

Sunday, February 5, 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. 63:7-18. 2 Tm. 3:1-12. Jn. 6:22-38.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter 6, vs. 22- 38 and will be read by Robert Dulgarian.

From Today's Bible Reading

John 6:22-38 Having witnessed the miracle of Jesus feeding thousands with just a few loaves and fish, the people eagerly seek Him, asking: “what other miraculous sign will you give us? Will it be like the manna God sent down to our ancestors in the wilderness?” Jesus answers that He offers more than physical sustenance. He tells them He is the true bread from heaven in the famous words: “I am the bread of life; he who comes to me will never go hungry” (v. 35). *Reflection: Bread is a symbol for the physical food we need to live. What kind of hunger do you think Jesus is talking about when He says we will “never be hungry again?” What worldly hungers distract you from the nourishment only Jesus can provide?*

2 Tim 3:1-12 St. Paul warns Timothy of false teachers who might appear godly and yet their behavior will reveal their character (v. 8: Jannes and Jambres were Egyptian court magicians at the time of Moses, false teachers themselves). He also declares that following Christ is not easy! (v.12) For many, it will be easier to be selfish, greedy, unforgiving, unloving, ungrateful and vain pleasure-seekers. (vv. 1-2) *Reflection: Do the disagreeable qualities listed in vv. 2-4 figure in today's world? Are there times you might display a “form of godliness” (v. 5) without the inner heart for God?*

Is 63:7-18 Almost Psalm-like in structure, these verses recall God's saving actions in the past (such as the Exodus), acknowledge the sins of Israel, and end with a plea for mercy. *Reflection: In verse 7, the prophet sings “of the kindnesses of the Lord.” Make such a list from what you observe in the world, in others, and in your own life.*

Saturday, 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 vigorously promote traditional Roman pagan beliefs instead of the Christian faith legitimized by Emperor Constantine in 313. This earned him the title “Apostate.” Under threat of persecution, Sarkis, with 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 he refused to worship pagan idols, both he and Mardiros were martyred. Sarkis believed that telling people about Jesus was more important than his life in this world. He died witnessing to Jesus. 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.

February 5, 2023 Hokehankisd

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

- **Isabel Talanian, 40th Day:** Requested by Joyce Talanian, Diane & Ron Krueger and Family for mother, grandmother and great-grandmother; Elizabeth Sargavakian and Family for dear friend.
- **Marie & Krikor Hagopian:** Requested by Araxie Poladian, Mark & Maral Ayanian, Lori, Joseph, Nayiri and Shant Ayanian for parents, grandparents and great-grandparents.
- **Hovsep & Regina Skenderian, Noubar Skenderian:** Requested by Armen & Susan Skenderian for parents and brother.



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 Voghchooy (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 Woman of Holy Trinity.

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
- Holy Trinity's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/HolyTrinityArmenianChurch
- A Text "Alert" sent to parishioners that are signed up for our Constant Contact texting program



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

Last Losh kebab and Kheyima Meal Before Lent Begins

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

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

*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*



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

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

Sponsored by Holy Trinity Armenian Church

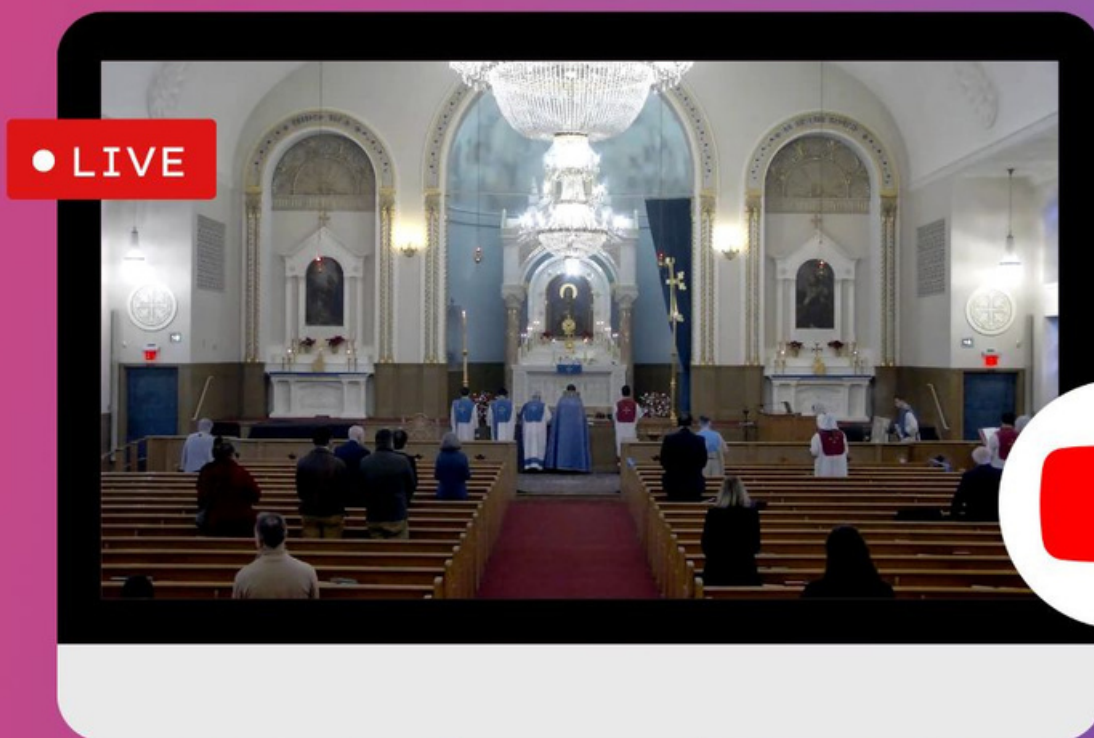
MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023

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



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	Youth Leadership Team Meeting; Youth Room, 12:15pm- 2pm
Sun, Feb 12	Annual Parish Assembly; Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 12:15 pm (Sun, March 5 - snow date)
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
Wed, Feb 15	Parish Council Meeting; Johnson Hall, 6:30pm
Thurs, Feb 16	Annual Feast of Saint Vartan (Vartanantz) hosted by the Knights and Daughters of Vartan at Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church. <i>Community Event- Welcome to All</i>
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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Armenian American Veterans of Greater Boston, formerly The Paul S. Marsoubian Amvets Post 41, Watertown, MA, is offering \$5,000.00 academic scholarships for the children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of its members including deceased members who were in good standing. Scholarship awards will be announced on or before May 31, 2023

Requested for scholarship applications should be directed to:

George Elanjian, Chairman
Amvets Scholarship Committee
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e-mail: cgelanjian@yahoo.com