

Sunday, March 29, 2026

Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston
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SUNDAY BULLETIN



Today is Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the feast of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Christ was hailed by the people as the Messiah and New King of Israel. Christ comes to Jerusalem in fulfillment of the prophecies and having chosen the way of the Cross, invites the faithful to witness His passion that they might share in His Resurrection.

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 and Alina Kouzouian

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.

“TURNPATZEK”

Prior to the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, the “Turnpatzek” or the “Opening of the Doors” Service will be conducted in our Church. Kneeling in front of the closed veil of the Altar, the priest reads Psalms and chants hymns of supplication for the mercy of God. The mystery of the Turnpatzek Service anticipates the second coming of Christ and the final judgment. On behalf of the faithful, the priest pleads to God to reopen the doors of His Heavenly Kingdom which were closed to man through his fall and expulsion from paradise.

Readings of the Day:

Song 1:1-2:3. Zec 9:9-15. Phil 4:4-7. Mt 20:29-21:17.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 20, vs. 29 - chapter 21, vs. 11 and will be read by June Yacubian.

From Today's Bible Reading

Matthew 20:29-21:17 The healing of the two blind men is a poignant prelude to the story of Jesus' triumphal arrival in Jerusalem (see below). The two persist in loudly declaring their faith despite the crowd's rebuke. Upon being healed by their Lord, they follow Him. The passage continues with the Palm Sunday story (21:1-11) and the account of Jesus driving the moneychangers from the Temple. *Reflection: If Jesus said to you (as He did to the blind men) "what do you want me to do for you?" how would you answer?*

Philippians 4: 4-7 In a letter overflowing with the joy of knowing Jesus, St. Paul sums it all up in these few verses: Rejoice in the Lord, know that He is near, be gentle with everyone, don't worry about a thing, pray your gratitude, and God's peace will guard your heart in Christ Jesus. *Reflection: Personalize verse 7 and memorize it: "The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, guards my heart and mind in Christ Jesus." Pray this throughout the day.*

Zechariah 9: 9-15 Set in the context of the Jews' return from the Babylonian exile and the rebuilding of Jerusalem, Zechariah looks expectantly to when God will transform his people into a holy nation. In these verses, we see a striking prophecy of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem "gentle and riding on a donkey." *Reflection: What images of peace and restoration can you identify in verses 9-10? Why a donkey (v.9; see Matthew 21:5) and not a warhorse?*

Today is Palm Sunday (Dzaghgazart)

This day recalls Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. He is greeted by throngs of people laying their cloaks and palm branches on the road before Him as a royal carpet of welcome. Matthew understood the event as the fulfillment of specific prophecies, including Zechariah 9:9 (today's reading). Therefore, for many gathered, this was the entrance of the Messiah and conformed fully to Old Testament prophecy and Jewish expectations. Yet how poorly the crowd understood the nature of the kingdom and the king they were welcoming since not long afterwards their "Hosannas!" turned to the jeering shouts of "Crucify him!" The service of the Opening of the Doors is also held on Palm Sunday, during which the priest and people pray for entry once again into God's presence. The term Dzaghgazart ("adorned with flowers") may refer to an older pagan feast. *Reflection: In Matthew 21:10 we read that "when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked: "Who is this?" Has He entered your heart? Are you prompted to know more about who He is?*

March 29, 2026 Hokehankisd

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

Peter & Anne Gladys Danielson, 40th Day: Requested by Janine Danielson, Serena Danielson & Rob Arnold, Rachel and Danielle Arnold, Michael Ricci, Suzanne & Mark Sheridan, Martin Malkasian, and the Hanzatian Family for parents, grandparents, uncle and aunt

Walter V. Proodian, Sr. & Nora Proodian, Walter V. Proodian, Jr. & Barbara Proodian: Requested by Robert Proodian for parents, brother sister in-law

David Kassabian, 10th Anniversary: Requested by Ed & Ann Danielson for cousin

Sally Zartar Simonian Avakian, 11th Anniversary: Requested by Michael Avakian for grandmother

Rose V. Kolligian, 29th Anniversary: Requested by Nancy R. Kolligian, Lisa Kolligian & Dan Dorian, Michele M. Kolligian & Bob Khederian for mother; Ashley & Scott Martin and Amanda, Matt, Matty and Danny Keller for grandmother and great-grandmother; Henry and Martin Gostanian for aunt and cousin; Janice Dorian and Karen & Bill Martin for khanamee

