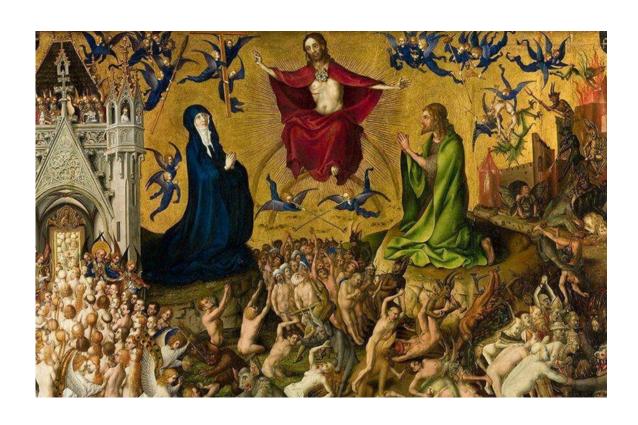
## Sunday, March 26, 2023 Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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# Celebrant: The Pastor SUNDAY BULLETIN



## Today is the Sunday of the Advent.

### **Divine Liturgy Book**

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

Readings of the Day: Is. 66:1-24. Col. 2:8-3:17. Mt.22:34 -23:39.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 22, vs. 34 -46 and will be read by Robert Dulgarian.

#### **From Today's Bible Reading**

Matthew 22:34-23:39 In these verses, Jesus summarizes the law in the two greatest commandments in which all the law and prophecies of the Old Testament can be summarized (22:36-40). In 23, there is an extended warning (the "seven woes") against the vanities and false pieties of the Pharisees. The reading concludes with Jesus' poignant lament for Jerusalem in which (23:37) – in one of the rare moments when a female metaphor for God is used – He yearns to protect its people as a "mother bird gathers her young under her wings." Discuss/reflect: Why do you think Jesus asks us to love God (22:37) "with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind?" What is distinct about each of these three ways of loving?

Colossians 2:8-3:17 In a beautiful accompaniment to today's Gospel, St. Paul urges us to depend on Christ rather than human tradition or worldly principles. Through baptism we have died with Him and are raised with Him into faith and a new way of living. That virtuous, good life is eloquently described in 3:12-17. Reflection: In Christ "you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator." (3:9-10) Comparing the "old" ways described in 3:5-8 with the "new" outlined in 3:12-17, how would you rate yourself? Where do you need more of God's help?

**Isaiah 66:1-24** Isaiah conveys God's promise of both restoration and judgment; His children will thrive and be comforted in a new Jerusalem. But those who persist in false worship and rebellion will be harshly judged. Again (as in the Gospel passage above), we are offered a beautiful female image: God will comfort His people as a mother does her child. *Reflection: Isaiah shares these words of God in verse 13: "As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you." God is more often described as a father; what shades of meaning does this picture of God as mother add to your understanding of His love?* 

#### **Today is the Sunday of the Advent**

This sixth and last Sunday of Lent is dedicated not only to the Second Coming of Christ but also to His Incarnation, God's becoming Jesus, fully God and fully human. He will come again -- this time not as the gentle and lowly Savior, but as a righteous judge in the glory of His Father with a retinue of angels. He will sift through the good and evil just as a shepherd separates the sheep and the goats at day's end. Jesus declares (Matthew 25:31-46) that we will be judged for acts of righteous goodness born of a loving faith. Did we feed the hungry? Console those in need of comfort, ease suffering? Only on this unequivocal basis, will we be received into eternal life. Reflection: Prayerfully read Matthew 25:31-46. Imagine that day of glory and visualize where you will be; pray for Jesus to open your heart that you might see His face "in the least of these."

## March 26, 2023 Hokehankisd

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

**Sirarpie Matzunyan, 7th Day: Requested by** Harout Gevorkyan & Anahit Diloyan, Arthur Ohanyan & Margarit Gevorkyan and Family for sister and aunt.

Rose V. Kolligian, 26th Anniversary: Requested by Nancy R. Kolligian, Lisa Kolligian & Dan Dorian, Michele M. Kolligian & Bob Khederian for mother; Ashley & Scott Martin and Amanda, Matt, Matty and Danny Keller for grandmother and great-grandmother; Henry and Martin Gostanian for aunt and cousin; Janice Dorian and Karen & Bill Martin for khanamee.

**Rose V. Kolligian, 26th Anniversary:** Requested by Greg & Crystal Kolligian for mother; Gregory A. III and Jack Avedis for grandmother.

Marie & Louis DeLena: Requested by Charlene DeLena Callahan and Family and Louis M. DeLena and Family for parents.

Charles Hamparian, Rose & Peter Sargavakian, Michael Sargavakian, Alice Bournazian: Requested by Adrienne Hamparian and Family.



### **DIVINE LITURGY**

**Deacons:** Gregory Krikorian, Armen Skenderian, George Stepanyantis

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

Edward Khachatrian, Kevork Atinizian, Mark Torosian

**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

Barry Whelan, 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 Harout Gevorkyan & Anahit Diloyan and Family in memory of sister and aunt.



Immediately following Church services in the Charles and Nevart Talanian 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**

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OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 617.354.0632

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#### Holy Trinity's Calendar for Holy Week and Easter 2023

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** 

All Hokehankisd Services will be held on April 16



## A More Perfect Union: Renewing American Democracy

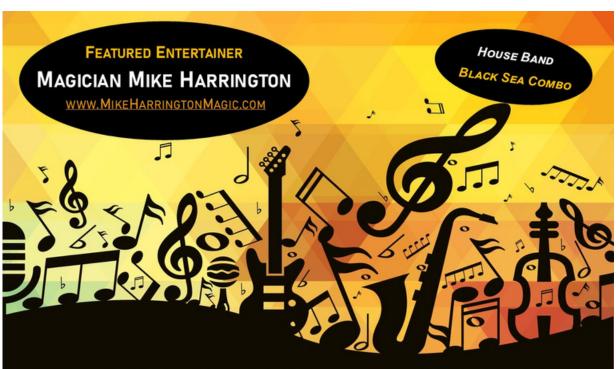
Thursday, April 27, 2023, 7:00pm

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

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Susan Ambrozavitch is a retired, 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.

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?

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



## Holy Trinity Armenian Church

Grow Our Community, Become a Member!
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"But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the Word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit..." Matthew 13:23



#### **SEEKING BOOK DONATIONS**

Holy Trinity Church has recently connected with the Bookworm Global organization in the Boston area. Bookworm Global (https://bookwormglobal.com/) is a teen-run philanthropic organization that promotes literacy in underserved communities, particularly with immigrant populations. They source used books from various individuals and deliver them to non-profit establishments, who then distribute the books to kids and their families to help with their efforts to learn English and advance their educations. The goals are to promote literacy, decrease the education gap, and reduce the number of books in landfills.

Donation requirements: Books must be in good physical condition, cover any age range, and should not have any political or controversial subjects.

Drop-off location: Please place donations in the bin located on the front porch of the parish rectory/church office located at 145 Brattle Street.

For more information, please contact our Holy Trinity Bookworm ambassador, Alexa Courey at azc999@icloud.com. Your support is much appreciated! Thank you!

#### 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** ACYOA Juniors General Membership Gathering;

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

Sun, April 2 Palm Sunday Banquet hosted by the ACYOA; Charles & Nevart

Talanian Cultural Hall, 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\*

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

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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