

Sunday, February 15, 2026

Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston
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SUNDAY BULLETIN



Today is Poon Paregentan

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, Michael Avakian

Organist: Nune Hakobyan

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

Church Greeter: Leslee Jones and Michael Manoukianq

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 Davagian, Libby Melkonian

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.

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

Readings of the Day: Is. 58:1-14. Rom. 13:11-14-25. Mt. 6:1-21.

**Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ
according to St. Matthew, chapter 6, vs. 1-21 and will be read by June Yacubian.**

From Today's Bible Reading

Matthew 6:1-21 In His 'sermon on the mount,' Jesus teaches the virtue of humble, private acts of righteousness: giving without fanfare; praying privately, using humble words Jesus provides (the Lord's prayer); being generous in forgiveness; fasting without anyone knowing; and treasuring what is eternal in value, not what will rot and rust. *Reflection: Jesus calls us to a higher morality, one that asks us to do the right thing not for public approbation, not to please people, but to please God. In what specific ways can doing this make for a better, happier life?*

Romans 13:11-14:25 St. Paul urges his listeners to clothe themselves in Christ, living in ways that honor Him. And whatever holy disciplines they choose, whether it is setting aside a day as holy, fasting, or even not fasting, they should do so respecting others' feelings and needs. "Let's stop passing judgment on one another or putting obstacles in another's way..." (14:13) *Reflection: Instead of judging, what should occupy our energy? Review 14:13, 17-18 and look ahead to 15:2 for answers.*

Is 58:1-14 With a typical prophet's passion, Isaiah shares God's ire with a people who approach Him "as if they were a nation that does what is right..." (v.2) God demands an answer: Is fasting just a matter of sackcloth and ashes? Or is true piety about lifting up the oppressed, feeding the hungry and clothing the poor? This piety will touch God's heart and then you will find "joy in the Lord...and He will cause you to ride in triumph on the heights of the land." (58:14) *Reflection: What a ride that will be! Are you engaged in the god-pleasing acts of verses 6-7? If not, what can you begin to do so that your faith is more than 'empty pious gestures?'*

Today is Poon Paregentan! Monday is the first day of Great Lent

Poon Paregentan does not actually fall in Great Lent. However, it is traditionally counted as the first step on the Lenten journey. Poon means 'real' or 'true.' Since every fasting period begins with a festival day or paregentan, this one is marked as the 'true' one, the most important, since it precedes the greatest feast of the church, Easter. This 'day of good living' is often observed with festivities, dancing, and a carnival atmosphere to remind us all of the joy and vitality of Paradise and life itself. It also was the day to feast on and finish up all non-Lenten foods such as meat and dairy products. The sharagan (hymn) of the day sings of our earthly nature made glorious in the 'garden of delight' but also reminds us that even Adam and Eve had to exercise control and, sadly, failed to do so. Great Lent begins in the Armenian Church on Monday, the day after Poon Paregentan.

February 15, 2026 Hokehankisd

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

Susan Skenderian, 1st Anniversary: Requested by Armen Skenderian, Ara & Melanie Skenderian; Nyree, Noah, Lily, Jasmine Skenderian; Emma Skenderian; Vahe & Alice Skenderian, Massis & Rozan Skenderian, Melcon & Tyline Skenderian; Vartan & Rachel Krikorian, Shant & Zara Krikorian; Ayda, Nazar and Nora Melconian, Bill & Karen Martin, Dan & Lisa Dorian

Walter Sarges, 25th Anniversary: Requested by Armine Sarges and Family for husband

Sahag & Hermine Kavlakian, 32rd Anniversary: Requested by Alex and Sarkis Kavlakian and Family for parents

Heinz Rothland: Requested by Therese Arpiarian and Family for brother



Upcoming Lenten Sundays and Feast Days

TODAY - 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

GREAT LENT

Great Lent which begins tomorrow, Monday, February 16, and ends on Saturday, March 28, 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.

JOIN US TODAY!

