Sunday, April 2, 2023 **Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston**

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Celebrant: The Pastor SUNDAY BULLETIN



Today is Palm Sunday.

Palm Sunday is the feast of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Christ was hailed by the people as the Messiah and New King of Israel. Christ comes to Jerusalem in fulfillment of the prophecies and having chosen the way of the Cross, invites the faithful to witness His passion that they might share in His Resurrection

Divine Liturgy Book

Let us recite together the Nicene Creed, The Profession of our Faith, on page 18 and 19 of the maroon book.

Kiss of Peace

The person giving the greeting says: *Krisdos ee mech mer haydnetzav* (Christ is revealed among us)

Confessions & Communion

For those who wish to receive Holy Communion, please bring with you the Cofessions located in the maroon book.

Readings of the Day: Song 1:1-2:3. Zec 9:9-15. Phil 4:4-7. Mt 20:29-21:17.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 21, vs. 1-11 and will be read by Bruce Newell.

From Today's Bible Reading

Matthew 20:29-21:17 The healing of the two blind men is a poignant prelude to the story of Jesus' triumphal arrival in Jerusalem (see below). The two persist in loudly declaring

their faith despite the crowd's rebuke. Upon being healed by their Lord, they follow Him. The passage continues with the Palm Sunday story (21:1-11) and the account of Jesus driving the moneychangers from the Temple. *Reflection: If Jesus said to you (as He did to the blind men)* "what do you want me to do for you?" how would you answer?

Philippians 4: 4-7 In a letter overflowing with the joy of knowing Jesus, St. Paul sums it all up in these few verses: Rejoice in the Lord, know that He is near, be gentle with everyone, don't worry about a thing, pray your gratitude, and God's peace will guard your heart in Christ Jesus. *Reflection: Personalize verse 7 and memorize it: "The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, guards my heart and mind in Christ Jesus." Pray this*

Zechariah 9: 9-15 Set in the context of the Jews' return from the Babylonian exile and the rebuilding of Jerusalem, Zechariah looks expectantly to when God will transform his people into a holy nation. In these verses, we see a striking prophecy of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem "gentle and riding on a donkey." *Reflection: What images of peace and restoration can you identify in verses 9-10? Why a donkey (v.9; see Matthew 21:5) and not a warhorse?*

<u>Today is Palm Sunday (Dzaghgazart)</u>

throughout the day.

This day recalls Jesus'entry into Jerusalem. He is greeted by throngs of people laying their cloaks and palm branches on the road before Him as a royal carpet of welcome. Matthew understood the event as the fulfillment of specific prophecies, including Zechariah 9:9 (today's reading). Therefore, for many gathered, this was the entrance of the Messiah and conformed fully to Old Testament prophecy and Jewish expectations. Yet how poorly the crowd understood the nature of the kingdom and the king they were welcoming since not long afterwards their "Hosannas!" turned to the jeering shouts of "Crucify him!" The service of the Opening of the Doors is also held on Palm Sunday, during which the priest and people pray for entry once again into God's presence. The term Dzaghgazart ("adorned with flowers") may refer to an older pagan feast. *Reflection: In Matthew 21:10 we read that "when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked: "Who is this?" Has He entered your heart? Are you prompted to know more about who He is?*



For the glory of God and the edification of our Altar

*Today's Palms are donated by Albert Zouranjian and Family in memory of wife, mother and grandmother, Virginia Zouranjian.

*Today's Altar Flowers are donated by the Keljikian Family in memory of grandparents and aunt, Helen & Edward Derounian, Almas & Avedis Keljikian and Alice Keljikian

"TURNPATZEK"

Prior to the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, the "Turnpatzek" or the "Opening of the Doors" Service will be conducted in our Church. Kneeling in front of the closed veil of the Altar, the priest reads Psalms and chants hymns of supplication for the mercy of God. The mystery of the Turnpatzek Service anticipates the second coming of Christ and the final judgment. On behalf of the faithful, the priest pleads to God to reopen the doors of His Heavenly Kingdom which were closed to man through his fall and expulsion from paradise.

