filled someday with the Holy Spirit). People asked one another if He was indeed the Christ. The temple guards were too awed by His words to intervene.

Reflection: Why might Nicodemus have defended Jesus? Read about his earlier encounter with Him in John 3:1-21. In what ways would the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life be like “flowing water?”

Titus 1:1-11 St. Paul advises his protégé Titus to discourage wrong teachings and to carefully consider the qualities of those appointed elders of the community. *Reflection: What are the qualities St. Paul considered important to those who lead a Christian community? (vv. 6-9; note St. Paul refers to leaders as husbands and fathers since church elders then were usually married.) Why do you think Paul's list of leadership qualifications focused mostly on “being” and not on “doing?”*

Is 63:18-64:12 Israel continues its frank admission of sinfulness and pleads for God's merciful intervention as their Father. *Reflection: In vv. 5-7, Isaiah describes God as one who always supports those who “gladly do right and remember His ways” but who will seem hidden from those who “never call on His name or strive to seek Him.” Between these two poles, where is God in your life? If you are clay and God is the potter (v. 8), how does He shape you?*

February 14 & 16: St. Ghevont and St. Vartan

The Feast of St. Vartan and the 1,036 Martyrs (Vartanantz) commemorates the Battle of Avarayr in 451 A.D. This was the war the Persians waged against the Armenians after attempting in vain to oppress them under Persian rule and religion. The Armenians were hugely outnumbered in this first recorded battle in defense of Christianity. Under the leadership of their commander-in-chief, Vartan Mamigonian, they fought valiantly. Although the battle was lost, it paved the way for religious freedom three decades later, when the Treaty of Nuvarsak was brokered by Vartan's nephew, Vahan Mamigonian, in 484.

Fr. Ghevont was General Mamigonian's advisor, serving as what might be called today the army chaplain. Before the battle, he inspired the army with a deeply moving speech and went among the soldiers, distributing Holy Communion. St. Ghevont was later taken to Persia with other clergymen and in response to his fervent evangelizing, martyred along with the other priests. His memory is celebrated two days before Vartanantz, on the feast day of Ghevontyantz.

February 12, 2023 Hokehankisd

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

- **Alice Kaloustian-Krikorian, 6th Anniversary; Khachik Krikorian, 6th Month Anniversary:**

Requested by Greg Krikorian, Sirane Chitilian, Choghig Tenkerian and Khajag Krikorian for parents.

- **Martin Gostanian; Harry Kolligian; Araxie H. Kolligian:** Requested by Henry Gostanian and Martin Gostanian for father and grandparents.

- **Sahag & Hermine Kavlakian:** Requested by Alex and Sarkis Kavlakian and Family for parents and grandparents.

- **Edna A. Ayvazian and Bedros & Nvat Ayvazian:** From the Trust Fund established by Edna A. Ayvazian.

- **Henry & Rose Saraf:** From the Trust Fund established by Rose Saraf.



GREAT LENT

Great Lent which begins Monday, February 20, and ends on Saturday, April 1, 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 Voghchooyn (Kiss of Peace).
- Holy Communion is not administered. 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.

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.

Fellowship Hour

You are all welcome to join us following Church Services for Fellowship Hour hosted by the Women of Holy Trinity.

Upcoming Sunday Feast Days

February 19 - Great Barekendan

February 26 - Sunday of Expulsion

March 5 - Sunday of the Prodigal Son

March 12 - Sunday of the Steward

March 19 - Sunday of the Judge

March 26 - Sunday of the Advent

April 2 - Palm Sunday

April 9 - Easter Sunday

SECOND PLATE COLLECTION

We wish to inform our faithful that two plates will be circulated in our Church today. The first one is the regular Church offering, and the second plate is per the directive of the Primate, for donations to help ameliorate the suffering caused by the recent Earthquake.

Please Join us today



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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In 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

**“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game,
help us be mindful of those without
a bowl of soup to eat.”**

Since then, more than \$170 million has been generated for local charities across the country through *Souper Bowl of Caring*. It has become a powerful movement that transforms the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving and caring for those in need.

Through this mission, people learn they can make a positive difference in the world as they collect food, raise money and serve at hunger-relief charities and show caring and compassion in local communities across the country.

