

Sunday, March 12, 2023
Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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Celebrant: The Pastor
SUNDAY BULLETIN



Today is the Sunday of the Steward

****At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy today, Father Vasken will be reading a special Encyclical from HH Karekin II that will also be read in Armenian churches across the world this Sunday.**

The Gontag - Encyclical of the Catholicos of All Armenians,

is issued on the occasion of the 850 Anniversary of St. Nersess IV Shnorhali's passing.

*This is the Catholicos who created much of the liturgical hymns of the Armenian Church.***

Being a Patriarchal Encyclical, the faithful should remain standing while it is read.

Upcoming Sunday Feast Days

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. 56:1-57:21. Eph. 4:17-5:14. Lk.16:1-31.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, chapter 16, vs. 19-31 and will be read by Sona Tashjian.

From Today's Bible Reading

Luke 16:1-31 See below for the Parable of the Steward (1-13). Today's reading also includes the renowned story of the unnamed rich man and Lazarus. The rich man ignores the poor and ailing Lazarus and after both have died, he sees that Lazarus is in heaven at Abraham's side. Lamenting his own torment far from God, he asks that Lazarus be sent to warn his brothers of what can happen when they live selfish lives. Abraham tells him they had already been well informed by the Law and the Prophets so nothing more could help. *Reflection: What do you think Jesus means when he says "No one can serve two masters" (13)? What "masters" pull you away from God? What makes it so difficult for people to be convinced of God's ways?*

Ephesians 4:17-5:14 St. Paul notes that 'children of light' must set aside past behaviors, having become renewed in Christ and created to be like God in true holiness (vv.23-24). The way of love excludes all the vices we might have once considered acceptable. *Reflection: What specific ways does St. Paul cite as examples of "new self" behavior? (25: speak truthfully, 26: let go of anger quickly, 28: engage in useful work so we're able to help others, 29: speak to build others up, 31: do not be bitter, or angry or slander others, 5:1: imitate God, 2: live a life of love, 3: avoid sexual immorality or any kind of impurity or greed, 7: avoid the people who encourage you to behave immorally.) Of those listed, what one behavior do you need God's help with?*

Isaiah 56:1-57:21 Isaiah shares God's exhortation to his people to maintain justice, do what is right, keep the holy day holy and welcome all people, even "outsiders," removing obstacles in their way. To these he promises joy and blessings. He rails against the selfishness and ignorance of Israel's leaders who seek their own gain with "mighty appetites." *Reflection: Why the importance of keeping the Sabbath holy? How do you dedicate the day to the Lord? Does your church family or your Sunday worship service present obstacles for someone of another background?*

Today is the Sunday of the Steward

Stewards oversaw the finances and all the affairs of the house for wealthy families of ancient times. The steward in this parable (often translated as the "shrewd manager") is far-sighted about his own welfare. When his master accuses him of wasteful ways, demanding an accounting and threatening his dismissal, the steward reduces the moneys owed to his master by others so that they might employ him should it come to that (he was actually lowering his own built-in commission in every negotiation). He is commended by the master. Although a challenging parable, it is easier to understand when we see that Jesus is asking us to be as diligent and ambitious about our spiritual welfare as we are about our worldly security (8-9). *Reflection: What masters pull at you for allegiance?*

March 12, 2023 Hokehankisd

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

- **Dikran & Peprone Piranian, Aleksandre & Dirouhie Piranian, Zabel Piranian Alex & Harriet Piranian:** Requested by Dorothy Piranian for parents, grandparents, aunt, brother and sister-in-law.
- **Steven Toomajian, 5th Anniversary:** Requested by Kenneth & Gail Toomajian for brother.
- **Jinev, Linda and Sarven Atinizian:** From the Trust Fund established by Kevork and Jacqueline Atinizian.
- **Nevart Pauline Azarian:** From the Major Robert Zaven Zartarian Trust Fund.
- **Dn. John, Rose, Nerses and Jack Haroutunian:** From the Dn. John, Rose, Nerses, Jack & George Haroutunian Trust Fund.
- **Hetoum & Aghavni Mazmanian:** From the Trust Fund established by Harry and Ann Yacubian, for parents.



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, 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 ACYOA.



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.

