

HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER BOSTON

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2012

Celebrant/Preacher: The Pastor

Morning Service: 9:15 a.m.; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Readings of the Day

Is. 58:1-14. Rom. 13:11-14:25. Mt. 6:1-21.



*Celebrating 50 years on Brattle Street
in Faith, Hope, and Love*

WELCOME TO OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

The Holy Trinity Armenian Church on Brattle Street was consecrated on September 17, 1961. Throughout our 50th Anniversary year, we invite and encourage you to participate in all the wonderful planned celebrations that we feel will bring honor to the legacy our parents and grandparents built for us on historic Brattle Street.

Also, throughout our 50th anniversary year, a gold chalice, donated to our church by James M. Kalustian on this occasion, will be used as the vessel to consecrate the Holy Communion.

WELCOME

We wish to welcome those who are visiting our church. The Pastor and the Parish Council would like to invite you to make the Holy Trinity Church your spiritual home. You are cordially invited to take part in the Service and activities of our church. If you would like to be placed on our mailing list, please sign our *Guest Book* located in the Vestibule.

BIBLE READING

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter 7, vs. 32-38 [page 671] and will be read by Susan Derderian.

FEAST DAYS

- Yesterday was the Feast of the 150 Fathers of the Holy Council of Constantinople (AD 381).
- Today is Great Barekendan.

- Monday, February 20, is the First Day of Lent.
- Next Saturday, February 25, is the Feast of St. Theodore the Warrior.
- Next Sunday, February 26, is the Sunday of the Expulsion.

PARTICIPATION IN THE DIVINE LITURGY

Please use the Divine Liturgy books that are found in the pew racks. These books contain the Armenian text as well as the English transliteration and translation in the second section.

For your convenience, the applicable page number in the burgundy Divine Liturgy book is located above both the right and left doors by the Altar leading to the Vestry and Baptistry. When the light shows green, the congregation stands; when the light shows red, the congregation kneels; and when green and red lights are off, you may be seated. If assistance is needed, please ask a member of the Parish Council.

Parishioners are also encouraged to sing with the Choir, whose real purpose is to lead the congregation in singing the hymns. Also join in the recitation of the Creed which is found on pages 18 and 19 of the second section.

CONFESSION AND HOLY COMMUNION

Those faithful who feel spiritually prepared to receive our Lord in the sacrament of Holy Communion are asked **to bring their pew books with them to the General Confession and, together with the deacon, are asked to read the confession aloud.** The essence to this sacrament lies with the individual(s) offering his or her own confession through the priest to God. In addition to reading the text of the confession, each participant must recall his or her own sins, truly seek God's forgiveness, and make a commitment to the Lord to strive not to sin anymore. The English confession may be found on page 48 in the burgundy Divine Liturgy book and on page x in the blue Divine Liturgy book found in the pew racks. We urge our parishioners to come forward for confession and Holy Communion through the center aisle.

PRAYER REQUEST

Per a directive from the Primate, all parishes have been requested to pray for the recovery of the Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem, His Beatitude Patriarch Torkom Manoogian, who has been hospitalized and is in serious condition. His Beatitude served as the Primate of our Diocese for nearly 25 years before being elected to lead the Armenian community in Jerusalem and the Holy Land. You are asked to pray for this most

respected and dear Archbishop of the Armenian Church. May God grant him renewed health and the strength to recover.

Your prayers of good health are also requested for Adelaida Hoveyan.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's Altar flowers are donated for the glory of God by Rev. Mampre A. Kouzouian, Rev. Fr. Vasken, Yn. Arpi & Alina Kouzouian, Susan Derderian & Oscar Derderian III, and Arpie Kouzouian in memory of wife, mother & grandmother, Yeretzgin Nuvart Kouzouian.

