

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

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Celebrant: The Pastor

SUNDAY BULLETIN



Today is the First Sunday of 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.

Kiss of Peace

The person giving the greeting says:

Krisdos ee mech mer haydnetzav

(Christ is revealed among us)

The person receiving the greeting says:

Orhnyal eh haidnootyunn Krisdosee

(Blessed is the revelation of Christ)

Readings of the Day: Is. 36:1-9. 1 Thes. 1:1-10. Lk. 12:13-31.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, chapter 12, vs. 12-31 and will be read by Robert Dulgarian.

From Today's Bible Reading

Luke 12:13-31 Jesus tells the parable of a rich fool who plans to build a bigger place to store his surplus grain so he might “eat, drink, and be merry” (v.19) only to die that very night; how much wiser to be “rich toward God” rather than for ourselves! Jesus continues to reorder our priorities: do not be anxious, He advises, about anything (12:22-31) - better to seek God's Kingdom from which all things will flow in abundance as it does for the birds and the flowers of the field. *Reflection: Jesus could not be clearer: “A man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” (12:16) What do you need or like to have around you in great number? How can you come out from under this burden to live the trusting, care-free life to which our Lord invites you?*

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 In this first chapter of his letter, St. Paul overflows with praise and thanksgiving for a beloved community. Their exemplary faith, even in suffering, had inspired countless others across the region. *Reflection: Read verse 3 aloud. Prayerfully turn the questions around: “Does my faith produce work, does love prompt labor, does hope inspire better endurance?”*

Isaiah 36:1-9 The king of Assyria has invaded Judah and from captured Lachish sends a commander to demand Jerusalem's surrender (an Assyrian wall relief depicting this capture has been excavated at the site). He questions King Hezekiah's reliance on God. *Reflection: In v.4, the Assyrian enemy mocks King Hezekiah's faith: in the face of enemy assault, on what could he possibly base his confidence? What forces assail your faith today? How do you respond?*

Today is the First Sunday of Advent

Unlike the four-week Advent of the Western Church, the season preceding Christmas in the Armenian Church is fifty days, called Heesnag (from the word for fifty, heesoon). As a period of spiritual preparation, Heesnag contains a total of three designated weeks of fasting (aside from the usual Wednesday and Friday fasts). So, unlike Great Lent, it is not a continuous period of this discipline. Bottom line: Our Advent or Heesnag is a beautiful time to prepare, body and soul, for the celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Prayerful activity: Every day, spend five minutes reading some part of the Christmas story: Luke 1:26-56; Luke 2:1-20; Matthew 1:18-25; Matthew 2. Read only a few verses at a time and savor them. Keep reading and repeating in preparation for Christmas

DIVINE LITURGY

Deacons: Gregory Krikorian, Armen Skenderian, George Stepaniants

Sub-Deacons: Oscar Derderian III, Gregory Dorian, Stephen Hollisian,
Edward Khachatrian, Kevork Atinizian, Mark Torosian

Altar Server: Arek Gulbankian

Organist: Nune Hakobyan

Choir Members and Soloists: 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

Doris Najarian DiCiero, Armen Demirjian, Stella Baldwin

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.



November 26, 2023 Hokehankisd

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

Gregory John Rotondi: 40th Day: Requested by Nancy (Yacubian) Rotondi, Lisa & Ernest, Andrea, Sophia and Andrew Demos, Stephanie, Sabrina and Sarah Grimes, Christina & Ralph, Gabriella and Gianna DiVirgilio, Harry Yacubian for son, brother, uncle and nephew

Gerald & Elizabeth Boghosian: Requested by Ruth E. Boghosian for parents

Nishan Panosian, Florence Acabe Panosian, Edward Panosian, George Panosian, Helen

Panosian, Stephen Panosian, Rose Panosian, Madeline Blascio, Frances Panosian:

Requested by Cefali, Hodgson and McTaggart Families, Mark Hoyt

and Cheryl Conly for parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, uncles and aunts

George, Takoohi, Vahan, Sooren & Mary Daniels: From the Trust Fund established by Sooren & Mary Daniels

Deceased Members of the Holy Trinity Women's Guild: From the Trust Fund established by the Holy Trinity Women's Guild

Garabed, Lousintak, Aram H., & Araxie Tashjian: From the Trust Fund established by Aram and Araxie Tashjian

John, Aghavni, Elizabeth, Isabel & Henry Toomajian: From the Trust Fund established by Elizabeth and Isabel Toomajian

Karekin & Nectar Der Ohannesian and Azad Strazulla: From the Trust Fund established by Ara & Ana Yacubian for parents & sister

Harry & Ovsanna D. Hagopian, Mary Hagopian Albertassi, Aram D. Hagopian, Harry (Hagop) D. Hagopian, Armine D. Hagopian, and Ashod D. Hagopian: From the Family Trust Fund established by Armine D. Hagopian

Miran & Marie Kavookjian and Haroutune & Sina Dinjian Kavookjian: From the Trust Fund established by Marie Kavookjian

Rose Mckertich: From her Trust Fund

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's Altar flowers are donated for the glory of God from the Trust Fund established by Elizabeth and Isabel Toomajian in memory of John, Aghavni, Elizabeth, Isabel and Henry Toomajian.

Join us today after Church Services

Holy Trinity Tailgate

Sunday, November 26th

12:00 - 4:30pm (game starts at 1pm)



New England Patriots vs. New York Giants

**Watch the game on our 12 ft screen in
the Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall**

Bring your children!

