

Sunday, April 13, 2025
Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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Celebrant: The Pastor
SUNDAY BULLETIN



Today is Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the feast of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Christ was hailed by the people as the Messiah and New King of Israel. Christ comes to Jerusalem in fulfillment of the prophecies and having chosen the way of the Cross, invites the faithful to witness His passion that they might share in His Resurrection.

Holy Trinity's Palm Sunday Banquet is following Church Services today

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 Khachatrian

Altar Server: Arek Gulbankian

Organist: Nune Hakobyan

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

Divine Liturgy Book

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

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.**

Readings of the Day: Song 1:1-2:3. Zec 9:9-15. Phil 4:4-7. Mt 20:29-21:17.

**Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to
St. Matthew, chapter 20, vs. 29 - chapter 21, vs. 11
and will be read June Yacubian.**

From Today's Bible Reading

Matthew 20:29-21:17 The healing of the two blind men is a poignant prelude to the story of Jesus' triumphal arrival in Jerusalem (see below). The two persist in loudly declaring their faith despite the crowd's rebuke. Upon being healed by their Lord, they follow Him. The passage continues with the Palm Sunday story (21:1-11) and the account of Jesus driving the moneychangers from the Temple. *Reflection: If Jesus said to you (as He did to the blind men) "what do you want me to do for you?" how would you answer?*

Philippians 4: 4-7 In a letter overflowing with the joy of knowing Jesus, St. Paul sums it all up in these few verses: Rejoice in the Lord, know that He is near, be gentle with everyone, don't worry about a thing, pray your gratitude, and God's peace will guard your heart in Christ Jesus. *Reflection: Personalize verse 7 and memorize it: "The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, guards my heart and mind in Christ Jesus." Pray this throughout the day.*

Zechariah 9: 9-15 Set in the context of the Jews' return from the Babylonian exile and the rebuilding of Jerusalem, Zechariah looks expectantly to when God will transform his people into a holy nation. In these verses, we see a striking prophecy of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem "gentle and riding on a donkey." *Reflection: What images of peace and restoration can you identify in verses 9-10? Why a donkey (v.9; see Matthew 21:5) and not a warhorse?*

Today is Palm Sunday (Dzaghgazart)

This day recalls Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. He is greeted by throngs of people laying their cloaks and palm branches on the road before Him as a royal carpet of welcome. Matthew understood the event as the fulfillment of specific prophecies, including Zechariah 9:9 (today's reading). Therefore, for many gathered, this was the entrance of the Messiah and conformed fully to Old Testament prophecy and Jewish expectations. Yet how poorly the crowd understood the nature of the kingdom and the king they were welcoming since not long afterwards their "Hosannas!" turned to the jeering shouts of "Crucify him!" The service of the Opening of the Doors is also held on Palm Sunday, during which the priest and people pray for entry once again into God's presence. The term Dzaghgazart ("adorned with flowers") may refer to an older pagan feast. *Reflection: In Matthew 21:10 we read that "when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked: "Who is this?" Has He entered your heart? Are you prompted to know more about who He is?*

April 13, 2025 Hokehankisd

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

Ardashes Asadourian: From the Trust Fund established by Altoon Zahigian for brother

Haig & Vasiliki Bessie Bedigian, Kirkor & Arousiag Bedigian, Mardiros & Martha Bedigian, and Mardiros Kasigian: From the Trust Fund established by Haig & Bessie Bedigian for parents, grandparents & uncle

For the glory of God and the edification of our Altar,

Today's Altar Flowers are donated by the Keljikian Family
in memory of Almas & Avedis Keljikian, Helen & Edward Derounian, and Alice Keljikian

Today's Palms are donated by Albert Zouranjian and Family
in memory of wife, mother and grandmother, Virginia Zouranjian.



“TURNPATZEK”

Prior to the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, the “Turnpatzek” or the “Opening of the Doors” Service will be conducted in our Church. Kneeling in front of the closed veil of the Altar, the priest reads Psalms and chants hymns of supplication for the mercy of God. The mystery of the Turnpatzek Service anticipates the second coming of Christ and the final judgment. On behalf of the faithful, the priest pleads to God to reopen the doors of His Heavenly Kingdom which were closed to man through his fall and expulsion from paradise.

EASTER OFFERING - YOUGHAKIN



In the early centuries, the Armenian Church had no annual budget to meet the expenses of parish Churches and monastic communities. The faithful of each parish contributed for the welfare of the work of the Christian community, caring for the needy, promoting the work of Christian education and worship, etc. At certain times of the year, additional contributions were offered to the parish Church to assure that the sanctuary lanterns, at that time fueled by oil, would remain continuously aflame. Thus, a special category of donations was created

and called Youghakin, which means “the cost of oil.”

These were collected during the Christmas and Easter seasons.

As inheritors of this pious tradition, we have maintained this special offering in all Diocesan Churches in the Western Hemisphere.

Aside from your annual parish stewardship and membership donation, this special gift is sought during these holy days to meet the additional expenses needed to effectively carry out the mission of our parish; namely, worship, witness, education, service, and fellowship.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND CANDLES

For those who wish to donate Altar and/or Candles Flowers for Holy Week and Easter, please call the Church office, 617.354.0632, or email office@htaac.org. Please specify if donations are made in memory of loved ones.