REQUIEM SERVICE

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

- **Yeretzgin Nuvart Kouzouian**, 5th Anniversary: requested by Rev. Mampre A. Kouzouian, Rev. Fr. Vasken, Yn. Arpi & Alina Kouzouian, Susan Derderian & Oscar Derderian III, and Arpie Kouzouian for wife, mother & grandmother

- **Zanik & George Agabian and Esther Agabian**: requested by the Agabian Family for grandparents and aunt

- **Hermine & Sahag Kavlakian**: requested by Alex Kavlakian and Family for parents & grandparents

- **Avedis, Paris, Alice and Katherine (Zakarian) Mano**: From the Trust Fund established by Alice and Niyam Mano

VOGHCHOOYN - KISS OF PEACE

During the Divine Liturgy, when the Parish Council members pass the Kiss of Peace in the church, the response from the receiver should be "Orhniai eh Haidnootyunn Krisdose" (Blessed is the revelation of Christ). When you give the Voghchooyn, please say "Krisdose e mech mer Haydnetsav" (Christ is revealed amongst us).

ACOLYTES-IN-TRAINING

Serving on the Altar today are Acolytes-in-Training, Lori Dorian and Alina Kouzouian.

POON PAREGENTAN CELEBRATION

Today, on the eve of GREAT LENT, a Poon Paregentan celebration hosted by our ACYOA Juniors will be held in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall immediately following church services. This is a fun afternoon for the whole family - delicious pot luck buffet; Armenian music and dancing by the Greg Krikorian Ensemble; games and activities for children. **Admission - main dish to serve 8-10 or \$5 per person/\$15 per family.** Come and enjoy a wonderful *Family Fun Day*.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Beginning next Sunday and throughout Lent:

- We do not receive or pass the Voghchooyn (Kiss of Peace).
- Holy Communion will not be administered during Lent. 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.

READINGS FROM THE BIBLE

As tomorrow begins the season of Great Lent, we have enclosed with today's Sunday Bulletin a pamphlet to help you find certain passages in the Bible. We hope you will place it in your family Bible at home and use it to find bible readings for everyday living.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES

You are encouraged to attend the Peace and Rest Vigil, offered in both English and Armenian, in our church from 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the following Lenten Wednesdays: February 29, and March 7, 14, 21, and 28.

The Peace Vigil contains prayers for peace at the end of the day and reminds us that God is with us even in the face of trials and temptation. The Rest Vigil asks for God's continuing care through the night. It contains the beautiful 24-verse prayer of St. Nersess Shnorhali.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

There are five Holy Trinity Armenian Church Scholarships available for the 2012-2013 academic year from: the Gregory Archie and Rose Kolligian Scholarship Fund; the Hollisian Family Scholarship Fund; the Gertrude Nahigian Scholarship Fund (for law students only); the Alice Ohanasian Scholarship Fund; and the Major Robert Z. Zartarian Scholarship Fund. For further information or an application, please call the church office, 617.354.0632. Applications must be received by April 2.

Our Diocese will offer scholarships to qualified Armenian American students attending accredited 4-year undergraduate university programs for the academic year 2012-2013. Preference will be given to those who are active in the life of the Armenian churches of the Eastern Diocese. The scholarship program is open to U.S. citizens only. Please contact the church office, 617.354.0632 for an application. Deadline is May 11.

WHAT IS 115???

It takes \$115 each day to pay for gas and electric utilities for our Church, Sunday and Armenian Schools, Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, and Shahe Hall - that's \$42,000 this year!! It will take 365 individuals each paying for one day to help us meet this financial burden. In 2010, we ran a successful campaign thanks to your generosity. We ask you to please support this 2012 endeavor. Brochures are available in the Vestibule.

STEWARDSHIP 2012 - Celebrating 50 Years on Brattle Street

The goal of our Parish Council is to add 50 new members for the year 2012.

In this our 50th Anniversary year, we invite those who are not currently part of the Stewardship Program to celebrate our legacy and preserve our future by becoming a part of Stewardship 2012. Pledge cards are available in the Vestibule or you may call the church office, 617.354.0632. Payment may be made by credit card, check, or you can make a pledge with payment to be fulfilled for Stewardship 2012 by December 31, 2012.

Our church needs and depends on the Stewardship Program to keep our church solvent. Through our stewardship, may God bless our offering through Faith, Hope and Love.

We thank our current stewards and members for their continued support.

Holy Trinity Golden Jubilee Gala

A Once In a Lifetime Event

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2012

7:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

CHARLES AND NEVART TALANIAN CULTURAL HALL

FABULOUS FOOD, COCKTAILS, AND
DANCING TO THE SOUNDS OF DJ RAFFI KEBABJIAN
IN A MAGICAL SETTING
YOU'LL NEED TO SEE TO BELIEVE.