Share in God's love for our neighbors in need and give generously on Souper Bowl Sunday. All of the donations collected will go directly to our Souper Bowl of Caring Charity of Choice:

Rosie's Place, Boston, MA

*Since 2001, the Holy Trinity ACYOA Juniors
have raised and donated over \$7,000 to Rosie's Place*



**At the end of Church services, the ACYOA Juniors
will be collecting donations in soup pots located in
the front vestibule, baptistery and at Fellowship Hour**

Thank you for being part of the 2023 Souper Bowl of Caring



To learn more, visit: www.TackleHunger.org




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

Last Losh kebab and Kheyma Meal Before Lent Begins

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

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KNIGHTS & DAUGHTERS OF VARTAN
ARARAT LODGE & ARPI OTYAG

Feast of Saint Vartan (Vartanantz)

**Thursday February 16, 2023
6:00pm**

Reception to follow

COMMUNITY EVENT
ALL ARE WELCOME &
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

*This annual celebration is rotated between the
three Boston area Apostolic churches including St.
James Armenian Church, St. Stephens Armenian
Church, & Holy Trinity Armenian Church*

*This year's celebration will be held at
Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church
145 Brattle Street - Cambridge, Massachusetts*

THE HOLY TRINITY ACYOA JUNIORS
INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

Poon Paregentan CELEBRATION

CELEBRATING THE "DAY OF GOOD LIVING" BEFORE THE START OF GREAT LENT

FEBRUARY 19, 2023

Immediately following church services in
the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall

DELICIOUS
"POTLUCK"
BUFFET

CHILDREN'S
GAMES AND
ACTIVITIES

ARMENIAN
MUSIC
AND DANCING

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

FEATURING THE GREG KRIKORIAN ARMENIAN ENSEMBLE

Greg Krikorian - *Oud and Vocals*

Mark DerMugrditchian - *Clarinet*

Kevin Magarian - *Guitar*

Arthur Chingris - *Dumbeg*

Steve Surabian - *Tambourine*

ADMISSION:
main dish to serve 8-10
or \$5 per person
Dessert will be provided

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TRIVIA NIGHT

HOSTED BY THE ACYOA SENIORS



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25

DOORS OPEN @ 6:30 | GAME STARTS @ 7



CASH BAR • FOOD PROVIDED

Entry fee

\$5 • students with ID
\$15 • non-students

RSVP

tinyurl.com/ACYOAt trivia

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HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH OF CAMBRIDGE, MA

2023 AUDITION DATES

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1-3 PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 1-3 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 1-3 PM



CAN YOU SING, DANCE, PLAY AN INSTRUMENT, RECITE POETRY,
JUGGLE, TELL JOKES, OR HAVE ANOTHER TALENT TO SHARE?

WE ARE SEEKING TALENT FOR THE ANNUAL TRINITY TALENT SHOWCASE

TO BE HELD SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023 AT 7 PM

HOW TO AUDITION

- SIGN UP ONLINE AT tiny.cc/trinitytalentsignup2023
- AUDITIONS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH COMMUNITY
 - ALL AGES WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO AUDITION
- PLEASE DIRECT ALL INQUIRIES TO HTACtalent@gmail.com

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Save the Date
**THE 2023
GREGORY HINTLIAN
MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Sponsored by Holy Trinity Armenian Church

