

Sunday, January 21, 2024
Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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Guest Celebrant: Father Mampre Kouzouian

SUNDAY BULLETIN



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. 61:10- 62:9. 2 Tm. 2:15-26. Jn. 6:15-21.

**Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to
St. John, chapter 6, vs. 15-21 .**

From Today's Bible Reading

John 6:15-21 In this account of Jesus' miracle of walking on the water, he assures his terrified disciples: "It is I; don't be afraid."(v.20). The original Greek is a more powerful construction, namely, "I AM," echoing God's very same self-identification to Moses at the burning bush. *Reflection: Where in your life do you need to remember that Jesus is with you and there is nothing to fear?*

2 Tim 2:15-26 Timothy describes the life of righteousness and love for all ministers in God's service. To counter false teachings, he suggests instructing people gently so that their hearts might open to God's truth. *Reflection: What excellent advice for today's divisive political environment! Have you ever been involved in a "stupid argument" that led to even more quarreling (23-24)? How does St. Paul suggest we handle this? (v.24)*

Is 61:10-62:9 Isaiah describes God's redemptive promises to the Israelites who have returned from a long and painful exile. Now they will be acknowledged by all as a blessed, priestly people of God, clothed in "garments of salvation" and "robes of righteousness."(v.10). These images are echoed in the Armenian rites of baptism and ordination as well as in the priest's vesting prayers before the Divine Liturgy. *Reflection: In 62:10, God tells Israel that "as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will God rejoice over you." The marriage metaphor is often used to describe God's love for us. What are the unique qualities (i.e. fidelity) of marital love that make this so powerful and reassuring?*

Saturday, January 27: St. Sarkis the Warrior (4th century)

Sarkis was a valiant and faithful soldier in Emperor Constantine's army. When Julian became emperor and attempted to reinstate pagan practices, Sarkis took refuge with his son Mardiros (depicted seated with his father) under the protection of King Tiran of Armenia. From there, he went to serve in the Persian army, where he and his son won many converts to Christianity. Both were martyred when they refused to worship pagan idols. Sarkis believed that telling people about Jesus was more important than his life in this world. He died witnessing to Jesus. Fourteen Persian soldiers whom he had converted to Christianity risked their lives to bury the general's body and they too were executed. In the fifth century, Mesrob Mashdots moved the saint's remains to Armenia. *Reflection: Pagan idols exist even today (identify them!). In the spirit of St. Sarkis, do you refuse to worship them? In that same spirit, do you share your faith with others?*

Department of Christian Education, Diocese of the Armenian Church (Eastern)

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.

Fellowship Hour

You are all welcome to join us following Church Services for Fellowship Hour hosted by the Sunday School.

January 21, 2024 Hokehankisd

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

Isabel Talanian, 1st Anniversary: Requested by Joyce Talanian, Diane and Ronald Krueger and Family for mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother

Anne L. Aroyan, 7th Anniversary: Requested by Judy, Cory, and Sarah Shaughnessey for mother and grandmother

Daniel K. Dorian, 13th Anniversary: Requested by Daniel & Lisa Dorian, Janice Dorian, Lois & Ron Malconian for father; Ashley & Scott Martin, Amanda & Matt Keller, Sarah Malconian & Kwasi Mensah, Ron Malconian & Trisha Brandt, Danielle & Gary Dodakian for grandfather; Matty and Danny Keller, Gary C Dodakian and Theo Vartan Malconian Mensah for great- grandfather; Nancy R. Kolligian, Michele M. Kolligian & Bob Khederian, Karen & Bill Martin for khenamee

Michael Sargavakian: Requested by Elizabeth Sargavakian, Jeffrey and Paula Sargavakian and Family, Edward and Lisa Sargavakian and Family, Paula and Stephen Hughes and Family for husband, father, and grandfather

Bedros and Juhar Hagopian: Requested Elizabeth Sargavakian, Jeffrey and Paula Sargavakian and Family, Edward and Lisa Sargavakian and Family, Paula and Stephen Hughes and Family for father and mother, grandparents, and great-grandparents

