

Sunday, April 6, 2025
Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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SUNDAY BULLETIN



Today is the Sunday of the Advent

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.*

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.

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

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.

Fellowship Hour

You are all welcome to join us in the Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall following Church Services for Fellowship hosted by the Holy Trinity's Armenian School.

Readings of the Day: Is 66:1-24. Col 2:8-3:17. Mt 22:34-23:39.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 22, vs. 34-46 and will be read by Robert Dulgarian.

From Today's Bible Reading

Matthew 22:34-23:39 In these verses, Jesus summarizes the law in the two greatest commandments in which all the law and prophecies of the Old Testament can be summarized (22:36-40). In 23, there is an extended warning (the "seven woes") against the vanities and false pieties of the Pharisees. The reading concludes with Jesus' poignant lament for Jerusalem in which (23:37) – in one of the rare moments when a female metaphor for God is used – He yearns to protect its people as a "mother bird gathers her young under her wings." *Discuss/reflect: Why do you think Jesus asks us to love God (22:37) "with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind?" What is distinct about each of these three ways of loving?*

Colossians 2:8-3:17 In a beautiful accompaniment to today's Gospel, St. Paul urges us to depend on Christ rather than human tradition or worldly principles. Through baptism we have died with Him and are raised with Him into faith and a new way of living. That virtuous, good life is eloquently described in 3:12-17. *Reflection: In Christ "you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator." (3:9-10) Comparing the "old" ways described in 3:5-8 with the "new" outlined in 3:12-17, how would you rate yourself? Where do you need more of God's help?*

Isaiah 66:1-24 Isaiah conveys God's promise of both restoration and judgment; His children will thrive and be comforted in a new Jerusalem. But those who persist in false worship and rebellion will be harshly judged. Again (as in the Gospel passage above), we are offered a beautiful female image: God will comfort His people as a mother does her child. *Reflection: Isaiah shares these words of God in verse 13: "As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you." God is more often described as a father; what shades of meaning does this picture of God as mother add to your understanding of His love?*

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This sixth and last Sunday of Lent is dedicated not only to the Second Coming of Christ but also to His Incarnation, God's becoming Jesus, fully God and fully human. He will come again -- this time not as the gentle and lowly Savior, but as a righteous judge in the glory of His Father with a retinue of angels. He will sift through the good and evil just as a shepherd separates the sheep and the goats at day's end. Jesus declares (Matthew 25:31- 46) that we will be judged for acts of righteous goodness born of a loving faith. Did we feed the hungry? Console those in need of comfort, ease suffering? Only on this unequivocal basis, will we be received into eternal life. *Reflection: Prayerfully read Matthew 25:31-46. Imagine that day of glory and visualize where you will be; pray for Jesus to open your heart that you might see His face "in the least of these."*

April 6, 2025 Hokehankisd

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

Barry Whelan, 2nd Anniversary: Requested by Whelan Family, Darren Whelan and late parents, Valerie & James Whelan, Rosana Gonzalez, Marsoobian Family, Cummings Family Twin Peaks Construction Family and many relatives, co-workers and friends here and abroad who loved him and miss him

Gerald Boghosian, 5th Anniversary: Requested by Ruth Boghosian for father

Bedros & Takouhi Arabian, Haigouhie Garoyan, Roxy Arabian: From the Trust Fund established by Roxy Arabian

Dr. Alice Kechijian & Dr. John Jacob Bandelian: From the Family of Drs. John & Alice Bandelian

Harry, Esther, Harry Jr., Shirley & Shirley Rita Tatarian and Tatarian Kertasdan: From the Harry & Esther Tatarian Family Memorial Fund



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.

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

Reservations Deadline: Wednesday, April 9



The ACYOA of Holy Trinity Armenian Church
invite you to the annual

ACYOA DAY

Palm Sunday Banquet

April 13, 2025

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

"Preserving the Legacy... Writing the Next Chapter"

Guest Speakers: Past, Present & Future ACYOA Members

Past, present, and future members of the ACYOA will share reflections on the impact and vital role the ACYOA plays in preserving the legacy and dreams of our forefathers and their commitment to perpetuating our Armenian Christian faith, fellowship, and leadership.