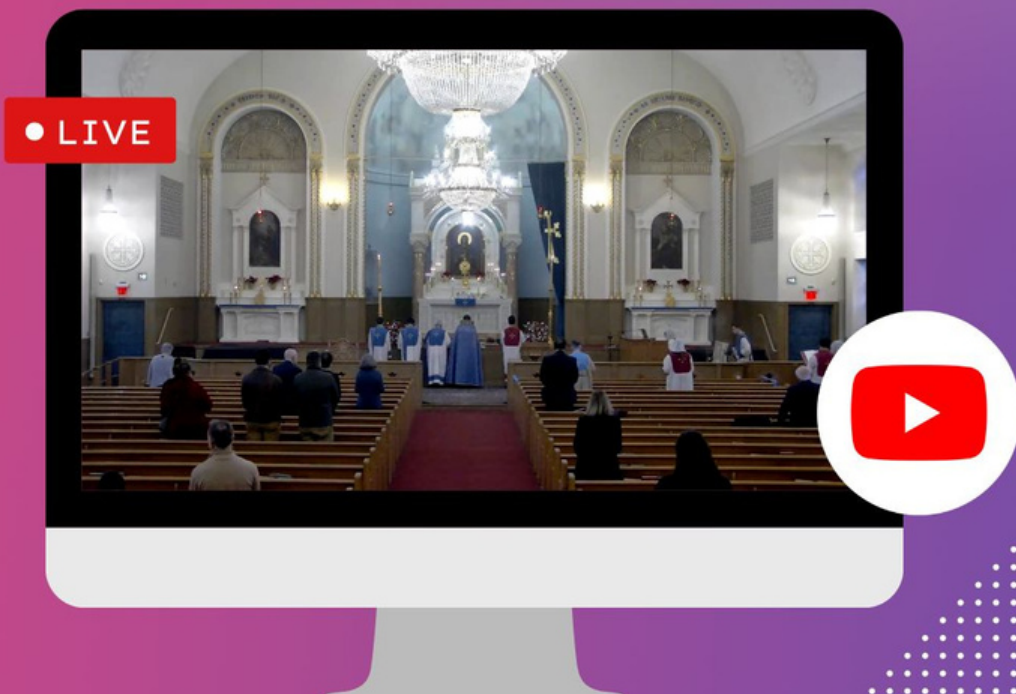
MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023

MARLBOROUGH COUNTRY CLUB



Holy Trinity's Sunday Badarak Live
Stream is relocating to
Youtube!

There is a link on our website
to go to our new live stream page





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

Holy Trinity 2022 At A Glance

Raised in
the "145
Campaign"



\$23,290

82

Social &
Cultural
Events



*Includes Fellowship Hour

71



Active Members in
our Youth Groups

107

Sacraments
performed



*Includes Sunday Communion

Hours of
Religious &
Cultural
Education

(Church Schools and Youth
Ministry programs)

148



Church Complex Projects

9



Infinite Number of
Selfless Volunteer Hours

First-Wednesdays Bible
Discussions Participants



129

28% Growth in Instagram followers



Social Media Posts

387

52

Trinity Tribune issues sent out



4

Ordained to
Sub-deacon

DEMONSTRATION TO END THE REPUBLIC OF ARTSAKH BLOCKADE



**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH, 2023
11am-1pm**

**MASSACHUSETTS STATE HOUSE
BOSTON, MA**



For over two months, the 120,000 Armenians of the Republic of Artsakh (also known as Nagorno Karabakh), including 30,000 children, have been under blockade. They are running out of medicines, food and other necessities, while gas, electricity and Internet access are periodically disrupted.

The government of Azerbaijan is attempting in this way to ethnically cleanse the native Armenian population of Artsakh and annex its territories, and Russian peacekeepers have been unable to intervene effectively.

The United States and various European governments have condemned the blockade. The Armenian-American community of greater Boston asks that you contact your government representatives to get the US to go one step further.

Ask them to apply direct pressure on Azerbaijan to end the blockade and organize an international airlift of supplies and aid to Artsakh, akin to that of Berlin in 1948-49.

Finally, ask them to sanction Aliyev and send a strong message that the USA will not tolerate dictators trampling on basic human rights.

Sponsored by the Pan Armenian Council of New England

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

TODAY

Annual Parish Assembly;

Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 12:15 pm

ACYOA Juniors General Membership Meeting;

Peter Adamian Hall, 12:15pm-1:45pm

Mon, Feb 13

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); Johnson Hall, 6:30pm

Thurs, Feb 16

The Pan Armenian Council of New England is planning an in-person demonstration at the State House; 11am- 1pm

Annual Feast of Saint Vartan (Vartanantz) hosted by the Knights and Daughters of Vartan at Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church;

Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 6pm

Community Event- Welcome to All

Wed, Feb 15

Parish Council Meeting; Johnson Hall, 6:30pm

Sun, Feb 19

Poon Paregentan Celebration for parish hosted by ACYOA Juniors

Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, Immediately following church services. *See flyer for more details.*

Mon, Feb 20

Presidents' Day- Church Office Closed

Sat, Feb 25

Trivia Night hosted by the ACYOA Seniors;

Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall,

Doors open at 6:30pm and game begins at 7pm. *See flyer for more details.*

Wed, Mar, 1

First Wednesdays, "Vanity vs. Humility"; Johnson Hall 6:45pm- 7:45pm