

Sunday, February 26, 2023
Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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Guest Celebrant:
The Very Rev. Fr. Simeon Odabashian, Diocesan Vicar

SUNDAY BULLETIN



Today is the Sunday of Expulsion

Upcoming Sunday Feast Days

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

Readings of the Day:

Is. 33:2-22. Rom. 12:1-13-10. Mt. 5:17-48.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 5, vs. 17-48 and will be read by Ann Danielson.

From Today's Bible Reading

Matthew 5: 17-48 Jesus calls the world to a level of righteousness. Sin starts in the heart and Jesus itemizes these sins with their prescribed resolution: Anger against one's fellow: forgive and reconcile. Lust is a state of mind: do your utmost to prevent this (gouge out your eye if need be!). Breaking marital bonds is wrong (remember Jesus' harsh language here is akin to his suggestion we gouge out our eye to avoid lust - an overstatement to make a point). Oaths are sacred: keep them. Do more, not less, for anyone needing your help. Lovingly pray for your enemies. *Reflection: These remain as head- spinningly demanding as they must have been to Jesus' listeners. Read these verses prayerfully. Decide which attitude you might work on as a Lenten discipline.*

Romans 12:1-13:10 St. Paul urges the Romans to "be transformed" according to God's "good, pleasing, and perfect will." (12:2) He advises the humble use of our God-given spiritual gifts. That we be devoted to one another, sharing with those in need. That we live in peace, overcoming evil with good. That love is the ultimate all-encompassing 'law' (13:10). *Reflection: For the days of Lent still ahead, use 12:12 as a daily prayer: "Today, Lord, help me be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer."*

Isaiah 33: 2-22 In the shadow of Assyria's invasion, God's people turn once again to Him for support and salvation. They have grown to better know who He is and what He can do, even through their times of apostasy. The righteous are promised divine intervention; evil will be toppled. The holy city will prevail and there the Lord will preside as the "Mighty One." *Reflection: We are promised one day to "see the King in His beauty." (17) In the biblical world, mirrors were made of polished metal; images were distorted. St. Paul also promised a clear view someday ("now we see in a mirror dimly, then we will see face-to-face"-1 Cor 13:12) Close your eyes and imagine that moment. What do you see?*