Let's Celebrate Our 50 Years on Brattle Street Together

INVITATIONS BEING MAILED IN MARCH.

For Your Information . . .

- We have available personal receivers for the **hearing impaired** that will enhance your hearing ability during the Badarak and sermon. For assistance, please see a Parish Council member in the Vestibule.
- A Reminder - to access our **handicap church entrance**, follow the Dorian walkway from either the parking lot or to the right of the main doors of the church.
- If you know of someone ill or in **need of a visit** from our Pastor, please contact the church office, 617 354-0632 or by email, office@htaac.org.
- There are copies of *The Little Golden Bible Storybook* and Bible story picture books available in the Vestibule for the youngest members of our congregation to quietly enjoy during church services. We kindly ask that you return them to the Vestibule at the conclusion of church services.
- *Save the Date*

Friday, Mar 2 - Armenian Women's Fellowship hosted by our church; World Day of Prayer - women all over the world will meet in their respective churches and will pray for the women of Malaysia. This year's theme is "Let Justice Prevail." English message, Rev. Joanne Hartunian, and Armenian message, Silva Khosafian; followed by refreshments; 10am-12pm

Saturday, Mar 3 - "What Would it Take to Move the Map? Abrahamic Religions on the Silk Road;" All-day Conference on the early history of Jews, Christians, and Muslims on the Silk Road; at Episcopal Divinity School starting at 9am; Roberta Ervine from St. Nersess Armenian Seminary will be one of the speakers. \$35; \$10 for students. For more info, contact lwills@eds.edu or pcheng@eds.edu

Mar 8-Apr 1 - Deported/a dream play by Joyce Van Dyke, a descendant of Armenian genocide survivors; at the newly-renovated Modern Theatre at Suffolk University; for more info, call 617.353.5443 or visit bostonplaywrights.org

2012 ACYOA Armenia Service Program (ASP): June 29-July 19. Opportunity for young adults (ages 18 to 28) to visit our homeland and serve its people. For more information, contact ACYOA Executive Secretary Nancy Basmajian at acyoa@armeniandiocese.org, or at 212.293.1248, or go to www.acyoa.org.

CALENDAR

Sun, Feb 19	Poon Paregentan Celebration , hosted by the ACYOA Juniors
Mon, Feb 20	Lent begins
Thurs, Feb 23	Friends of Holy Trinity 1000 Club Drawing
Sun, Feb 26	ACYOA Juniors Sports Practice; 1-3pm
Mon, Feb 27	Parish Council Meeting , Parish House; 6:45pm
Weds, Feb 29	Lenten Service - Peace and Rest Vigil in church; 7-7:30pm
Fri, Mar 2	Armenian Women's Fellowship hosted by our Church; 10am - 12pm
Sun, Mar 4	ACYOA Juniors General Membership Meeting and Sports Practice, 12:15-3pm
Wed, Mar 7	Women's Guild Lenten Dinner , Johnson Hall, 6:30pm; followed by Lenten Services
Weds, Mar 7, 14, 21, & 28	Lenten Service - Peace and Rest Vigil in church; 7-7:30pm
Sun, Mar 11	ACYOA Juniors Sports Practice; 1-3pm
Mon, Mar 12	Trinity Men's Union Dinner/Meeting; Johnson Hall; 6pm

Save the Date

Sat, Mar 10	Regional Sainly Women's Day, this year commemorating the lives of Martha and Mary, sisters of Lazarus; hosted by the Armenian Church at Hye Point, beginning at 10am; details to follow
Sun, Apr 1	ACYOA Palm Sunday Banquet
Sun, Apr 8	Easter Sunday
Sat, May 12	Holy Trinity Golden Jubilee Gala - A Once In a Lifetime Event; 7-11pm; fabulous food, cocktails and dancing to the sounds of DJ Raffi Kebabjian. Experience the Charles & Nevert Talanian Cultural Hall beautifully transformed for a magical evening to celebrate our 50 years on Brattle Street!

Visit our website at www.htaac.org for Der Hayr's sermons, Sunday Bulletins, and the latest issue of the Dajar with pictures in color.