

Sunday, January 18, 2026

**Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston**

**Father Vasken A. Kouzouian, Pastor**

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## **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)

## **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 Khachatrian

**Altar Server:** Arek Gulbankian

**Organist:** Nune Hakobyan

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

**Church Greeter:** Suzanne Ekchian

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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, Joyce & John Davagian**

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 invited to join us in the *Peter Adamian Hall* following Church Services for Fellowship Hour hosted by the Sunday School.

**Today, immediately following Badarak,  
we will all go down to the beautifully restored  
Peter Adamian Hall for a Home Blessing.**

*An Armenian home blessing, or Dounohrneq (Տնօրհնէք), is a traditional service where an Armenian Church priest blesses a home, symbolizing inviting God's presence and protection, focusing on bread, water, and salt as gifts of life, and using incense and a blessed wafer (nushkhar) to represent Christ's presence. This ritual signifies transforming the home or space into a "little church" for spiritual nourishment, protection, and fostering a devout, peaceful life.*

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

February 15 - Great Barekendan  
February 22 - Sunday of Expulsion  
March 1 - Sunday of the Prodigal Son  
March 8 - Sunday of the Steward  
March 15 - Sunday of the Judge  
March 22 - Sunday of the Advent  
March 29 - Palm Sunday  
April 5 - Easter Sunday

**Readings of the Day: Lk. 4:14-30. Is. 54:1-13. 1 Tm. 1:1-11. Jn: 2:1-11.**

**Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
according to St. John, chapter 2, vs. 1-11.**

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

**John 2: 1-11** (The Miracle at Cana) Attending a wedding with His mother and disciples, Jesus performs what John describes as the first of His miraculous signs, all of which will point to deeper meanings. Turning water into wine heralds the arrival through Jesus of a new era and a new covenant. Water, symbolizing Old Testament ceremonial washings, has been changed into wine of the highest quality and surprising quantity. This “best” wine speaks of the abundant life that Jesus offers (typically, party hosts would water down the wine as the evening waned since revelers would not know the difference). *Reflection: What old ways would you ask Jesus to renew and restore? Be specific.*

**1 Timothy 1: 1-11** St. Paul urges Timothy to take a strong position on the false teachings that abound in Ephesus. He reminds the young missionary that faith is not about rules and regulations but rather about the love that comes from “a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.” This inner relationship of faith and life echoes the gospel charge that “by their fruits you shall know them.” (Matthew 7:20) *Reflection: Would you characterize your faith as issuing from God's command to love (v.5)? Or has it “departed from this to meaningless talk” (v.6)? Hmmm...*

**Isaiah 54: 1-13** The prophet joyously proclaims God's love for His people, described as the relationship that exists between a husband and a wife. Marriage, abandonment, and restored relationship are strong Old Testament themes (see the Book of Hosea). Underlying the metaphor of marriage is the idea of covenant, a binding mutual commitment, as well as deep personal love. *Reflection: In what circumstances have you felt abandoned by God (v.7)? How might the picture of God as a husband renewing his vows (vv 5-8) reassure you?*

#### **St. Vahan of Goghtn**

Vahan was born in the eighth century of a princely family in the Goghtn region of the province of Siunik. After persecution of the Armenians by the Arabs in 707 (during which Vahan's father, Prince Khosrov, was killed), four-year-old Vahan was taken to Damascus where he was raised in the royal court as a Muslim. He was eventually appointed chancellor to the Emir. Some years later, he was allowed to go back to Armenia with the promise to eventually return. Vahan converted to Christianity, married an Armenian princess, and lived a peaceful life for about a decade. With a change of Arab rule, Vahan was sought after, so he left his home and family to escape recapture. While in exile, he became a monk. In 736, Vahan went to the new Arab Emir in uttermost misery. The Emir offered him a high position, authority, and wealth, but Vahan refused, preferring his faith in Christ to personal comfort and glory. He was martyred in 737 A.D. His last words were a bold declaration: “I chose death for the sake of Christ rather than earthly life.”