HOLY WEEK

The Armenian Church calls the final week of Christ's life on earth Great Week or Holy Week (Avak Shapat).

During this time, we share in His teachings, His suffering, His death and His resurrection.

Holy Monday is dedicated to the creation of the world, of Heaven and Earth, as the foundation of Christ's Second Creation.

Holy Tuesday recalls The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Maidens (Matthew 25:1-13). Ten maidens wait for their bridegroom. Five of them foolishly took their lamps with no extra oil and when the bridegroom was delayed, could not go out and meet him. The wise maidens went prepared and joined him in the marriage feast. Similarly, we pray and wait, spiritually prepared to receive Christ while recognizing that we are all sinners. In humility we ask that the Lord show us His compassion.

Holy Wednesday recalls the fallen woman who anoints Christ with costly oil and kisses His feet, in contrast to Judas who betrayed Christ for money. (Matthew 26:3-16)

Holy Thursday, in the morning, marks the institution of Holy Communion which Christ distributed to His twelve apostles at the Last Supper. During the Passover Meal, Christ broke and distributed unleavened bread and passed the wine; He told the apostles that this was His Body and Blood of the New Covenant. Humankind could now participate in the Kingdom of God. In the evening, the service of the Washing of the Feet takes place in memory of the Lord's example. Jesus took a towel and girded Himself and began washing His disciples' feet, setting an example of humility and love for the earliest members of the Church.

At night, an all-night vigil is kept in memory of the last sleepless night of our Lord on earth. This service is called Khavaroom (darkness). Before He was arrested, Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane and endured in solitude the agony of His impending death.

HOLY WEEK CONTINUED

Good Friday is the most solemn and sad day of the Christian calendar. On Good Friday, we remember the day Jesus willingly suffered and died by crucifixion on the cross as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins (John 19: 17-42). The "Crucifixion Service," usually held at midday, recalls the suffering, execution and death of our Lord, memorialized amid readings from the psalms. In the evening, a white tomb is placed in the chancel of the church for the "Entombment or Burial Service." As the faithful leave the church they approach the tomb, kiss the Gospel book, and take a flower in remembrance.

On Holy Saturday, also known as the Easter Vigil, the mystery of salvation in the Resurrection of Christ is celebrated. The church is dark, and its lights are dim. Then the great verses from Isaiah 60 are read: "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you"-at which point the lights are suddenly turned on. The dramatic, joyful candle-lighting ceremony is called jrakalouytz.

EASTER SUNDAY celebrates the joy of the Resurrection. The Resurrection of our Lord is the promise of salvation for all humanity. The faithful exchange the Easter greeting:

**"Krisdos Haryav ee merelotz!"
"Orhnyal eh Harootiunun Krisdosee!"**

and share a joyous Easter feast, often including lamb and colored eggs (symbols of new life) and Easter bread (choreg). On the Monday after Easter, Armenian families in some parts of the world visit the graves of loved ones, share choreg and eggs among themselves, and whisper to their departed loved ones, "Krisdos haryav ee merelotz!". Easter Sunday is followed by a period of forty days, during which there are no saints' days or fasting days. This period is dedicated to the glory of Christ's Resurrection and to the forty days He spent on earth after His Resurrection.

The 40th day after the Resurrection is Ascension Day, commemorating our Lord's entry into heaven.

Fifty days after Easter is Pentecost, on which day the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and gave them the power to preach in various tongues. This is marked as the birthday of the Church.

Today!



Palm Sunday Bake Sale

Freshly made choreg and bourma

Dozen Choreg \$12

Package of Bouma \$12

Cash or check only

Items will be for sale after church services

Holy Week

SCHEDULE



April 13 - Palm Sunday

Morning Services - 9:00 am
Services of Turnpatzek (opening of the doors), Sunday School and
Armenian School Students - 10:00 am
Divine Liturgy - 10:30 am

April 17 - Maundy Thursday

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

April 18 - Good Friday

Order of the Crucifixion of Christ - 10:30 am
Commemoration of the Burial of Our Lord Jesus Christ - 7:30 pm

April 19 - Holy Saturday

Easter Family Worship Celebration & Breakfast,
Sunday School and Armenian School - 10:20 am

Easter Eve

Evening Service - 7:00 pm
Jurakalouytz Candlelight Divine Liturgy - 7:30 pm

Feast of the Holy Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ April 20 - Easter Sunday, Soorp Zadig

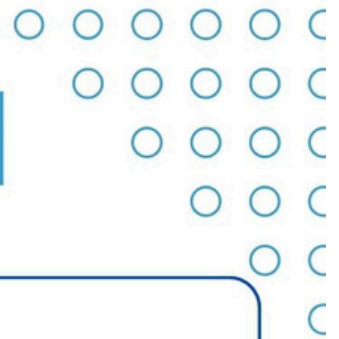
Morning Service - 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy - 10:00 am
Sermon - 11:45 am

