

Sunday, March 22, 2026

Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston
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SUNDAY BULLETIN



Today is the Sunday of the Advent

This Sunday, Holy Trinity Church commemorates
Saintly Women's Day 2026.

We honor Saint Ashken and Saint Khosrovitoukht
and remember their lifetime devotion to God's work.

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 Manoukian

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.

Fellowship Hour

You are all invited to join us in Johnson Hall following Church Services for Fellowship Hour hosted in memory of George W. Haroutunian by his family.

Readings of the Day: Is. 66:1-24. Col. 2:8-3:17. Mt.22:34 -23:39.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 22, vs. 34 -46 and will be read by Dn. Robert Dulgarian.

From Today's Bible Reading

Matthew 22:34-23:39 In these verses, Jesus summarizes the law in the two greatest commandments in which all the law and prophecies of the Old Testament can be summarized (22:36-40). In 23, there is an extended warning (the “seven woes”) against the vanities and false pieties of the Pharisees. The reading concludes with Jesus’ poignant lament for Jerusalem in which (23:37) – in one of the rare moments when a female metaphor for God is used – He yearns to protect its people as a “mother bird gathers her young under her wings.” *Discuss/reflect: Why do you think Jesus asks us to love God (22:37) “with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind?” What is distinct about each of these three ways of loving?*

Colossians 2:8-3:17 In a beautiful accompaniment to today’s Gospel, St. Paul urges us to depend on Christ rather than human tradition or worldly principles. Through baptism we have died with Him and are raised with Him into faith and a new way of living. That virtuous, good life is eloquently described in 3:12-17. *Reflection: In Christ “you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.” (3:9-10) Comparing the “old” ways described in 3:5-8 with the “new” outlined in 3:12-17, how would you rate yourself? Where do you need more of God’s help?*

Isaiah 66:1-24 Isaiah conveys God’s promise of both restoration and judgment; His children will thrive and be comforted in a new Jerusalem. But those who persist in false worship and rebellion will be harshly judged. Again (as in the Gospel passage above), we are offered a beautiful female image: God will comfort His people as a mother does her child. *Reflection: Isaiah shares these words of God in verse 13: “As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.” God is more often described as a father; what shades of meaning does this picture of God as mother add to your understanding of His love?*

Today is the Sunday of the Advent

This sixth and last Sunday of Lent is dedicated not only to the Second Coming of Christ but also to His Incarnation, God’s becoming Jesus, fully God and fully human. He will come again -- this time not as the gentle and lowly Savior, but as a righteous judge in the glory of His Father with a retinue of angels. He will sift through the good and evil just as a shepherd separates the sheep and the goats at day’s end. Jesus declares (Matthew 25:31- 46) that we will be judged for acts of righteous goodness born of a loving faith. Did we feed the hungry? Console those in need of comfort, ease suffering? Only on this unequivocal basis, will we be received into eternal life. *Reflection: Prayerfully read Matthew 25:31-46. Imagine that day of glory and visualize where you will be; pray for Jesus to open your heart that you might see His face “in the least of these.”*

March 22, 2026 Hokehankisd

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

Very Reverend Father Hampartzoum Keshishian, Dirahayr and Diramayr Hampartzoum & Marie Keshishian, Garo Keshishian, and Santoukht Akelian Keshishian: Requested by Hermine Sislian, Caroline and Aline

George W. Haroutunian, 1st Anniversary: Requested by Charles & Joyce Dermenjian, Diana, David and Michael Ekizian, David, Liza, Greg, and Lori Dorian, Rose Cannistraro and Alyssa Bozian, Dn. Gregory & Carol Krikorian, Lt. Col. Robert & Mrs. Susan Lang and Harry Lang, The Holy Trinity Men's Union for cousin and friend

George Michael Malkasian, 2nd Anniversary: Requested by The Malkasian Family, Susan & Mark Sheridan for son, father and brother

Marie A. & Louis A. DeLena, 19th Anniversary: Requested by Louis M. DeLena and Charlene Callahan for parents

Rose V. Kolligian, 29th Anniversary: Requested by Greg & Crystal Kolligian for mother; Gregory A. III and Jack Avedis for grandmother

Charles Hamparian, Vahram & Rose Sargavakian:
Requested by Adrienne Hamparian for husband and parents

Dn. John, Rose, Nerses, Jack, and George W. Haroutunian: From the Dn. John, Rose, Nerses, Jack, and George W. Haroutunian Trust Fund



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.