# January 18, 2026 Hokehankisd

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

**Debra Stevens, 40<sup>th</sup> Day:** Requested by The Stevens, Snell and Bogosian Families for wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt

**Norma K. Daniels, 40<sup>th</sup> Day:** Requested by The Family of Norma Daniels

**Agop Haygazian, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary:** Requested by Charlotte Haygazian, Garabet and Nicole Haygazian and Nathaniel and Juliana for husband, father, and grandfather

**Ann V. Talanian, 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Requested by Laurie & Anthony Travia, Deborah Talanian & Fran Fortino for mother

**Anne Aroyan, 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Requested by Judy, Cory and Sarah Shaughnessey for mother and grandmother

**Daniel K. Dorian, 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Requested by Daniel & Lisa Dorian, Janice Dorian, Lois & Ron Malconian for father; Ashley & Scott Martin, Amanda & Matt Keller, Sarah Malconian & Kwasi Mensah, Ron & Trisha Malconian, Danielle & Gary Dodakian for grandfather;

Matty and Danny Keller, Gary C. and Stella Dodakian and Theo Vartan Malconian Mensah for great-grandfather; Nancy R. Kolligian, Michele M. Kolligian & Bob Khederian for Uncle Dan and khenamee

**Daniel K. Dorian, 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Requested by Greg, Crystal, Gregory III and Jack Avedis Kolligian for uncle

**Stephen & Nevart Pauline Azarian:** From the Trust Fund established by Major Robert Zaven Zartarian

**Azad Boghosian, Julia Boghosian & Esther McQuaid:** From the Trust Fund established by Esther McQuaid and Julia Boghosian

**Nuvert, Setrag, Kachig, Zaven & Arsen Daniels:** From the Trust Fund established by Arsen and Zaven Daniels

**Mgrdich Kolligian:** From the Trust Fund established by Dr. & Mrs. Michael Kolligian, Jr

**Charles & Alice Nahabedian, George & Catherine Nahabedian, Shumavon & Altoon Zahigian, and Paul & Margaret Nahabedian:** From the Charles & Alice Nahabedian Trust Fund.

**Alice Pakrad:** Requested by Holy Trinity Church

**Charles G. Sahagian, Sarkis & Araxie Sahagian, Virginia Sahagian, and Sukeaus & John Sahagian:** From the Trust Fund established by Charles G. Sahagian for parents, sister & uncles

**Colombe Agavni Samuelian, Sahag, Anna, Samuel, Malcolm, Madeline & Parantzig Samuelian:** From the Trust Fund established by Colombe Agavni Samuelian

**Major Robert Zaven Zartarian, Levon, Louise Aznev, and Virginia Louise Zartarian:** From the Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Rose M. Chacran Zartarian Trust Fund

## ALTAR FLOWERS

*Today's Altar flowers are donated for the glory of God and the edification of our Altar:*

From the Family of Daniel K. Dorian

## ALTAR CANDLES

*Today's Altar candles are donated for the glory of God and the edification of our Altar:*

From Oscar Derderian, III and Alina O. Kouzouian,  
in memory of their Great-Grandfathers, Oskian Kouzouian and Joseph Vartanesian, Sr.

## ALTAR FLOWERS AND ALTAR CANDLES

*Today's Altar flowers and candles are donated for the glory of God and the edification of our Altar:*

From the Trust Fund established by Arsen and Zaven Daniels  
in memory of Nuvert, Setrag, Kachig, Zaven, and Arsen Daniels





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HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN SCHOOL  
PRESENTS

MAMA MAMA

Happy New Year and  
*Merry Christmas!*

Sunday, January 25, 2026  
*After Church Services*

Holy Trinity Armenian Church

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LIVING THE WORD

Monthly Bible discussions  
*Formerly called First Wednesdays*

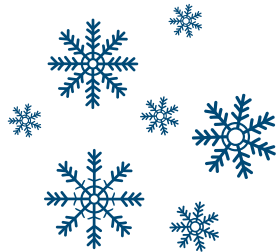
Johnson Hall • weeknights 6:45pm - 7:45pm • Sundays 12:30pm

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





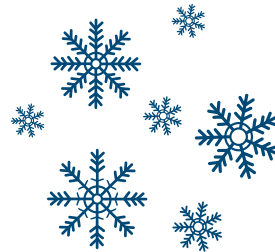
## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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.*



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## **HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR**

**Sat, Jan 24**

**“A Taste of Armenian Heritage”**

Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 6pm- 9pm

**Sun, Jan 25**

**Holy Trinity’s Armenian School Presents, *Happy New Year and Merry Christmas*, following Church Services**

**Sun, Feb 8**

**Living the World- Monthly Bible discussion**

“Seeking God in Times of Stress and Anxiety”; Johnson Hall, 12:30pm

**Sun, March 29**

**Palm Sunday Banquet**

Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, following Church Services



### **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](http://www.htaac.org)
- Holy Trinity’s Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/HolyTrinityArmenianChurch](http://www.facebook.com/HolyTrinityArmenianChurch)