

Sunday, March 16, 2025  
**Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston**

**Father Vasken A. Kouzouian, Pastor**  
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## **SUNDAY BULLETIN**



### **Today is the Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

#### **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)

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#### **Our Office is temporarily relocating while we undergo needed renovations!**

From March 13th to mid-September, the Parish Office will be located in Shahe Hall.

Same times, same phone numbers, new location!

Please bear with us as we relocate and get set up.

## **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.

## **DIVINE LITURGY**

**Deacons:** Gregory Krikorian, Armen Skenderian, Oscar Derderian III, Gregory Dorian, Robert Dulgarian, Stephen Hollisian, Harry Lang, Armen Skenderian, Mark Torosian

**Sub-Deacons:** Kevork Atinizian, Edward Khachatryan

**Altar Server:** Arek Gulbankian

**Organist:** Nune Hakobyan

**Choir Members and Soloists:** Victoria Avetisyan, Dn. Robert Dulgarian, Ani Ross Grubb, Arpie Kouzouian, Yeghishe Manucharyan

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## **Prayer Requests**

Your prayers are requested for the protection and prosperity of our homeland the Republic of Armenia and its people, as well as our home of the United States of America.

Your prayers are also requested for

**Zaven Ovian, Nicole Prince**

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.\**

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## **Fellowship Hour**

You are all welcome to join us in Johnson Hall following Church Services for Fellowship hosted by the ACYOA.

**Readings of the Day: Is. 54:11-55:13. 2 Cor. 6:1-7:1. Lk.15:1-32.**

**Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, chapter 15, vs. 1-32 and will be read by Ann Danielson.**

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

**Luke 15: 1-32** Among the instructive parables of losing and finding (sheep, coins), the story of the Prodigal Son tells of a young man who asks for his inheritance up front (unheard of in the ancient world) and leaves for what he thinks will be a better life. Defeated by his own selfishness and sin, the prodigal humbly returns to a father anxiously awaiting his return. The obedient older son is sullen – why the party for someone so disrespectful? This is a parable about the nature of God's merciful love and the true rewards of being faithful. *Reflection: Describe both sons. Why was the older son resentful? What didn't he understand about his own faithfulness?*

**2 Cor. 6:1–7:1** St. Paul humbly shares the character of his ministry, which is a “mixed bag” of good and bad - glory and dishonor, sleepless nights and rejoicing, “having nothing but possessing everything.” He advises the faithful to strengthen themselves by avoiding unbelievers and the temptation of impure things. *Discuss/reflect: Jesus calls us to a life of goodness – hard to achieve in this world! What do you feel when you hear that you are “the temple of the living God?” (6:16) How might that change your behavior?*

**Isaiah 54:11-55:13** God will restore Jerusalem to a beauty and value that is described with images of precious jewels; He continues to promise His people all that they require to be satisfied. *Discuss/reflect: Jesus continually stuns his listeners (and us) with His upside-down teachings: to live you must die (Mark 8:35), to gain you must give (Matthew 19:21), to rule you must serve (Luke 22:26). Light is shed on this in Isaiah 55:8: “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways.” Think of all the ways God's ways fly in the face of the world's. Pray for guidance to follow Him.*

#### **Today is the Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

The son in this parable is not happy with what he has, imagining the pleasures of a “distant country.” So he leaves his father and his home, descends into despair and then returns, chastened by the discovery that he had left behind what was best. The father reminds the resentful older brother -- as the Father reminds us -- that true happiness is in living with him daily and that all who return “home” are joyfully received. It is a cliché that we never appreciate the things we have – good health, meaningful work, loving friends and family – until we lose them. Jesus' parables always transform such simple, well-understood realities into powerful metaphors for God's love. *Reflection: Many of us dream of some “distant country” just as the prodigal son imagined – a place where we could be or have something extraordinary. What is yours? What does this parable teach us about those places and those things?*

# March 16, 2025 Hokehankisd

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

**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, Jack and George W. Haroutunian:**

From Dn. John, Rose, Nerses, Jack and George W. Haroutunian Trust Fund

**Hetoum & Aghavni Mazmanian:** From the Trust Fund established by Harry and Ann Yacubian, for parents



## CONGRATULATIONS

\*Congratulations to Lily Rose Warren,  
daughter of Thomas & Christine Sargarakian Warren III,  
who will be baptized today in our Church.

We welcome Lily into our Christian family of the Holy Trinity Church  
and pray that Almighty God may keep her under His loving care\*



## **Upcoming Lenten Sundays and Feast Days**

**TODAY - Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

**March 23 - Sunday of the Steward**

**March 30 - Sunday of the Judge**

**April 6 - Sunday of the Advent**

**April 13 - Palm Sunday**

**April 20 - Easter Sunday**

### **GREAT LENT**

Great Lent, which began on Monday, March 3, and ends on Saturday, April 12, 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.

*The altar curtain is closed during Lent until Palm Sunday.*

*Holy Communion will not be offered collectively during that period of time.*

#### **Beginning today and throughout Lent:**

- We do not receive or pass the Voghchooyn (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.