Beef & Chicken Kebab Meal

*includes mezzé, salad, dessert & coffee
Chicken Tender option available for children*

Seating by Advance Paid Reservation Only

Reservation Deadline: April 9, 2025

Donation: \$20 adults / \$14 child under 12 / ACYOA Juniors

Please reserve online at bit.ly/HTACPalmSunday2025

or call the Church Office at 617.354.0632

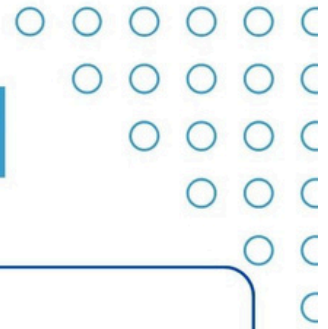


Thank you for supporting the Holy Trinity ACYOA!

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

TMU
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.

Vernissage

at

Holy Trinity
Armenian Church

Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall

HOSTED BY THE ACYOA SRS.

145 Brattle Street
Cambridge, MA 02138

May 4, 2025
12-5 PM

Portion of
proceeds will
directly support
Ayo!

-Local Artisans
-Handcrafted Wares
-Clothes
-Crafts!

Interested Vendors
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ARMENIAN CHURCH
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Qualified candidates
can apply at
htaac.org/scholarships

The deadline for
applying is
Monday, May 12, 2025

Save the Date

THE 2025
GREGORY HINTLIAN
MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sponsored by Holy Trinity Armenian Church

MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025



MARLBOROUGH
COUNTRY CLUB



COMMUNITY NEWS



BY HIS GRACE BISHOP MESROP PARSAMYAN
Primate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church

123RD DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, APRIL 29 TO SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025

You are cordially invited to attend

123RD DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY GALA BANQUET

Honoring



JAMES KALUSTIAN
Armenian of the Year



FR. JOHN DELANEY
Friend of Armenians

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025

HILTON HOTEL
2 FORBES ROAD, WOBURN, MA

Gala Banquet and Dance: 7:00pm - 12:00am • Dance Only: 9:00pm - 12:00am
Gala Banquet and Dance (RSVP Required): \$175.00 - Dance Only (Walk-ins Welcome): \$50.00

Music by Jason Naroian & His Band

Featuring the Voice of

Michael Gostanian

Reserve Your Gala Banquet and Dance tickets at Tiny.cc/AssemblyDance
Due to limited seating, please RSVP by April 10, 2025

For more information or questions, please contact us at DiocesanAssembly25@gmail.com



SCAN TO REGISTER

The National Association for Armenian Studies and Research (NAASR)
Presents a Lecture on the 110th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide

April 24: The Origins of Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day

by Dr. Elyse Semerdjian

Robert Aram and Marianne Kaloosdian and Stephen and Marian Mugar Chair of
Armenian Genocide Studies, Clark University

Thursday, April 24, 2025

7:30 p.m. (Eastern) / 4:30 p.m. (Pacific)

**IN-PERSON AT THE NAASR VARTAN GREGORIAN BUILDING
395 CONCORD AVE., BELMONT, MA**

ALSO LIVE ON ZOOM AND YOUTUBE

Zoom Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/41VyODK>

NAASR YouTube Channel Link: <https://www.youtube.com/c/ArmenianStudies>

There will be a Musical Prelude by pianist Tanya Bartezyan prior to the lecture.

This lecture will outline the genesis of Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day on April 24. Beginning with the first official commemoration of Armenian survivors in post-war Istanbul, the lecture will examine both official and unofficial commemoration activities, which will be reconstructed with archival photographs, memoirs, and letters. From the Armenian Genocide Memorial (Tsitsernakaberd) in Yerevan to the efforts to construct the Armenian Genocide Memorial and Holy Martyrs Church in Dayr al-Zur, Semerdjian will offer a history of Armenian memory and ritual activities in the killing fields of the Syrian Desert and beyond.

Dr. Elyse Semerdjian is the Robert Aram and Marianne Kaloosdian and Stephen and Marian Mugar Chair of Armenian Genocide Studies at the Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Clark University. She is a social historian of the Ottoman Empire whose research focuses on the experiences of women and the empire's Armenian subjects. She is the author of *"Off the Straight Path": Illicit Sex, Law, and Community in Ottoman Aleppo* (Syracuse University Press, 2008) and *Remnants: Embodied Archives of the Armenian Genocide* (Stanford University Press, 2023) as well as articles on gender, Ottoman Armenians, urban history, and law in the Ottoman Empire.



**This program is open to all free of charge.
A reception will follow the program.**

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

- Sun, April 13** **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*)
- 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!

From March 13th to mid-September, the Parish Office will be located in Shahe Hall.
Same times, same phone numbers, new location!