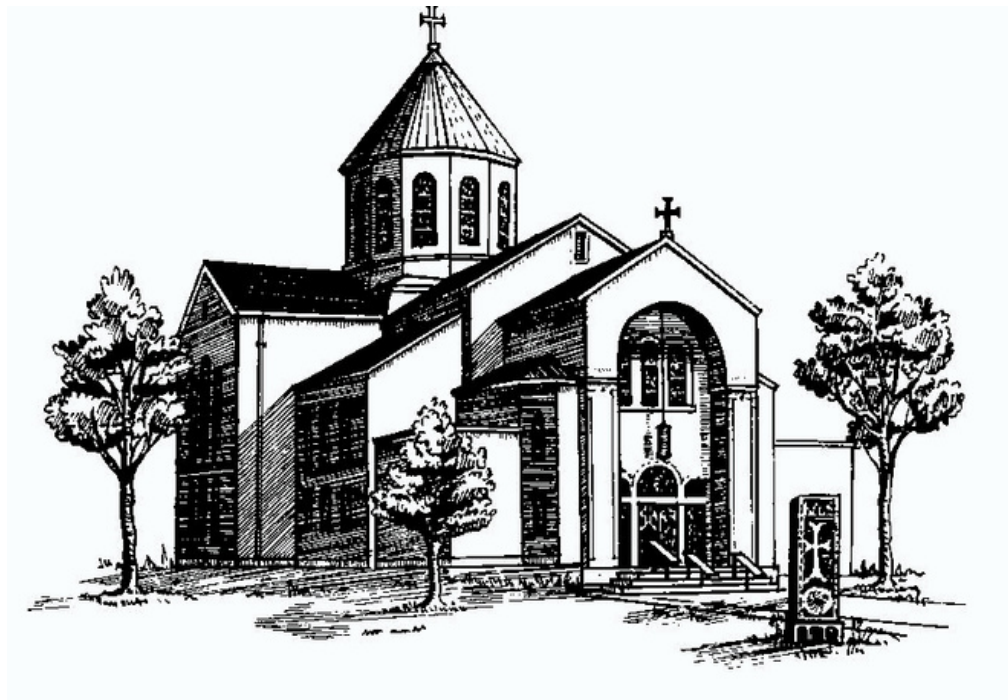
Today is the Sunday of the Expulsion

Expulsion Sunday reminds us of that original exile from God's presence: Adam and Eve driven out of Paradise for eating from the tree that had been forbidden to them. The notion that they were wiser than God in deciding to eat the fruit of the "knowledge of good and evil" is at the heart of every sinful thought or action to this day. And even now, when we do something we're not proud of, facing God is indeed as difficult as it was for Adam and Eve who tried to hide from Him as He walked "in the Garden in the cool of the day." (Genesis 3:8) Thankfully, in God's loving mercy, this is an exile He will not let us endure forever. Great Lent is a unique opportunity to ponder God's absence even as we seek Him in 40 days of prayer and reflection. *Reflection: Read Genesis 3. Why would God allow Adam and Eve to fail when tempted? What does this say about God? About what He wants from us?*

February 26, 2023 Hokehankisd

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

- **Elizabeth Boghosian:** Requested by Ruth E. Boghosian for mother.
- **Berj & Marilyn Donabedian:** Requested by Debra Maffeo for parents.
- **Bedros & Kenovapen Palandjian, Kevork & Vergin Aydjian:**
Requested by Harutiun & Alice Palandjian and children and grandchildren.



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

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.

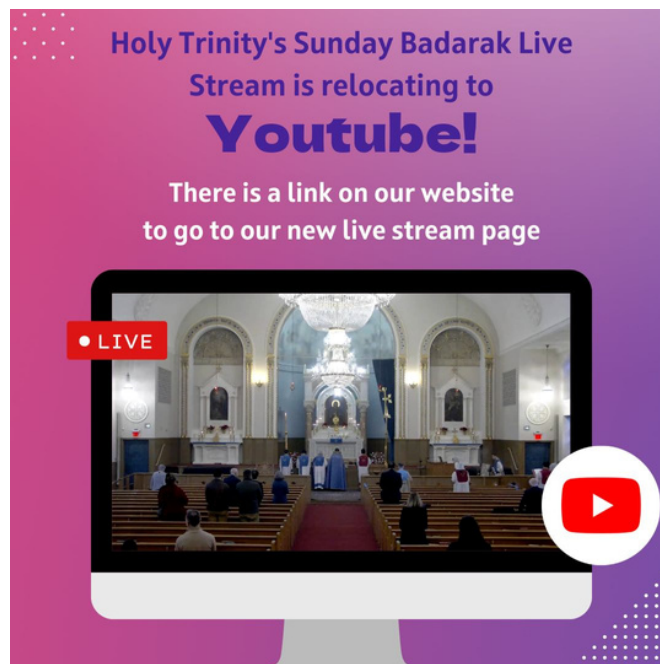
Please note that if you would like Der Vasken to offer your prayer request during his silent prayers at the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, please fill out the Prayer Request cards that are located on the table in the Narthex (the Church Sanctuary lobby).

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.



GREAT LENT

Great Lent which began on 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 Voghchooyin (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.



Holy Trinity 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.

February 22, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

March 1, 2023 at 6 p.m.
(led by our deacons - First Wednesdays starts at 6:45pm)

March 8, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

March 15, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

March 22, 2023 at 6:30p.m.

March 29, 2023 at 6:30p.m.

A light Lenten supper will be available in Johnson Hall a half hour before services begin.