Ardashes Asadourian: From the Trust Fund established by Altoon Zahigian for brother

Haig & Vasiliki Bessie Bedigian, Kirkor & Arousiag Bedigian, Mardiros & Martha Bedigian, and Mardiros Kasigian: From the Trust Fund established by Haig & Bessie Bedigian for parents, grandparents & uncle

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's Altar Flowers donated for the glory of God and the edification of our Altar:

By the Keljikian Family in memory of Almas & Avedis Keljikian, Helen & Edward Derouian, and Alice Keljikian for parents, grandparents, sister and aunt

In memory of Peter & Anne Gladys Danielson on their 40th Day
by Janine Danielson, Serena Danielson & Rob Arnold, Rachel and Danielle Arnold,
Michael Ricci, Suzanne & Mark Sheridan, Martin Malkasian, and The Hanzatian Family

Today's Palms are donated by Albert Zouranjian and Family

EASTER OFFERING - YOUGHAKIN



In the early centuries, the Armenian Church had no annual budget to meet the expenses of parish Churches and monastic communities. The faithful of each parish contributed for the welfare of the work of the Christian community, caring for the needy, promoting the work of Christian education and worship, etc. At certain times of the year, additional contributions were offered to the parish Church to assure that the sanctuary lanterns, at that time fueled by oil, would remain continuously aflame. Thus, a special category of donations was created and called Youghakin, which means “the cost of oil.”

These were collected during the Christmas and Easter seasons.

As inheritors of this pious tradition, we have maintained this special offering in all Diocesan Churches in the Western Hemisphere.

Aside from your annual parish stewardship and membership donation, this special gift is sought during these holy days to meet the additional expenses needed to effectively carry out the mission of our parish; namely, worship, witness, education, service, and fellowship.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND CANDLES

For those who wish to donate Altar and/or Candles Flowers
for Holy Week and Easter,

please call the Church office, 617.354.0632, or email office@htaac.org.

Please specify if donations are made in memory of loved ones.

HOLY WEEK

The Armenian Church calls the final week of Christ's life on earth Great Week or Holy Week (Avak Shapat).

During this time, we share in His teachings, His suffering, His death and His resurrection.

Holy Monday is dedicated to the creation of the world, of Heaven and Earth, as the foundation of Christ's Second Creation.

Holy Tuesday recalls The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Maidens (Matthew 25:1-13). Ten maidens wait for their bridegroom. Five of them foolishly took their lamps with no extra oil and when the bridegroom was delayed, could not go out and meet him. The wise maidens went prepared and joined him in the marriage feast. Similarly, we pray and wait, spiritually prepared to receive Christ while recognizing that we are all sinners. In humility we ask that the Lord show us His compassion.

Holy Wednesday recalls the fallen woman who anoints Christ with costly oil and kisses His feet, in contrast to Judas who betrayed Christ for money. (Matthew 26:3-16)

Holy Thursday, in the morning, marks the institution of Holy Communion which Christ distributed to His twelve apostles at the Last Supper. During the Passover Meal, Christ broke and distributed unleavened bread and passed the wine; He told the apostles that this was His Body and Blood of the New Covenant. Humankind could now participate in the Kingdom of God. In the evening, the service of the Washing of the Feet takes place in memory of the Lord's example. Jesus took a towel and girded Himself and began washing His disciples' feet, setting an example of humility and love for the earliest members of the Church. At night, an all-night vigil is kept in memory of the last sleepless night of our Lord on earth. This service is called Khavaroom (darkness). Before He was arrested, Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane and endured in solitude the agony of His impending death.

HOLY WEEK CONTINUED

Good Friday is the most solemn and sad day of the Christian calendar. On Good Friday, we remember the day Jesus willingly suffered and died by crucifixion on the cross as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins (John 19: 17-42). The "Crucifixion Service," usually held at midday, recalls the suffering, execution and death of our Lord, memorialized amid readings from the psalms. In the evening, a white tomb is placed in the chancel of the church for the "Entombment or Burial Service." As the faithful leave the church they approach the tomb, kiss the Gospel book, and take a flower in remembrance.

On Holy Saturday, also known as the Easter Vigil, the mystery of salvation in the Resurrection of Christ is celebrated. The church is dark, and its lights are dim. Then the great verses from Isaiah 60 are read: "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you"-at which point the lights are suddenly turned on. The dramatic, joyful candle-lighting ceremony is called *jrakalouytz*.