Today, after Church Services

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 Kheyma, 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/>



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TMU

Trinity Mens Union

All Welcome

March 13, 2023

Mezze: 6:30pm

Dinner: 7:00pm

Village Bank will have representatives on hand to discuss all things banking including:

- *Where your money should be*
- *Current bank fraud scams*
- *Interest rates*

GUEST SPEAKERS

- Amy Werner, *Head of Retail Banking*
- Valdet Abazi, *Branch Manager, Newton Centre*
- Jamie DePamphilis, *Asst. Manager, Newton Centre*



Lenten meal will be stuffed shells and vegan meatballs with garlic bread

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

TRIVIA NIGHT

HOSTED BY THE ACYOA SENIORS



SATURDAY MARCH 25

DOORS OPEN @ 6:30 | GAME STARTS @ 7

CASH BAR • FOOD PROVIDED

RSVP: [TINYURL.COM/ACYOATRIVIA](https://tinyurl.com/acyoatrivia)



BONUS PRIZE!

- BRING AN ITEM OF CLOTHING FOR DONATION
- BE ENTERED TO WIN A GIFT CARD PRIZE!

ALL DONATIONS BENEFIT: SOLUTIONS AT WORK

ENTRY FEE

STUDENTS • \$5

(WITH ID)

NON-STUDENTS • \$15

ONLY OPEN TO TRIVIA PLAYERS
ONE ENTRY PER PATRON

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*Immediately following Church services
in the Charles and Nevart Talian Cultural Hall*

"THE IMPACT OF FAITH ON OUR MENTAL HEALTH"

GUEST SPEAKER: LILIT DERKEVORKIAN, BS, MA

*Doctoral Student in Clinical Psychology at William James College
and Holy Trinity ACYOA alum and parishioner,
Lilit will share her personal and professional experiences in the mental health field
and the role that her Christian faith plays in her everyday life*

BAKED STUFFED CHICKEN MEAL

INCLUDING PILAF, GREEN BEANS, SALAD, BREAD, DESSERT AND COFFEE

Chicken Tender option available for children

SEATING BY ADVANCE PAID RESERVATION ONLY

RESERVATION DEADLINE: March 29, 2023

DONATION: \$20 ADULTS / \$14 CHILD UNDER 12 / ACYOA JUNIOR

PLEASE RESERVE ONLINE AT <https://bit.ly/HTACPalmSunday2023>

OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 617.354.0632

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE HOLY TRINITY ACYOA!

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Here is the online reservation link: <https://bit.ly/HTACPalmSunday2023>

*Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston
Presents*

**The Dr. Michael and Joyce Kolligian
Distinguished Speaker Series**



John Bridgeland

Executive Chairman, Office of American Possibilities

**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.

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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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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

***PRIORITY REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

REGISTER ONLINE AT: tiny.cc/TKP2023-Register

Trinity Kids' Place



AUGUST 14-18, 2023

HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH'S
17TH ANNUAL SUMMER PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-9

9:00 AM-1:30 PM DAILY WITH OPTIONAL EXTENDED DAY TO 3 PM

PLEASE DIRECT ALL INQUIRIES TO YOUTH@HTAAC.ORG

**PRIORITY REGISTRATION FOR HOLY TRINITY PARISHIONERS ENDS MARCH 31
BEGINNING APRIL 1, REGISTRATION IS FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED*

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TMU DINNER
AND
1000 CLUB DRAWING
05.25.23

Save the Date
THE 2023
GREGORY HINTLIAN
MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sponsored by Holy Trinity Armenian Church

MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023

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.

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

TODAY

Mid-Lenten Luncheon hosted by the ACYOA Juniors;
Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall,
Immediately following Church services

Mon, March 13

TMU Meeting with Guest Speakers from The Village Bank in Newton;
Johnson Hall, Mezze: 6:30pm Dinner: 7pm (*All Welcome*)

Tues, March 21

P.C. Meeting; Johnson Hall, 6:30pm

Sat, March 25

Trivia Night hosted by the ACYOA Seniors; Johnson Hall,
Doors open at 6:30pm- Game starts at 7pm

Thurs, March 30

Choreg making for the Palm Sunday Banquet (*All Are Welcome*);
Johnson Hall, 10am

Sun, April 2

Palm Sunday Banquet hosted by the ACYOA; Charles & Nevart
Talanian Cultural Hall, Immediately following Church Services

Wed, April 12

First Wednesdays, "Will There be Mustard In Heaven?";
Johnson Hall 6:45pm- 7:45pm *second Wednesday*

Thurs, April 27

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Tues, May2 -
Sat, May 6

Annual Clergy Conference and 121st Diocesan Assembly,
presided over by the Very Reverend Father Mesrop Parsamyan,
Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church (Eastern); Dallas, TX