

Sunday, February 22, 2026

**Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston**  
**Father Vasken A. Kouzouian, Pastor**  
145 Brattle Street Cambridge, MA 02138 617.354.0632

## **SUNDAY BULLETIN**



**Today is the Sunday of Expulsion**

### **Upcoming Lenten Sundays and Feast Days for 2026**

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

## 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:** 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 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.\**

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### **Fellowship Hour**

You are all invited to join us in Charles & Nevart Cultural Hall following Church Services for Fellowship Hour hosted by the Trinity Ladies Circle (TLC).

## **Readings of the Day: Is. 33:2-22. Rom. 12:1-13-10. Mt. 5:17-48.**

**Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ**

**according to St. Matthew, chapter 5 vs. 17-48 and will be read by Robert Dulgarian.**

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

**Matthew 5: 17-48** Jesus calls the world to a level of righteousness. Sin starts in the heart and Jesus itemizes these sins with their prescribed resolution: Anger against one's fellow: forgive and reconcile. Lust is a state of mind: do your utmost to prevent this (gouge out your eye if need be!). Breaking marital bonds is wrong (remember Jesus' harsh language here is akin to his suggestion we gouge out our eye to avoid lust - an overstatement to make a point). Oaths are sacred: keep them. Do more, not less, for anyone needing your help. Lovingly pray for your enemies. *Reflection: These remain as head-spinningly demanding as they must have been to Jesus' listeners. Read these verses prayerfully. Decide which attitude you might work on as a Lenten discipline.*

**Romans 12:1-13:10** St. Paul urges the Romans to "be transformed" according to God's "good, pleasing, and perfect will." (12:2) He advises the humble use of our God-given spiritual gifts. That we be devoted to one another, sharing with those in need. That we live in peace, overcoming evil with good. That love is the ultimate all-encompassing 'law' (13:10). *Reflection: For the days of Lent still ahead, use 12:12 as a daily prayer: "Today, Lord, help me be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer."*

**Isaiah 33: 2-22** In the shadow of Assyria's invasion, God's people turn once again to Him for support and salvation. They have grown to better know who He is and what He can do, even through their times of apostasy. The righteous are promised divine intervention; evil will be toppled. The holy city will prevail and there the Lord will preside as the "Mighty One." *Reflection: We are promised one day to "see the King in His beauty." (17) In the biblical world, mirrors were made of polished metal; images were distorted. St. Paul also promised a clear view someday ("now we see in a mirror dimly, then we will see face-to-face"-1 Cor 13:12) Close your eyes and imagine that moment. What do you see?*

#### **Today is the Sunday of the Expulsion**

Expulsion Sunday reminds us of that original exile from God's presence: Adam and Eve driven out of Paradise for eating from the tree that had been forbidden to them. The notion that they were wiser than God in deciding to eat the fruit of the "knowledge of good and evil" is at the heart of every sinful thought or action to this day. And even now, when we do something we're not proud of, facing God is indeed as difficult as it was for Adam and Eve who tried to hide from Him as He walked "in the Garden in the cool of the day." (Genesis 3:8) Thankfully, in God's loving mercy, this is an exile He will not let us endure forever. Great Lent is a unique opportunity to ponder God's absence even as we seek Him in 40 days of prayer and reflection. *Reflection: Read Genesis 3. Why would God allow Adam and Eve to fail when tempted? What does this say about God? About what He wants from us?*

## **February 22, 2026 Hokehankisd**

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

**Lester J. Nadeau, 1st Anniversary:** Requested by Jeanne G. Nadeau for husband

**Elizabeth Boghosian, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Requested by Ruth Boghosian for mother

**Yeretzgin Nuvart Kouzouian, 19th Anniversary:** Requested by Fr. Mampre Kouzouian; Susan Derderian and Oscar Derderian III; Arpie Kouzouian; Fr. Vasken, Yn. Arpi, and Alina Kouzouian, for wife, mother and grandmother.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

*The Altar flowers are donated for the glory of God and the edification of our Altar:*

In memory of Lester Nadeau and Yeretzgin Nuvart Kouzouian by Jeanne Nadeau



### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to David Amirbekyan & Arerik Tserunyan who baptized their son,  
Robert Vardan Amirbekyan yesterday in our Church.

We welcome Robert into our Christian family of the Holy Trinity Church  
and pray that Almighty God may keep him under His loving care.

# *Holy Trinity Lenten Services*

February 25, 2026

March 4, 2026

March 11, 2026

March 18, 2026

March 25, 2026

Join us on **Wednesday evenings during Lent** in the Holy Trinity Sanctuary at 7pm where the prayers of "I Confess with Faith" by St. Nersess Shnorhali are read.

A light Lenten supper will be available in Johnson Hall a half hour before services begin.