EASTER SUNDAY celebrates the joy of the Resurrection. The Resurrection of our Lord is the promise of salvation for all humanity. The faithful exchange the Easter greeting:

"Krisdos Haryav ee merelotz!"

"Orhnyal eh Harootiunun Krisdosee!"

and share a joyous Easter feast, often including lamb and colored eggs (symbols of new life) and Easter bread (*choreg*). On the Monday after Easter, Armenian families in some parts of the world visit the graves of loved ones, share *choreg* and eggs among themselves, and whisper to their departed loved ones, "Krisdos haryav ee merelotz!". Easter Sunday is followed by a period of forty days, during which there are no saints' days or fasting days. This period is dedicated to the glory of Christ's Resurrection and to the forty days He spent on earth after His Resurrection. The 40th day after the Resurrection is Ascension Day, commemorating our Lord's entry into heaven.

Fifty days after Easter is Pentecost, on which day the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and gave them the power to preach in various tongues. This is marked as the birthday of the Church.

Today, following Church Services

Holy Trinity Armenian Church

George W. Haroutunian Memorial Flagpoles Blessing & Dedication

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Immediately following Church services

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Today!



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!

Holy Week

SCHEDULE



March 29 - Palm Sunday

Morning Services - 9:00 am

Services of Turnpatzek (opening of the doors), Sunday School and

Armenian School Students - 10:00 am

Divine Liturgy - 10:30 am

April 2 - Maundy Thursday

Commemoration of the Last Supper of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Divine Liturgy - 11:00 am

Ceremony of Washing of the Feet - 7:30 pm

Commemoration of the Betrayal and Passion of our Lord - 8:30 pm

April 3 - Good Friday

Order of the Crucifixion of Christ - 10:30 am

Commemoration of the Burial of Our Lord Jesus Christ - 7:30 pm

April 4 - Holy Saturday

Easter Family Worship Celebration & Breakfast,
Sunday School and Armenian School - 10:00 am

Easter Eve

Evening Service - 7:00 pm

Jurakalouytz Candlelight Divine Liturgy - 7:30 pm

Feast of the Holy Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

April 5 - Easter Sunday, Soorp Zadig

Morning Service - 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy - 10:00 am

Sermon - 11:45 am

All Hokehankisd Services will be held on April 12



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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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

TMU DINNER MEETING

April 13, 2026 ~ Johnson Hall



GUEST SPEAKER

GREG DIHARCE

MASTER SOMMELIER OF OLIVE OIL

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.

Topic: Have you ever looked at all the olive oils on the shelf at the supermarket and wondered what the difference is between them? What makes one so much more expensive than another? Do they really taste that different from each other? Join us on Monday, April 13 to find out the answers and learn how to purchase and enjoy it. We will be tasting various olive oils and exploring ways to pair them with foods that we eat everyday!

✓ SPEAKER

Greg is a local entrepreneur, who recently launched his own brand of artisanal olive oil, Siga Siga. The fruit comes from his family's olive groves in Zakynthos, Greece, which has been in his family for generations. He is a Master Sommelier of Olive Oil, and is passionate about spreading the word about the joy and benefits of having great olive oil as a part of a healthy lifestyle.

RSVP is highly encouraged → email tmu@htaac.org or
Call the office at 617.354.0632

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.



111th Anniversary of the
Armenian Genocide

Armenian Genocide Commemoration



Friday, April 24, 2026
Massachusetts State House
Boston, MA
10:30 AM

Sunday, April 26, 2026
Armenian Heritage Park
Boston, MA

3:30 PM

Busses will be provided
More information will
be provided on our
Facebook page through
the QR Code.



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

Sponsored by Holy Trinity Armenian Church

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026



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***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** **George W. Haroutunian Memorial Flagpoles Blessing and Dedication; Immediately following Church Services**
Palm Sunday Banquet;
Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall,
Following Church Services
- Sat, April 4** **Easter Family Worship Celebration; 10:15am- 12:30pm**
- 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
- Mon, April 13** **TMU Dinner Meeting with Guest Speaker, Greg Diharce;**
Johnson Hall, Mezze 5:45pm Dinner 6:45pm
- Sun, April 26** **1000 Club Dinner presented by the TMU;**
Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 12pm- 1:30pm
- Wed, May 6** **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
- Aug 10- Aug 14** **Trinity Kids’ Place**