

Sunday, December 7, 2025
Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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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)

DIVINE LITURGY

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

Church Greeters: Caroline Ekchian and Samara Gallagher

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, Zarouhi Sarkisian

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 invited to join us in Johnson Hall following Church Services for Fellowship Hour hosted by the Parish Council and Diocesan Delegates.

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.**

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 13 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.



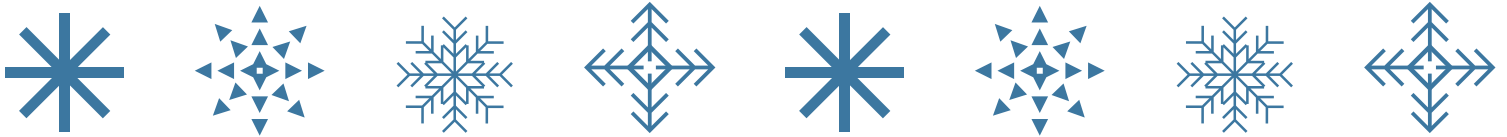
December 7, 2025 Hokehankisd

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

The Victims of the 1988 Earthquake in Armenia



Hokehankisd Requests can now be made online!
Go to the Online Donations page at www.htaac.org
to make your requests and donate digitally.



IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER

If severe inclement weather affects Sunday School and Armenian School classes, Church Services, Sunday activities or activities and programs during the week, this information will appear in the following media:

- On TV Channels 4 (WBZ) and CBSBoston.com, Channel 5 (WCVB) and TheBostonChannel.com, Channels 7 and 56, as well as their websites
- Church's answering machine at 617.354.0632
 - An Email "Alert" sent to parishioners
 - Holy Trinity's website, www.htaac.org
- Holy Trinity's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/HolyTrinityArmenianChurch



Holy Trinity ACYOA Juniors

BABYSITTING NIGHT FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

6-9 PM

\$25 / CHILD

Ages 2-10 (must be toilet-trained)

\$5 discount for each additional sibling

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS!

Are you craving a parents' night out?
Or just need a few hours of quiet to plan and prepare for the holidays?

Well, look no further! The ACYOA Juniors are hosting a Babysitting Night Fundraiser! Three hours to yourself while your children are cared for and entertained by members of their Church family!

INCLUDES:

SNACKS
CRAFTS
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES
GAMES

UNDER ADULT &
ACYOA JUNIORS SUPERVISION

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
BY DECEMBER 10
USE THE QR CODE OR LINK BELOW



tiny.cc/BabysittingNight2025!



All proceeds benefit ACYOA Jrs ministry programs

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JOIN THE ACYOA SENIORS FOR A

PATRIOTS WATCH PARTY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

CHARLES AND NEVART TALANIAN CULTURAL HALL

AFTER CHURCH | KICK-OFF @ 1P



**BUFFALO
BILLS**



**NEW
ENGLAND
PATRIOTS**

FREE ENTRY

food/drink for sale

APPS, WINGS, ICE CREAM & MORE!

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HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS

HOLIDAY DRIVE

NOVEMBER 23 – DECEMBER 14, 2025

THE GIVING TREE

TO BENEFIT THE FAMILIES OF *SOLUTIONS AT WORK**

WWW.SOLUTIONSATWORK.ORG

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

1. **CHOOSE** a gift tag from *The Giving Tree* in the Sparks Street foyer
2. **PURCHASE** a gift card in the amount of \$25
(Please choose a store appropriate for a 14-16 year old boy or girl)
3. **BRING IN** the **UNWRAPPED** gift card **AND TAG** by **December 14**

Those who prefer to make a donation towards the purchase of gift cards can submit donations to the Sunday School Superintendent or Church office, payable to "Holy Trinity Armenian Church". Please reference "Sunday School Giving Tree" in the memo

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of the families of Cambridge this Christmas season

**Solutions at Work, Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty and homelessness by providing individuals and families with resources and opportunities to strengthen their self-confidence, achieve self-sufficiency, and participate in helping others.*



"Remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'."
Acts 20:35

Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church of Greater Boston

Erevan Choral Society and Orchestra

Cambridge, MA

Christmas Holiday Concert

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025, 7:00 P.M.