Holy Trinity Armenian Church

George Haroutunian Memorial Flagpoles Blessing & Dedication

Sunday, March 29, 2026

Immediately following Church services

145 Brattle Street, Cambridge, MA 02138

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The ACYOA of Holy Trinity Armenian Church
invite you to the annual

ACYOA DAY

Palm Sunday Banquet

March 29, 2026

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

The day's program features:

Dn. Karo Boyadzyan

St. Nersess Armenian Seminary, Armonk, NY

Lori Dorian

ACYOA Central Council

Beef & Chicken Kebab Meal

includes mezzé, salad, dessert & coffee

ChickenTender option available for children

Seating by Advance Paid Reservation Only

Reservation Deadline: March 25, 2026

Donation: \$25 adults / \$15 child under 12 / ACYOA Juniors

Please reserve online at tiny.cc/ACYOAPalmSunday2026

or call the Church Office at 617.354.0632



Thank you for supporting the Holy Trinity ACYOA!



EASTER SUNDAY

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CHURCH SERVICES ON HOLLISIAN PLAZA



ALL PLANTS \$10

6" POTTED

TULIPS ✕ EASTER LILIES ✕ HYACINTH

PROCEEDS SUPPORT ACYOA MINISTRY PROGRAMS

20% will be donated to support the Parish Pilgrimage Humanitarian Project in Armenia this summer

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE ACYOA ~ HAPPY EASTER!

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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 22, 2026 The Joy & Impact of Serving Others
Sunday, December 7, 2025 Battling Jealousy	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

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Join us for a fun-filled

Zumba class with Arko!

Our session will have beats of Armenian music!



Fundraiser for the Holy Trinity Armenian School

Reception to follow!

Sunday, April 12, 2:30 pm
 Holy Trinity Armenian Church
 145 Brattle St, Cambridge, Ma 02138



Save the Date!

Armenian Flag Raising Ceremony and
Commemoration of the 111th
Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide

Friday April 24, 2026 at 5pm

Newton City Hall Lawn

Program Details to Follow

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.

Save the Date
**THE 2026
GREGORY HINTLIAN
MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Sponsored by Holy Trinity Armenian Church

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026



MARLBOROUGH
COUNTRY CLUB



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** **Living the Word- Monthly Bible discussion**
“The Joy & Impact of Serving Others”; Johnson Hall, 12:30pm
- Wed, March 25** **Holy Trinity Lenten Services;**
Johnson Hall, Lenten Meal 6:30pm
Sanctuary, Lenten Service 7pm- 7:30pm
- Sun, March 29** **George W. Haroutunian Memorial Flagpoles Blessing and Dedication**
- Palm Sunday Banquet**
Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall,
following Church Services
- Sun, April 5** **Easter Sunday**
ACYOA Easter Plant Sale *Hollisian Plaza, immediately following Church Services*
- Wed, April 8** **Living the Word- Monthly Bible discussion**
“Jesus Spoke Seven Last Words From the Cross”; Johnson Hall, 6:45pm- 7:45pm
- Fri, April 10-
Sat, April 11** **ACYOA Juniors Spring Lock-In**
- Sun, April 12** **Zumba with Arko- Holy Trinity Armenian School Fundraiser**
Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 2:30pm
- Sun, April 26** **1000 Club Dinner presented by the TMU**
Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 12pm- 1:30pm
- Wed, April 8** **Living the Word- Monthly Bible discussion**
“Trusting God in Hard Times”; Johnson Hall, 6:45pm- 7:45pm
- Mon, June 15** **2026 Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament,**
hosted by Holy Trinity Armenian Church;
Marlborough Country Club
- Jun 28- July 12** **Holy Trinity’s Parish Pilgrimage to Armenia**
Led by Fr. Vasken Kouzouian, Pastor
- Aug 10- Aug 14** **Trinity Kids’ Place**