Vahran and Skast Sargavakian: Requested Elizabeth Sargavakian, Jeffrey and Paula Sargavakian and Family, Edward and Lisa Sargavakian and Family, Paula and Stephen Hughes and Family for father-in-law and mother-in-law, grandparents and great-grandparents

Haig & Vasiliki Bessie Bedigian: From the Vasiliki Bessie Bedigian, Krikor, Arousiag, Mardiros & Martha Bedigian and Mardiros Kasigian Trust Fund

George, Takoohi & Vahan Daniels: From the Trust Fund established by Mrs. Ann Nahigian & Family for parents and brother

Mary Der Hagopian: From the Hagop & Mary Der Hagopian Trust Fund requested by Edward & Frances Hagopian, Michael & Mark, and Bernard & Carol Gardner, Bernie & Andrew for mother & grandmother

Additional Youghakin Donations

- *Bernard & Izabella Djevalikian*

Additional Armenian Christmas Offerings

- *Dn. Gregory & Carol Krikorian*
- *Sossy Mahdasian*
- *Catherine Minassian*

TLC



Trinity Ladies Circle Presents
LEARN TO MAKE MEZZE NIGHT!

Thursday, January 25th - 6:30pm in Johnson Hall

Join us for an evening of learning, fun and friendly competition!
We will learn to make a few favorite mezze dishes, assemble our own
Mediterranean style charcuterie boards and vote on our favorite design.
Winner will take home a special prize!

\$35 per person for supplies, snacks, and wine
Pay by credit card ahead of the event or by check

RSVP required

call the church office at 617-354-0632 by Monday, January 22

THE HOLY TRINITY ACYOA JUNIORS
INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

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CELEBRATION

CELEBRATING THE "DAY OF GOOD LIVING" BEFORE THE START OF GREAT LENT

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Immediately following church services in
the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall

DELICIOUS
"POTLUCK"
BUFFET

CHILDREN'S
GAMES AND
ACTIVITIES

ARMENIAN
MUSIC
AND DANCING

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

FEATURING THE GREG KRIKORIAN ARMENIAN ENSEMBLE

ADMISSION:
main dish to serve 8-10
or \$5 per person
Dessert will be provided



HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Sunday
March 3, 2024

The Pastor and Parish Council cordially invite all dues-paying members of the Holy Trinity Church to its Annual Parish Assembly. The Assembly will take place in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall immediately following church services. A light lunch will be available.

(Invitations and Sample Ballots will be mailed. Annual Reports will be made available a week prior to the assembly. Please ask a Parish Council member.)

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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

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| Thurs, Jan 25 | Learn To Make Mezze Night! Presented by the Trinity's Ladies Circle; Johnson Hall, 7pm |
| Sun, Feb 4 | Valentine's Day Bake Sale hosted by the ACYOA Seniors; Johnson Hall, immediately following church services |
| Wed, Feb 7 | First Wednesdays, "How We Worship"; Johnson Hall or virtual on Zoom, 6:45pm- 7:45pm |
| Sun, Feb 11 | Poon Paregentan Celebration hosted by the ACYOA Juniors; Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, immediately following church services |
| Mon, Feb 12 | TMU Dinner with Guest Speaker, Tom McClintock from the Masonic Orient Lodge in Norwood; Johnson Hall, Mezze at 6:30pm and Dinner at 7pm |
| Sun, March 3 | Holy Trinity's Annual Assembly; Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, following church services |
| Wed, March 6 | First Wednesdays, "Who Can You Trust?"; Johnson Hall or virtual on Zoom, 6:45pm- 7:45pm |

Upcoming Sunday Feast Days

February 11 – Great Barekendan

February 18 – Sunday of Expulsion

February 25 – Sunday of the Prodigal Son

March 3 – Sunday of the Steward

March 10 – Sunday of the Judge

March 17 - Sunday of the Advent

March 24 – Palm Sunday

March 31 – Easter Sunday