April 2, 2023 Hokehankisd

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

Jack Marshall Medzorian, 3rd Anniversary: Requested by Eva Medzorian, David Medzorian & Valerie Becker, John & Ruthie Falletti, John & Karen Medzorian, Mark Medzorian and Alexander, Jack, Eva Maria, Kevin and Angelina.

Charles & Alice Nahabedian, George & Catherine Nahabedian, Shumavon & Altoon Zahigian, Paul & Margaret Nahabedian, Diran & Zabelle Zahigian: Requested by Robert Nahabedian, Claudine Louis, Delia and Rainier, Christine, Nicholas and Alyssa Sahagian.

Bedros & Takouhi Arabian, Haigouhi Garoyan, & Roxy Arabian: From the Trust Fund established by Roxy Arabian.

Ardashes Asadourian: From the Trust Fund established by Altoon Zahigian for brother.

Haig & Vasiliki Bessie Bedigian, Kirkor & Arousiag Bedigian, Mardiros & Martha Bedigian, and Mardiros Kasigian: From the Trust Fund established by Haig & Bessie Bedigian for parents, grandparents & uncle.

Harry, Esther, Harry Jr., Shirley & Rita Tatarian and Tatarian Kertasdan: From the Harry & Esther Tatarian Family Memorial Fund.





DIVINE LITURGY

Deacons: Gregory Krikorian, Armen Skenderian, George Stepanyantis

Sub-Deacons: Oscar Derderian III, Gregory Dorian, Stephen Hollisian,

Edward Khachatrian, Kevork Atinizian, Mark Torosian, Areg Gulbenkian, John Esserian

Organist: Nune Hakobyan

Choir Members: Victoria Avetisyan, Sdn. Robert Dulgarian, Arpie Kouzouian,

Yeghishe Manucharyan, Ani Ross Grubb

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

Bob Young, John Armen Demirjian, Ara Hollisian, 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.

EASTER OFFERING - YOUGHAKIN

In the early centuries, the Armenian Church had no annual budget to meet the expenses of parish Churches and monastic communities. The faithful of each parish contributed for the welfare of the work of the Christian community, caring for the needy, promoting the work of Christian education and worship, etc. At certain times of the year, additional contributions were offered to the parish Church to assure that the sanctuary lanterns, at that time fueled by oil, would remain continuously aflame. Thus, a special category of donations was created and called Youghakin which means "the cost of oil."

These were collected during the Christmas and Easter seasons.

As inheritors of this pious tradition, we have maintained this special offering in all Diocesan Churches in the Western Hemisphere.

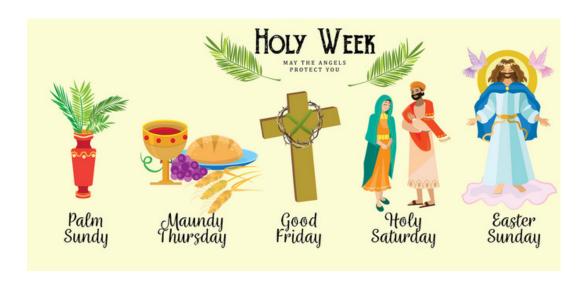
Aside from your annual parish stewardship and membership donation, this special gift is sought during these holy days to meet the additional expenses needed to effectively carry out the mission of our parish; namely, worship, witness, education, service, and fellowship.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND CANDLES

For those who wish to donate Altar Flowers and Candles for Holy Week and Easter, please call the Church office, 617.354.0632, or email office@htaac.org.

Please specify if donations are made in memory of loved ones.