All Hokehankisd Services will be held on April 27

Holy Trinity Armenian Church

TMU DINNER PRESENTATION

April 14, 2025 ~ Talanian Hall



GUEST SPEAKER

STEPHEN HOLLISIAN

E-911 EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS DISPATCHER

Mezze 5:45pm
Dinner 6:45pm

All Welcome

Losh Kebab or Kheyma Meal
\$22

Cash bar is available

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

Stephen Hollisian went to Northeastern University and majored in Criminal Justice with a dual minor in Sociology and Law and Public Policy. He completed a two-year co-op with The Guardian Force (a private security company) and the Brookline Police Department's Firearms/Identification Unit. Afterward, he was rehired in the Firearms Unit and then worked as an enhanced 911 Telecommunications Dispatcher for the Town of Brookline for seven years. As a dispatcher he handled 911 calls, the business lines, interactions with Police, Fire, EMS and the public. He worked during major incidents such as the Marathon Bombing, Las Vegas shooting, Pulse Nightclub, and Fort Hood.

◀ **SPEAKER**

He is trained and certified in over 30 different critical and high stress scenarios such as Multi-Agency Response to Active Shooters, Dispatch Call-taking, Dealing in Disaster Relief, CPR In Person/OTP, Mental Health First Aid, Advanced Emergency Medical Dispatch, Bomb Threats, Swatting, Domestic Violence Prevention, Drug Apprehension and much more.

He will speak about the high stress job of emergency work and attempt to bridge the gap between fact and fiction when it comes to 911 Dispatching and address some common misconceptions people have about the profession. He will speak about the daily activities of a 911 dispatcher, the hardships they face and the constant battle each dispatcher fights, not only from within, but with the never ending criminal underworld that plagues our society.

RSVP is highly encouraged



Email tmu@htaac.org (preferred) or call the office at 617.354.0632

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presents
**1000 CLUB
DINNER**

Sunday
APRIL | 27 | 2025

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CHURCH SERVICES

**WE WILL HAVE PLENTY OF LOSH DINNERS AVAILABLE
FOR SIT DOWN AND TAKE HOME MEALS.**

Limited amount of chicken dinners will also be available

**SPECIAL DINNER PRICE FOR THIS DRAWING:
\$15 PER MEAL**

**If you purchase a 1 year number during the drawing we will include 1
meal at no cost for every number purchased including 1 year renewals.**

You will also be able to purchase that day:

One time number \$5.

5 one time numbers for \$20.

Yearly numbers at \$60.

You may also renew your number at this drawing.

Please bring cash or check.

Cash bar available.

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at

Holy Trinity
Armenian Church

Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall

HOSTED BY THE ACYOA SRS.

145 Brattle Street
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May 4, 2025
12-5 PM

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Monday, May 12, 2025

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MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025



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COMMUNITY NEWS

From: The Massachusetts Armenian Genocide Commemoration

**Please join us in commemorating the 109th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide
at the Massachusetts State House Commemoration
on Friday, April 19th, from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM, with a reception to follow.
Buses will depart promptly from the Armenian Cultural and Educational Center (ACEC)
and St. James Armenian Church in Watertown at 9:00 AM.
To register for the bus, please go to this link: <https://forms.gle/RyW7gAExDS8vJ6z19>
The entrance is from the General Hooker Entrance at the front of the State House.
Those who require handicapped assistance may enter from the Bowdoin St. Entrance.**



**Please join us in commemorating the 110th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide
at the Armenian Heritage Park on Sunday, April 27, 2025, at 6:00 PM.
A bus will depart promptly at 4:30 PM from the Armenian Cultural and
Educational Center in Watertown. To register for the bus, please go to this link:
<https://forms.gle/RyW7gAExDS8vJ6z19>**



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** **Palm Sunday Banquet hosted by the ACYOA;**
Charles & Nevert Talanian Cultural Hall, following Church Services
- Mon, April 14** **TMU Meeting with Guest Speaker, Stephen Hollisian**
Charles & Nevert Talanian Cultural Hall,
Mezze: 5:45pm Dinner: 6:45pm (*All Welcome*)
- Thurs, April 17** **Washing of the Feet Service;** Church Sanctuary, service 7pm-7:45pm
- Sat, April 19** **Church Schools Easter Worship Service & Breakfast;**
Charles and Nevert Talanian Cultural Hall, 10am- 12:30pm
- Sun, April 20** **Easter**
- Sun, April 27** **TMU/ 1000 Club Dinner and Drawing;**
Charles & Nevert Talanian Cultural Hall, following Church Services
- Sun, May 4** **Vernissage at Holy Trinity hosted by ACYOA Seniors;**
Charles & Nevert Talanian Cultural Hall, 12pm- 5:30pm
- Wed, May 7** **First Wednesdays “Ascension”;**
Johnson Hall, In person, 6:45pm- 7:45pm
- Mon, May 26** *Church Office is Closed for Memorial Day*
- Mon, June 16** **2025 The Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament;**
Marlborough Country Club
- Mon, Aug 4- Fri, Aug 8** **Trinity Kids’ Place**

Our Office has temporarily relocated
while we undergo needed renovations!

Until mid-September, the Parish Office will be located in Shahe Hall.

Same times, same phone numbers, new location!