THE HOLY TRINITY ACYOA JUNIORS
INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

Poon Paregentan CELEBRATION

CELEBRATING THE "DAY OF GOOD LIVING"
BEFORE THE START OF GREAT LENT



FEBRUARY 15, 2026

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

DELICIOUS
"POTLUCK"
BUFFET

CHILDREN'S
GAMES AND
ACTIVITIES

ARMENIAN
MUSIC
AND DANCING

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

ADMISSION:
main dish to serve 8-10
or
suggested donation
\$10 per person/\$25 per family
Dessert will be provided

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HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN SCHOOL
PRESENTS

Our Roots & Wishes

Sunday, February 22, 2026
After Church *Services*

Fr. Vasken Kouzouian,
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MID-LENTEN LUNCHEON

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Sunday, March 8, 2026

Immediately following Church services

During the Annual Parish Assembly

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 the Sunday School's Lenten Drive.

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

RSVP by March 4 to the church office at **617.354.0632** or at Office@htaac.org



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HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

**Sunday
March 8, 2026**

The Pastor and Parish Council cordially invite all dues-paying members of the Holy Trinity Church to its Annual Parish Assembly. The Assembly will take place in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall immediately following church services.

(Invitations and Sample Ballots will be mailed. Annual Reports will be made available two weeks prior to the assembly. Please ask a Parish Council member.)

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TMU
presents
**1000 CLUB
DINNER**

Sunday
APRIL | 26 | 2026

12:00PM - 1:30PM

**LOSH DINNERS AVAILABLE
FOR SIT DOWN AND TAKE HOME MEALS**

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

**If you purchase 2 new annual numbers during the drawing we will
include 1 free annual number and a free dinner.**

You will also be able to purchase that day:

**One time number for \$5
5 one time numbers for \$20.
Yearly numbers for \$60.**

**Please bring cash or check.
Cash bar available.**



2026



HOLY TRINITY
ARMENIAN CHURCH
SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM


Qualified candidates
can apply at
htaac.org/scholarships

The deadline for
applying is
March 15, 2026

Scan here!






*Your Information Matters —
Help Us Keep It Right*



We recently transitioned to a new system to help us better manage our member data and communications. As with all IT transitions, our data now needs some clean-up. We are making those updates and ask for your help.

If you notice any errors in the way your name, address, or family information has appeared in recent communications, please let us know so we can correct it in the new system. Fill out the form below or contact us at office@htaac.org / 617-3540632.

Thank you in advance for your time.



*PRIORITY REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

REGISTER ONLINE: <http://tiny.cc/TKP2026-RegistrationForm>



Trinity Kids' Place



AUGUST 10-14, 2026

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

HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH'S
20TH ANNUAL SUMMER PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-9
THEME: *CELEBRATING THE SEASONS OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH*

****PRIORITY REGISTRATION FOR HOLY TRINITY FAMILIES ENDS FEBRUARY 28***
BEGINNING MARCH 1, REGISTRATION IS FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED

PLEASE DIRECT ALL INQUIRIES TO youth@htaac.org

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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

TODAY

Poon Paragentan Luncheon;

Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, following Church Services

Sun, Feb 22

Holy Trinity's Arermenian School presents "Our Roots and Wishes";
following Church Services

Tues, Feb 24

PC Meeting; Parish House, 6:45pm

Sun, March 8

Mid-Lenten Luncheon; Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall,
following Church Services

Annual Assembly; Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall,
following Church Service

Sun, March 15

Living the Word- Monthly Bible discussion

"The Joy & Impact of Serving Others"; Johnson Hall, 12:30pm

Sun, March 29

Palm Sunday Banquet

Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, following Church Services

Sun, April 26

1000 Club Dinner presented by the TMU

Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 12pm- 1:30pm

Jun 28- July 12

Holy Trinity's Parish Pilgrimage to Armenia

Led by Fr. Vasken Kouzouian, Pastor

Aug 10- Aug 14

Trinity Kids' Place