Bring your parents!

Bring your friends!

Menu Details to Follow

Sponsored by Trinity Men's Union "TMU"

2023

Holy Trinity's 64th Annual Christmas Bazaar

Friday, December 1

12pm- 9pm

Saturday, December 2

10am- 7pm

Delicious Armenian Food

Lamb Shish, Losh, Chicken Kebab, Khyema, Manti, Fasoulia, Kids Meals

Dine-In and Meals To Go

Gourmet Armenian Delicacies & Pastries

Choreg, Paklava, Bourma, Khadaiyf, Simit, Apricot Squares, Rojik, Manti, Boreg, Tourshi, Soujouk, Sini & Porov Kufta, and much much more!

Booths & Vendors

Pastry Booth, Sweet & Savory Booth, Armenian Wine, Farmer's Market, Country Store, Poinsettias and Wreaths, Armenian Vendor, ACYOA Punch is Right, Joyous Seasons Decorations, Anoush Honey, House of Lavash, and more!

Raffle

Amazon Gift Cards denominations of
\$1,000, \$500 and \$300.
One for \$5, 6 for \$25, 12 for \$50.

Super Raffle

1st Prize	\$2,500	5th Prize	\$500
2nd Prize	\$1,000	6th Prize	\$500
3rd Prize	\$500	7th Prize	\$500
4th Prize	\$500		

A portion of the proceeds from the Bazaar will support humanitarian relief in Artsakh



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Holy Trinity's 2023 Christmas Bazaar Sponsorship Opportunities

Please help support our annual Trinity Christmas Bazaar by becoming a sponsor

Bazaar Meals - \$1,000

Goal \$12,000

The Sweet & Savory Booth - \$1,000

Goal \$4,000

Country Store - \$1,000

Goal \$3,000

Raffles - \$500

Goal \$8,000

Pastry Booth - \$500

Goal \$7,000

Wreaths and Poinsettias - \$500

Goal \$2,000

Beverages - \$500

Goal \$1,500

The 2023 Bazaar will take place on December 1st and 2nd

General donations are also welcome with much appreciation

Thank you for helping to make this year's bazaar a success!

Please make checks payable to Holy Trinity Armenian Church

To pay by credit card please call the church office at 617-354-0632

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Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic
Church of Greater Boston

Erevan Choral Society
and Orchestra



Christmas Holiday Concert



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023, 7:00 P.M.

Commemorating the 850th Anniversary of St. Nersess Shnorhali and
supporting the humanitarian efforts for the families of Artsakh.

Composer Konstantin Petrossian
Music Director and Conductor

Featuring soloists
Rubik Mailian - *Lyric baritone (Detroit, MI)*
Astghik Martirosyan - *Vocal (New York)*



The public is warmly invited to attend
this complimentary concert



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



FIRST WEDNESDAYS

A BREATH OF GOD

First Wednesday of every month • Johnson Hall or virtual on zoom • 6:45pm - 7:45pm

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.

First Wednesday of every month in Johnson Hall or virtual on Zoom 6:45pm - 7:45pm	February 7, 2024 How We Worship
November 1, 2023 Why Does God Allow Suffering?	March 6, 2024 Who Can You Trust?
December 6, 2023 Why Do People Feel Lonely at Christmas?	April 3, 2024 Prayer: A Part of Life
January 3, 2024 Fear Does Not Stop Death, It Stops Life	May 8, 2024* The Kiss of Peace – What's It All About? *Second Wednesday

Holy Trinity Armenian Church

*Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service*

Sunday, December 24, 2023

*Join us in the Sanctuary
Musical prelude- 4:30pm
Service- 5:00pm to 5:45pm*



*We warmly invite all to attend for prayers
and Christmas carols in English*

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If you would like to join us as a dues-paying member for 2023, you can join by calling the Church office or going to www.htaac.org/donations/membership/.

Your support, in this our 100th Anniversary year, makes a difference!

Adult membership is \$200/person for the year
and a young adult membership (ages 18-24) is just \$25/person.

The Holy Trinity Membership/Stewardship program provides necessary funding for our ministries. By becoming a member, you make a difference through your commitment to our shared faith, values, beliefs, and community.

If you have questions about your membership status,
please contact the Church office at 617.354.0632.



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Grow Our Community, Become a Member!

— 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 a.m.

Divine Liturgy - 10 a.m.

Services conclude - 12 p.m.

We urge our faithful to attend Church Services on time.

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

TODAY

Holy Trinity Tailgate;

Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 12:30pm-4:30pm

**Fri- Sat,
Dec 1-2**

Holy Trinity's 64th Annual Christmas Bazaar;

Friday, December 1, 12pm- 9pm

Saturday, December 2, 10am- 7pm

Wed, Dec 6

First Wednesdays,

“Why Do People Feel Lonely at Christmas?”;

Johnson Hall or virtual on Zoom, 6:45pm- 7:45pm

Sun, Dec 10

Christmas Holiday Concert;

Holy Trinity Armenian Church, 7pm

Sun, Dec 24

Christmas Eve Service in English;

Musical prelude begins at 4:30pm, Service begins at 5:00pm,

Holy Trinity Sanctuary

Mon, Jan 1

Happy New Year!

Church Office is closed

Wed, Jan 3

First Wednesdays,

“Fear Does Not Stop at Death, It Stops at Life.”;

Johnson Hall or virtual on Zoom, 6:45pm- 7:45pm