

Sunday, December 10, 2023
Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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Celebrant: The Pastor

SUNDAY BULLETIN



Today is the Third Sunday of Advent.

The liturgical color for this third Sunday of Advent is gold, representing love.

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. 37:14-38. 2Thes. 1:1-12. Lk. 14:12-24.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, chapter 14, vs. 12-24 and will be read by Ann Danielson.

From Today's Bible Reading

Luke 14:12-24 The Parable of the Great Banquet is Jesus' response to the complacent faith of the lawyers and Pharisees. We learn that it is sadly foolish to be too busy for God. An egocentric faith puts us in danger of losing our place at His table. *Reflection: What excuses did those invited give for declining to attend? What are the reasons you don't make time for God?*

2 Thessalonians 1:1-12 Paul's greeting to the Thessalonians expresses deep gratitude for their faith. Not only did they turn from pagan idols and serve "the living and true God," but their exemplary faith- even in suffering- became an inspiring model for other believers. *Reflection: What qualities does St. Paul mention (v.3) as having inspired the Thessalonians? How are these qualities reflected in your life?*

Isaiah 37:14-38 After Hezekiah's prayer for deliverance from the Assyrians, Isaiah conveys God's comforting response: that the planned attack on Jerusalem will fail. *Reflection: Hezekiah declares that other countries were laid waste along with their useless idols of wood and stone (vv. 18-19). Consider your own "idols"- those things you value highly. Do they interfere with your relationship with God, with following His way? How, specifically?*

Saturday, December 16 is the Feast of St. James of Nisibis

St. James, a cousin of St. Gregory, was appointed bishop of Nisibis, Mesopotamia, in 308 A.D. Nisibis is the modern city of Nusaybin (in southwest Turkey on the border with Syria). He founded a theological school there, attended the Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D., and was renowned for his pious and virtuous life. James is perhaps best known, however, for his divine vision on Mount Ararat, where he found the sacred relic of Noah's Ark. According to tradition, while St. James preached in and around Nisibis, he heard that people doubted the story of Noah's Ark. He was determined to provide his flock with evidence, so he set out for the peak of Mount Ararat to find the remains of the ark. During his arduous journey, an angel appeared to him in a vision and brought him a piece of the wood from Noah's Ark. St. James prayed to God to produce a miracle at the place where he had the vision and immediately afterward a spring gushed forth, which exists to this day. The relic of Noah's Ark received by St. James is currently in Holy Etchmiadzin.

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.

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.

December 10, 2023 Hokehankisd

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

The Victims of the 1988 Earthquake in Armenia.

Edward Avedisian, 1st Anniversary: Requested by the Avedisian and Onanian Families.

Esther Alice Fenerjian, 1st Anniversary: Requested by Maryanne Fenerjian for mother.

Edward Seferian, 5th Anniversary: Requested by Anna Glover for brother.

Diran A. Zahigian & Zabelle Zahigian: Requested by Diran, Judith Smith, Rachel, Renee & Robert Zahigian for father, mother, grandfather & grandmother.

Dr. Robert A. Smith, Hilda Smith, David Smith and Kristine Smith: Requested by Judith Smith, Diran, Rachel, Renee and Robert Zahigian for father, mother, brother, sister in-law, grandfather, grandmother, uncle and aunt.

Albert Oskoian & Anne Oskoian: Requested by Diran, Judith Smith, Rachel, Renee & Robert Zahigian for uncle and aunt.

Charles Nahabedian & Alice Nahabedian: Requested by Diran, Judith Smith, Rachel, Renee & Robert Zahigian for uncle & aunt.

Sarkis & Nuvart Hedison: Requested by Diran, Judith Smith, Rachel, Renee & Robert Zahigian for grandfather, grandmother, great grandfather & great grandmother.

Shumavon & Altoon Zahigian: Requested by Diran, Judith Smith, Rachel, Renee & Robert Zahigian for grandfather, grandmother, great grandfather & great grandmother.

Fellowship Hour

You are all welcome to join us in Johnson Hall following Church Services for Fellowship Hour hosted by Holy Trinity's Parish Council and Diocesan Delegates.

JOIN US TONIGHT!!!!

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!



December 11, 2023

Mezze: 6:30pm

Dinner: 7:00pm

Guest Speaker

Kristina Yee Vitullo

of Mason & Martin, LLP

<https://masonmartin.com>

About

Kristina manages the firm's real estate department concentrating her broad practice on residential and commercial real estate transactions. She has considerable experience representing buyers, sellers, investors, and developers in the acquisition, sale, development, and financing of residential and commercial real estate, including condominium conversions. Kristina is an approved closing attorney for some of the largest lending institutions and mortgage brokers, locally and nationwide.

Losh Kebab
or Kheyma meal
\$20

Cash Bar

Cash or check only. Sorry we do not have the availability to accept credit cards at our meetings.

Please RSVP by
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HOLY TRINITY ACYOA JUNIORS
INVITE YOU TO OUR 11TH ANNUAL

Christmas Ball

OPEN TO ALL ACYOA JUNIORS (AGES 12-18)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023

CHARLES AND NEVART TALANIAN CULTURAL HALL

8:00 TO 10:30 P.M.

DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 P.M. ~ NO ADMISSION AFTER 9:00 P.M.

THEME: **CHRISTMAS LUAU**

ADMISSION: \$15 PER PERSON IN ADVANCE / \$20 AT THE DOOR

20% OF EACH ADMISSION WILL BE DONATED TO THE *DISPLACED FAMILIES OF ARTSAKH*

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FOR ALL GUESTS—NO WALK-INS ACCEPTED

RESERVE AND PRE-PAY ONLINE BY DECEMBER 13 AT

tiny.cc/ACYOAChrismasBall2023

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS & PRE-PAYMENT DEADLINE: **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13**

CASH OR CHECK PAYABLE TO "HOLY TRINITY ACYOA JUNIORS" ACCEPTED AT DOOR

PLEASE DIRECT ANY INQUIRIES TO htchristmasball@gmail.com

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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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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

TLC



Trinity Ladies Circle Presents

LEARN TO MAKE MEZZE NIGHT!

Save The Date!

Thursday, January 25th - 7pm in Johnson Hall

Join us for an evening of learning and fun!

We will make 2 delicious Armenian mezze dishes and get instruction on how to assemble a Mediterranean style charcuterie board

More details to follow!

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*

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

TONIGHT	Erevan Choral Society's Christmas Holiday Concert; Church Sanctuary, 7pm
Mon, Dec 11	TMU Dinner Meeting; Johnson Hall, 6:30pm- 9:30pm
Sat, Dec 16	11th Annual ACYOA Juniors Christmas Ball; Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 8pm- 10-30pm
Sun, Dec 17	Christmas Pageant Presentation; Church Sanctuary Christmas Tree Lighting; Hollisian Plaza, after Church Services
Sun, Dec 24	Christmas Eve Service in English; Church Sanctuary, Musical prelude begins at 4:30pm, Service begins at 5:00pm
Mon, Jan 1	Happy New Year! <i>Church Office is closed</i>
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
Fri, Jan 5	Jrakalouyts - Armenian Christmas Eve! Evening Service, 4:30pm Christmas Eve Divine Liturgy, 5pm <i>Followed by Wine & Cheese Fellowship, Johnson Hall</i>
Sat, Jan 6	Armenian Christmas! Holy Nativity and Theophany; Morning Service, 9am Divine Liturgy, 10am
Sun, Jan 7	Morning Service, 9am Divine Liturgy, 10am Blessing of the Water Service, 11:30am