# MID-LENTEN LUNCHEON

*Մէծ Պահոց Միջինքի Ճաշկերոյթ*

**Sunday, March 23, 2025**

*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**

A portion of the proceeds will benefit our parish pilgrimage's humanitarian efforts in Armenia.

*Vosp meal is donated and prepared by David and Liza Dorian  
in memory of **Makrouhi Haroutunian***

**RSVP by March 20** to the church office at **617.354.0632** or at [Office@htaac.org](mailto:Office@htaac.org)  
*Limited seating available day of event*



#### **Special Presentation During Mid-Lenten Luncheon**

***"Welcome to St. Vartan Camp"***

An informational session led by Lerna Lacinian  
Diocesan Camp Ministries Coordinator





# *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.

**March 12, 2025 at 7 p.m.**

**March 19, 2025 at 7 p.m.**

**March 26, 2025 at 7 p.m.**

**April 2, 2025 at 7 p.m.**

*(First Wednesdays will begin at 7:30pm)*

**April 9, 2025 at 7 p.m.**

A light Lenten supper will be available in Johnson Hall a **half hour before** services begin.

Enjoy light mezze  
and drinks while  
you paint stunning  
Mt. Ararat  
and Khor Virap.

**TRINITY LADIES CIRCLE &  
ACYOA PRESENT**

# Paint Night



**Adults: \$40**

**Youth & Students: \$25**

*Includes: supplies,  
canvas, instruction,  
and refreshments*

**FRIDAY, APRIL 4**

**6PM - 9PM**

*Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall*

A portion of the  
proceeds will benefit  
our parish pilgrimage's  
humanitarian efforts  
in Armenia.



**Advance Payment  
& RSVP Required  
by March 28th!**

RSVP to the Church  
Office 617-354-0632  
or [office@htaac.org](mailto:office@htaac.org)

Register online at  
<https://bit.ly/HTACPainNight25>



# HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY SCHOOL LENTEN INITIATIVES 2025

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  
♥

During Great Lent, as part of our Lenten discipline, we encourage our Sunday School families to **"Spread God's Light"** wherever they 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!



## 2025 HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY SCHOOL DIOCESAN-WIDE SPECIAL LENTEN FUNDRAISER

**Help Support the St. Vartan Cathedral Restoration Project**



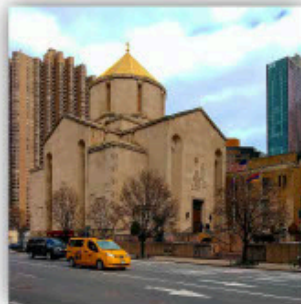
In 2024, the Diocese began a multi-year effort to restore and renovate our beloved St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral in New York City. The exterior phase of the project is almost completed, with the interior phase slated to begin later this year. The goal is to complete the restoration by April of 2028, when the cathedral will mark its 60th anniversary.

During this Lenten season, students are encouraged to donate weekly to the Restoration Project using the specially designed boxes provided.



The Lenten Drive will run from  
March 3 through April 13

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
This collection is **in addition to**  
our regular weekly offering



100% of all Lenten Drive funds raised  
will be donated to the  
Cathedral Restoration Lenten Fundraiser

*We encourage our students to  
donate with a generous heart as  
part of their Lenten journey*

**\*PRIORITY REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

REGISTER ONLINE AT [bit.ly/TKP2025-RegistrationForm](https://bit.ly/TKP2025-RegistrationForm)



**Trinity Kids' Place**



**AUGUST 4-8, 2025**

**HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH'S  
19H ANNUAL SUMMER PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-9**

**THEME: *CELEBRATING OUR GOD-GIVEN GIFTS***

**8:45 AM-1:30 PM DAILY / EXTENDED DAY OPTION TO 3 PM**

**PLEASE DIRECT ALL INQUIRIES TO [youth@htaac.org](mailto:youth@htaac.org)**

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

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Save the Date  
**THE 2025  
GREGORY HINTLIAN  
MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

*Sponsored by Holy Trinity Armenian Church*

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MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025

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MARLBOROUGH  
COUNTRY CLUB

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# HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

- Sun, March 23**                      **Mid-Lenten Luncheon for the Parish;**  
Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 12pm- 1:30pm
- Wed, April 2**                      **First Wednesdays “Annunciation of Mary”;**  
Johnson Hall, In person, 6:45pm- 7:45pm
- Fri, April 4**                      **Paint Night! Hosted by the TLC and ACYOA;**  
Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 6pm- 9pm
- Sun, April 13**                      **Palm Sunday Banquet hosted by the ACYOA;**  
Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, following Church Services
- Sat, April 19**                      **Church Schools Easter Worship Service & Breakfast;**  
Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 10am- 12:30pm
- Sun, April 20**                      **Easter**
- Sun, April 27**                      **TMU/ 1000 Club Dinner and Drawing;**  
Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, following Church Services
- Wed, May 7**                      **First Wednesdays “Ascension”;**  
Johnson Hall, In person, 6:45pm- 7:45pm
- Mon, June 16**                      **2025 The Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament;**  
Marlborough Country Club
- Mon, Aug 4- Fri, Aug 8**      **Trinity Kids’ Place**