## **GREAT LENT**

Great Lent which began, 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!**

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HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN SCHOOL  
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## Our Roots & Wishes

Sunday, February 22, 2026  
After Church *Services*

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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 Nevert 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 Nevert 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.**

**Informational meeting about this year's Parish Pilgrimage to Armenia  
will take place on Sunday, March 15,  
in Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall at 12:30pm!**



**Journey to  
ARMENIA**

**Holy Trinity Armenian Church  
Our Parish Pilgrimage to Armenia  
Led by Fr. Vasken Kouzouian, Pastor  
June 28-July 12, 2026**

**Registration  
Deadline:  
Mar. 20, 2026**

*Featuring visits to:*  
Community Service ~Etchmiadzin~Yerevan & Armenian Genocide Memorial~Khor  
Virab & Noravank~Lake Sevan & Dilijan~Garni & Geghard~ Gyumri

**Trip Includes:** Round-trip airfare from BOS; Full transportation and transfers in Armenia as specified  
in itinerary; Breakfast and Lunch/Dinner according to the itinerary; Marriott Hotel accommodation  
(Double occupancy); Entrance fee to all sightseeing destinations; Tour Guide (English).

**Cost per person (based on double occupancy): \$3,845**  
Space is limited.

*For more information, contact:*  
[office@htaac.org](mailto:office@htaac.org)  
or  
[SIMATours@gmail.com](mailto:SIMATours@gmail.com) (610) 359-7521

 Armenia Revealed



**2026**

**HOLY TRINITY  
ARMENIAN CHURCH  
SCHOLARSHIP  
PROGRAM**

Qualified candidates  
can apply at  
[htaac.org/scholarships](http://htaac.org/scholarships)

The deadline for  
applying is  
March 15, 2026

Scan here!  


# Jingalov Hatz Masterclass

A hands-on culinary experience where tradition meets the taste! Cook, Learn, and Taste

Funds raised will help save the lives of children in Armenia fighting cancer.

Friday, March 20 / 7PM

Tickets - \$100  
Scan QR code



Special City of Smile Branded Take-Home Gift

## Details:

Holy Trinity Armenian Church  
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URL Code: <https://www.ticketsource.com/null/t-zozvmlo>

## *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](mailto: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

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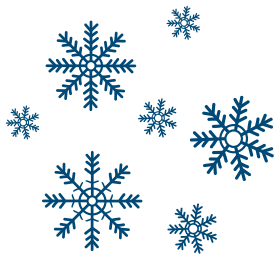
**HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH'S**  
**20TH ANNUAL SUMMER PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-9**  
THEME: *CELEBRATING THE SEASONS OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH*

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***\*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](mailto:youth@htaac.org)

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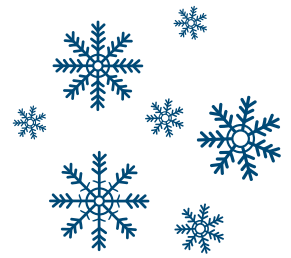
## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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.*



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## HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>Holy Trinity's Armenian School presents "Our Roots and Wishes";</b> Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, following Church Services
<b>Tues, Feb 24</b>	<b>PC Meeting;</b> Parish House, 6:45pm
<b>Wed, Feb 25</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Lenten Services;</b> Johnson Hall, Lenten Meal 6:30pm Church Sanctuary, Lenten Service 7pm- 7:30pm
<b>Sun, March 8</b>	<b>Mid-Lenten Luncheon;</b> Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, following Church Services <b>Annual Assembly;</b> Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, following Mid-Lenten Luncheon
<b>Wed. March 11</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Lenten Services;</b> Johnson Hall, Lenten meal 6:30pm Church Sanctuary, Lenten Service 7pm- 7:30pm
<b>Sun, March 15</b>	<b>Armenia Trip Interest Discussion;</b> Johnson Hall, <i>during Fellowship Hour</i>
<b>Wed, March 18</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Lenten Services;</b> Johnson Hall, Lenten Meal 6:30pm Church Sanctuary, Lenten Service 7pm- 7:30pm
<b>Sun, March 22</b>	<b>Living the Word- Monthly Bible discussion</b> <b>"The Joy &amp; Impact of Serving Others";</b> Johnson Hall, 12:30pm
<b>Wed, March 25</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Lenten Services;</b> Johnson Hall, Lenten Meal 6:30pm Church Sanctuary, Lenten Service 7pm- 7:30pm
<b>Sun, March 29</b>	<b>Palm Sunday Banquet;</b> Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, following Church Services
<b>Fri, April 10- Sat, April 12</b>	<b>ACYOA Juniors Spring Lock-In</b>
<b>Sun, April 26</b>	<b>1000 Club Dinner presented by the TMU</b> Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 12pm- 1:30pm
<b>Jun 28- July 12</b>	<b>Holy Trinity's Parish Pilgrimage to Armenia</b> <i>Led by Fr. Vasken Kouzouian, Pastor</i>
<b>Aug 10- Aug 14</b>	<b>Trinity Kids' Place</b>