Palm Sunday, April 2 Morning Services - 9:00 am Services of Turnpatzek, Sunday School and Armenian School Students - 10:00 am Divine Liturgy - 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday, April 6
Commemoration of the Last Supper of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Divine Liturgy - 11:00 am
Ceremony of Washing of the Feet - 7:30 pm
Commemoration of the Betrayal and Passion of our Lord - 8:30 pm

Good Friday and the Feast of Annuciation of St. Mary the Mother of God, April 7

Order of the Crucifixion of Christ - 10:30 am

Commemoration of the Burial of Our Lord Jesus Christ - 7:30 pm

Holy Saturday, April 8

Easter Family Worship Celebration and Breakfast &
Sunday School and Armenian School - 10:20 am

Easter Eve, April 8
Evening Service - 7:00 pm
Jurakalouytz Divine Liturgy - 7:30 pm

Feast of Holy Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Easter Sunday, Soorp Zadig, April 9

Morning Service - 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy - 10:00 am

Sermon - 11:45 am





EASTER SUNDAY

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CHURCH SERVICES ON HOLLISIAN PLAZA







ALL PLANTS \$10

6" POTTED

TULIPS × EASTER LILIES × HYACINTH

Proceeds support ACYOA Ministry Programs
ACYOA will donate 20% to the Sunday School Lenten Drive supporting
The Families of Artsakh through the Fund for Armenian Relief

Thank you for supporting the ACYOA ~ Happy Easter!

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Some Topics of Discussion

- What's really going on in our K-12 schools?
- What are schools expected to teach?
- · How do school administrators respond to the many demands of the at-large community?
- What drives decision making?
- · How are the current political and societal winds changing the schools?
- How can I support my family as they cycle through their education in the schools?

seasoned educator with 30+ years experience in public schooling. She has worked as an elementary school educator and principal, high school principal, assistant superintendent of schools, and much more. Currently, she coaches school leaders, advises rising administrators and supports new teachers through her work at both Endicott College and

Salem State University.

Please RSVP by calling the office at 617.354.0632 or email tmu@htaac.org

SPEAKER SERIES



Trinity Talks

JOIN US FOR MONTHLY PRESENTATIONS LED BY **OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS AS THEY** SHARE UNIQUE EXPERIENCES AND PERSPECTIVES

April 16, 2023 12-12:30pm

Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall

THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER



MIT Professor of Economics & **Nobel Prize in Economics Candidate**

TOPIC Artificial Intelligence: opportunities and challenges for the world and Armenia

A light reception will be provided

Arto Hachikian is going to present a special ring to Prof. Daron Acemoglu

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A More Perfect Union: Renewing American Democracy

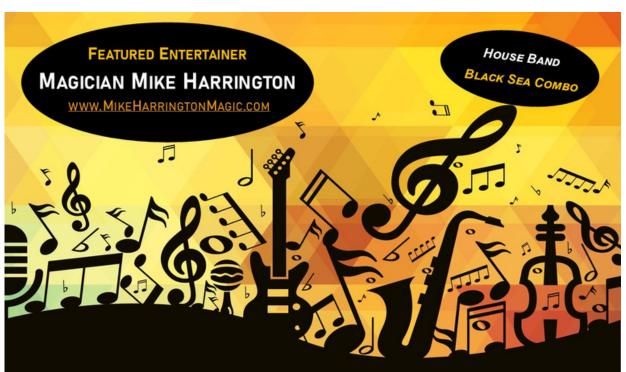
Thursday, April 27, 2023, 7:00pm

Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall
145 Brattle Street, Cambridge, MA

A reception and book signing for his book "Heart of the Nation: Volunteering and America's Civic Spirit" will follow Mr. Bridgeland's talk

This event is free and open to the public

John Bridgeland is Executive Chairman of the Office of American Possibilities, an organization aimed to tap the entrepreneurial talent of Americans to solve public challenges together across divides. He is also Co-Founder and Executive Chairman of "More Perfect", a national campaign to advance five Sustainable Democracy Goals. Previously he has served in the administrations of President George W. Bush and President Barack Obama. A graduate of Harvard College and the University of Virginia School of Law, Mr. Bridgeland will share his perspectives on renewing American democracy and challenge us to see the value in bringing together differing viewpoints to strengthen our union and dream together, as one nation.