This year's Christmas concert is presented
in honor of Holy Trinity Church's
Sixty-five Years on Brattle Street

Composer Konstantin Petrossian
Music Director and Conductor

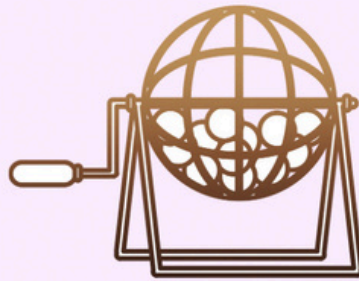
Donate to support this special Christmas tradition



*Father Oshagan Minassian, Erevan Choral Society Founder and Music Director
(1965-2008)*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Holy Trinity Church's 1000 Club



The 1000 Club is a monthly cash raffle with proceeds supporting Holy Trinity Armenian Church.



1000 Club members choose one available number from 000 to 999.

Each month 12 numbers are drawn to award prizes from \$50 to \$1,000 with a total of \$2,000 awarded in cash prizes to the 12 winners.

A one year membership costs just \$60.00!

1000 Club Memberships make great gifts for graduations, birthdays, or any occasion!

Interested in learning
more about the
1000 Club?

Contact the church
office at 617.354.0632
for information!

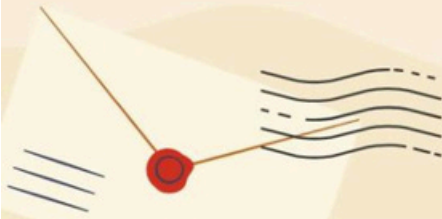


Change Of Address?

If you change your home or email address at any point, please let the church office know so we can stay connected with you!



Contact the office at
Office@htaac.org
617-354-0632



LIVING THE WORD

Monthly Bible discussions

Formerly called First Wednesdays

Johnson Hall • weeknights 6:45pm - 7:45pm • Sundays 12:30pm

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.

We warmly welcome you to join our ongoing conversation.

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

When Life Gives You Lemons

Sunday, February 8, 2026

Seeking God in Times of
Stress & Anxiety

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

The Power of Forgiveness

Sunday, March 8, 2026

The Joy & Impact of
Serving Others

**NO LIVING THE WORD
DISCUSSIONS IN THE
MONTH OF DECEMBER**

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Jesus Spoke Seven Last
Words From the Cross

Sunday, January 11, 2026

Loneliness vs. Being Alone

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Trusting God in Hard Times

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.

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

- Fri, Dec 12** **Babysitting Night Fundraiser hosted by the ACYOA Juniors;**
Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 6pm- 9pm
- Sun, Dec 14** **NE Patriots Watch Party hosted by the ACYOA Seniors;**
Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, after Church Services, *kick-off at 1pm*
Christmas Holiday Concert with the Erevan Choral
Society & Orchestra; Holy Trinity Armenian Church, 7pm
- Sun, Dec 21** *Guest Celebrant: His Eminence, Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan, Primate*
Sunday School Christmas Pageant; Church Sanctuary
- Wed, Dec 24** **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service;**
Holy Trinity Church Sanctuary,
Musical Prelude at 4:30pm, Service at 5pm- 5:45pm
- Thurs, Dec 25** **Merry Christmas!** (*Church Office is closed*)
- Thurs, Jan 1** **Happy New Year** (*Church Office is closed*)
- Mon, Jan 5** **Armenian Christmas Eve- Jrakalouyts**
Holy Trinity Church Sanctuary;
Readings from the Book of Daniel at 4:30pm and Badarak at 5:00pm- 6:30pm,
Johnson Hall, Wine & Cheese Fellowship at 6:30pm- 7pm
- Tues, Jan 6** **Armenian Christmas- Holy Nativity and Theophany**
Holy Trinity Church Sanctuary;
Morning Service at 9am
Divine Liturgy at 10am
- Sun, Jan 11** **Blessing of the Water**
Holy Trinity Church Sanctuary;
Morning Service at 9am,
Divine Liturgy at 10am,
Blessing of the Water Service at 11:30am
Living the World- Monthly Bible discussion
“Loneliness vs. Being Alone”; Johnson Hall, 12:30pm