MID-LENTEN LUNCHEON

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Sunday, March 12, 2023

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



Traditional Lenten Meal

Vospov Kheyima, Salad, Pita Bread, Dessert
(Macaroni & Cheese option available)

Donation

\$10 per meal (\$5 for children under 10)

Hosted by the ACYOA Juniors
All proceeds to benefit the Sunday School Lenten Drive
and youth ministry program

*Vosp meal is donated and prepared by David and Liza Dorian
in memory of **Makrouhi Haroutunian***

RSVP by March 10 to the church office at **617.354.0632** or at Office@htaac.org
Limited seats available day of event



HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY SCHOOL LENTEN INITIATIVES 2023

OUR LENTEN PROMISE

SPREADING GOD'S
light 
-MATTHEW 5:16

♥
SPREAD LOVE
EVERYWHERE
YOU GO
LET NO ONE
EVER COME TO
YOU WITHOUT
LEAVING HAPPIER
- MOTHER TERESA
♥

This year during Great Lent, as part of our Lenten discipline, we encourage our Sunday School families and staff to **"Spread God's Light"** wherever we go!

Let us spend this season of Lent not only **"looking for the good"** but **"being the good"**!

Let us commit to **Spreading God's Light and Love** so that all those we encounter see God's light and love through us!



2023 HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY SCHOOL

LENTEN DRIVE



For this year's Lenten Drive, we will be raising funds to support the **Families of Artsakh** who continue to suffer during the ongoing conflict impacting their homeland. Donations will be sent through the diocesan **Fund for Armenian Relief (FAR)**, whose work is mainly focused on five chief program areas, including education, child protection, economic development, healthcare and social services.

As **giving** is one the three main focuses of our Lenten journey, we encourage our students to **donate generously** to our Sunday School Lenten Drive.

100% of all Lenten Drive funds raised will directly support the **Families of Artsakh** through the **Fund for Armenian Relief**

To stay up to date with the situation in Artsakh, please visit: <http://gov.nkr.am/en/>

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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Thank You To Our Bazaar Volunteers!

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS FOR ALL YOUR
TIME AND HARD WORK
OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR WAS A
SUCCESS BECAUSE OF YOU!

PLEASE JOIN US ON MARCH 9, 2023

AT 6:00 - 7:30PM

**IN JOHNSON HALL FOR A BAZAAR
VOLUNTEER THANK YOU DINNER**

SVP IS REQUESTED TO PLAN FOOD ACCORDINGLY.

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 617.354.0632

BY MONDAY, MARCH 6



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.

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| 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> |

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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 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



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Ordained to
Sub-deacon

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

Guest Celebrant:

The Very Rev. Fr. Simeon Odabashian, Diocesan Vicar.

(Father Vasken is serving the Mission Parish of Naples, FL today.)

Wed, Mar 1

Lenten Services (led by our deacons) **with the readings of prayers from "I Confess with Faith" by St. Nersess Shnorhali;** Church Sanctuary, 6pm
First Wednesdays, "Vanity vs. Humility"; Johnson Hall 6:45pm- 7:45pm

Thurs, Mar 9

"Thank You" dinner for our Bazaar volunteers;
Johnson Hall, 6pm- 7:30pm. *Please RSVP to the Church Office by March 6*

Sun, Mar 12

Mid-Lenten Luncheon hosted by the ACYOA Juniors;
Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall,
Immediately following Church services *(See Flyer for details)*

The Stephen H. Barmakian Family Foundation Scholarship

High school seniors and college students are encouraged to apply for the scholarship, as last year over \$120,000 was awarded.

Please refer to the link at the bottom of this post for detailed information about the scholarship, including eligibility and contact information.

Make sure to apply before the April 1 deadline!

Application Information:

The application scholarship link:

<https://cfprograms.smapply.io/prog/barmakian>

The deadline for the scholarship application is April 1, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Any questions, please email Yn. Arpi Kouzouian, youth@htaac.org.