TRINITY TALENT SHOWCASE



SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023

DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 PM SHOWCASE BEGINS AT 7:30 PM

HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE, MA CHARLES AND NEVART TALANIAN CULTURAL HALL

A UNIQUE AND ENTERTAINING VARIETY-STYLE SHOW FEATURING TALENTED MEMBERS OF THE HOLY TRINITY COMMUNITY

CASH BAR/REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

CABARET TABLE SEATING: \$25 PER PERSON/\$125 FOR FULL TABLE
INCLUDES TABLE SERVICE ~ 6 GUESTS MAX. PER TABLE ~ PAID TABLE RESERVATION DEADLINE APRIL 21

AUDITORIUM SEATING: \$15 IN ADVANCE / \$20 AT DOOR

RESERVE ONLINE AT bit.ly/TrinityTalentShowcase2023 OR CALL 617.354.0632



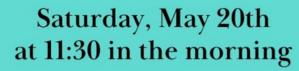
10% OF ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE FAMILIES OF ARTSAKH-ALL REMAINING PROCEEDS BENEFIT ACYOA MINISTRY PROGRAMS

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You are cordially invited to attend

Breakfast at Trinity's



Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall

Please wear your favorite little black dress and don't forget your fabulous pearls!

Women of all ages are encouraged to attend; including activities and fun for our littlest ladies

Ladies: \$25 Little Ladies (under 12): \$15

Please RSVP to the church office at office@htaac.org or call 617.354.0632

We will devote some time after brunch to a small brainstorming session where you will be able to share your ideas about a reimagined Women's Group!

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Der Mampre Kouzouian's 65th Ordination Anniversary

Immediately Following Divine Liturgy Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall

All funds raised will benefit children with cancer at Muratsan Chemotherapy Clinic in Armenia and the families of the fallen soldiers of Artsakh

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Holy Trinity Church Scholarship applications are now available online!

Apply online today for one of our church scholarships

Deadline for completed applications is May 15, 2023 at 5:00 pm

Please visit the link below is apply.

https://htaac.org/scholarships/



Hello! My name is Melissa Diranian & I will be running my second Boston Marathon this year for the Gronk Nation Youth Foundation! Gronk Nation provides funding and support to youth athletic programs to encourage kids to stay active & involved in sports. I have committed to raising \$10,000 for Gronk Nation this year & all proceeds will go toward building a playground on the Esplanade in Boston! If you are interested in donating or learning more about the foundation, please visit link below.

https://www.givengain.com/ap/melissa-diranian-raising-funds-for-gronk-nation-youth-foundation/#timeline

Thanks so much for your support!



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Visit www.htaac.org or call the office at 617-354-0632

"But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the Word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit..." Matthew 13:23

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	Palm Sunday Banquet hosted by the ACYOA;
	Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, Immediately following Church Services
Sat, April 8	Easter Family Worship Celebration; Church Sanctuary, 10:20am
Sun, April 9	Easter
	ACYOA Easter Plant Sale, all plants are \$10;
	Hollisian Plaza, Immediately following Church Services
Mon, April 10	TMU Meeting, "Perspective on Schools"
	with guest speaker Susan Ambrozavitch; Johnson Hall,
	Meze 6:30pm-Dinner 7pm (ALL ARE WELCOME)
Wed, April 12	First Wednesdays, "Will There be Mustard In Heaven?";
	Johnson Hall 6:45pm- 7:45pm *second Wednesday*
Sun, April 16	Trinity Talks with this months speaker, MIT Professor Daron Acemoglu;
	Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 12pm- 12:30pm
Thurs, April 27	The Dr. Michael and Joyce Kolligian Distinguished Speaker Series -
	John Bridgeland, "A More Perfect Union: Renewing American
	Democracy; Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 7pm
	(A reception and book signing for his book,
	"Heart of the Nation: Volunteering and America's Civic Spirit" will
	follow Mr. Bridgeland's talk)
Sat, April 29	Trinity Talent Showcase; Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall,
	Doors open at 7pm and Showcase begins at 7:30pm
Tues, May2 -	Annual Clergy Conference and 121st Diocesan Assembly,
Sat, May 6	presided over by the Very Reverend Father Mesrop Parsamyan,
	Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church (Eastern); Dallas, TX
Sat, May 20	Breakfast at Trinity's; Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 11:30am
Sun, May 21	Der Mampre Kouzouian's 65th Ordination Anniversary; Charles &
	Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, Immediately following Church Services
Mon, July 10	Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament;

Marlborough Country Club