

Sunday, February 8, 2026

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

## **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 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:** Caroline 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**

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 Johnson Hall following Church Services for Fellowship Hour hosted by the Trinity Ladies Circle (TLC).

**Readings of the Day: Is. 63:18-64:12. 2 Tm. 1:1-11. Jn. 7:37-52.**

**Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
according to St. John, chapter 7, vs. 37- 52.**

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

**John 7: 37-52** During the important Jewish Feast of the Tabernacles, Jesus has been teaching the crowds and the Temple authorities. He speaks of the “living water” that will flow from those who believe in Him (meaning that they will be filled someday with the Holy Spirit). People asked one another if He was indeed the Christ. The temple guards were too awed by His words to intervene. *Reflection: Why might Nicodemus have defended Jesus? Read about his earlier encounter with Him in John 3:1-21. In what ways would the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life be like “flowing water?”*

**Titus 1:1-11** St. Paul advises his protégé Titus to discourage wrong teachings and to carefully consider the qualities of those appointed elders of the community. *Reflection: What are the qualities St. Paul considered important to those who lead a Christian community? (vv. 6-9; note St. Paul refers to leaders as husbands and fathers since church elders then were usually married.) Why do you think Paul's list of leadership qualifications focused mostly on “being” and not on “doing?”*

**Is 63:18-64:12** Israel continues its frank admission of sinfulness and pleads for God's merciful intervention as their Father. *Reflection: In vv. 5-7, Isaiah describes God as one who always supports those who “gladly do right and remember His ways” but who will seem hidden from those who “never call on His name or strive to seek Him.” Between these two poles, where is God in your life? If you are clay and God is the potter (v. 8), how does He shape you?*

### **February 12 & 14: St. Ghevont and St. Vartan**

The Feast of St. Vartan and the 1,036 Martyrs (Vartanantz) commemorates the Battle of Avarayr in 451 A.D. This was the war the Persians waged against the Armenians after attempting in vain to oppress them under Persian rule and religion. The Armenians were hugely outnumbered in this first recorded battle in defense of Christianity. Under the leadership of their commander-in-chief, Vartan Mamigonian, they fought valiantly. Although the battle was lost, it paved the way for religious freedom three decades later, when the Treaty of Nuvarsak was brokered by Vartan's nephew, Vahan Mamigonian, in 484.

Fr. Ghevont was General Mamigonian's advisor, serving as what might be called today the army chaplain. Before the battle, he inspired the army with a deeply moving speech and went among the soldiers, distributing Holy Communion. St. Ghevont was later taken to Persia with other clergymen and in response to his fervent evangelizing, martyred along with the other priests. His memory is celebrated two days before Vartanantz, on the feast day of Ghevontyantz.

## February 8, 2026 Hokehankisd

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

**Yn. Yefkin Megherian, 40<sup>th</sup> Day:** Requested by Talin Megherian and Family, Fr. Mampre Kouzouian and Family, Fr. Vasken Kouzouian and Family for mother, grandmother, great aunt, great-great aunt, and khunamee

**Edna A. Ayvazian and Bedros & Nvat Ayvazian:** From the Trust Fund established by Ena A. Ayvazian

**Avedis, Paris, Alice, and Catherine (Zakarian) & Niyam Mano:** From the Trust Fund established by Alice & Niyam Mano for parents and sister-in-law and wife

**Henry & Rose Saraf:** From the Trust Fund established by Rose Saraf



### ALTAR FLOWERS

*The Altar flowers are donated for the glory of God and the edification of our Altar:  
In memory of past Sunday School Superintendent, Sarah Goolkasian*

# 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

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## **GREAT LENT**

Great Lent which begins 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.*

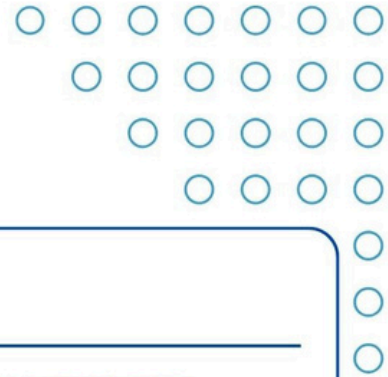
*Holy Communion will not be offered collectively during that period of time.*

### **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.

# TMU DINNER MEETING

February 9, 2026 ~ Johnson Hall



**GUEST SPEAKER**

## VITALIY PETRENKO

**CYBERSECURITY AND CAMERA SYSTEMS- HOW TO STAY SAFE FROM PHISHING AND OTHER INTERNET TYPE SCAMS**

**Mezze 5:45pm**  
**Dinner 6:45pm**  
*All Welcome*

**Losh Kebab or Kheyma Meal**  
**\$25**  
**Cash bar is available**

*Cash or check only. Sorry we do not have availability to accept credit cards at our meetings.*

## ◀ **SPEAKER**

PriorIT team has been assisting Boston businesses with their technology needs since 2012. Over the past few years our focus has been on cyber security for networks, devices, as well as business email systems, protecting clients from phishing and unauthorized data access by threat actors. Another important growth factor has been helping businesses with office relocations, expansions, cabling, and video surveillance.

**RSVP is highly encouraged**



**email [tmu@htaac.org](mailto:tmu@htaac.org) or  
Call the office at 617.354.0632**

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INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

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## 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*

# MID-LENTEN LUNCHEON

*Մեծ Պահոց Միջինքի Հաշկերոյթ*

**Sunday, March 8, 2026**

*Immediately following Church services*

*During the Annual Parish Assembly*

*Charles and Nevert Talanian Cultural Hall*



## **Traditional Lenten Meal**

Vospov Kheyima, 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](mailto:Office@htaac.org)





# 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.**



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HOLY TRINITY  
ARMENIAN CHURCH  
SCHOLARSHIP  
PROGRAM

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

The deadline for  
applying is  
March 15, 2026

Scan here!



**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

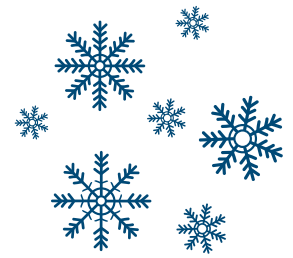
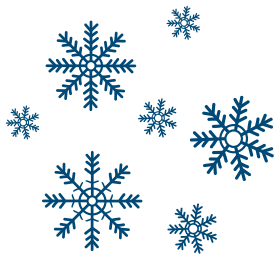
**Trip Includes:** Round-trip airfare from BOS ; Full transportation and transfers in Armenia as specified  
in itinerary; Breakfast and Lunch/Dinner according to the itinerary; Marriott Hotel accommodation  
(Double occupancy); Entrance fee to all sightseeing destinations; Tour Guide (English).

**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



## 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

**TODAY**

**Living the World- Monthly Bible discussion**

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

**Mon, Feb 9**

**TMU Dinner Meeting with guest speaker, Vitaliy Petrenko**

Johnson Hall, Mezze at 5:45pm Dinner at 6:45pm

**Sun, Feb 15**

**Poon Paragentan Luncheon;**

Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 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 World- 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; more details to follow**

### 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)