Sunday, December 1, 2019  
Celebrant/Homilist: The Pastor  
Morning Service: 9:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Readings of the Day:  
Today’s Sermon is based on the Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 17, vs. 11-21 and will be read by Robert Dulgarian.

WELCOME  
We 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.

FEAST DAYS  
• Yesterday was the Feast of the Holy Apostles Thaddeus and Bartholomew, First Enlighteners of Armenia.  
• Today is the Second Sunday of Advent. The liturgical color for this second Sunday of Advent is blue, representing hope.  
• Monday, December 2, is the Feast of St. Januarius the Bishop.  
• Tuesday, December 3, is the Feast of St. Minas of Athens.  
• Thursday, December 5, is the Feast of the Holy Desert Fathers of Egypt.  
• Saturday, December 7, is the Feast of St. Nicholas of Myra.  
• Next Sunday, December 9, is the Feast of the Conception of the Holy Virgin Mary.

TODAY’S HAPPENINGS  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR  
You are all welcome to join us following Church Services for Fellowship Hour, hosted by Holy Trinity Sunday School, in memory of our former Sunday School Superintendent, Seta A. Buchter.

FROM TODAY’S BIBLE READING  
Jesus refers to two disasters, one in which Pilate had a group of Galileans killed as they were making sacrifices, and another, a construction accident. He asserts that those who died were no more sinful than anyone else (countering a belief that suffering was often visited upon those who deserved it). But He urges all to repent and live a good life. Reflection: The parable of a fig tree not yet bearing fruit (vv. 6-9) suggests that there might be some time to straighten ourselves out, but not much! The best time to repent and live godly lives is now. If you had a year like the fig tree to turn your life around, what would you do?
1 Thessalonians 4:1-11 Here St. Paul exhorts his readers/listeners to live in a way that will “please God,” urging believers to treat their bodies as holy, thereby honoring themselves and others. God called us to holiness and to love and respect others. Paul instructs believers to live quiet lives and be productively busy, relying on their work to sustain them. Reflection: Paul asks us to love “more and more” (v. 10b). How would that translate to your life? To your relationships?

Isaiah 36:22-37:11 Assyria continues to demand Jerusalem’s surrender, having earlier alluded to the inability of other gods to stop him from conquering other lands. Both King Hezekiah and Isaiah demonstrate their trust in the one true and beloved God over the Assyrian threat. Reflection: What threats do you think challenge your faith today? Do you trust in God to help you meet these challenges? If not, why not?

Saturday, November 30, was The Feast Day of Sts. Thaddeus and Bartholomew
On the day of Pentecost, all the apostles were miraculously able to speak different languages; the apostles Thaddeus and Bartholomew were gifted with the knowledge of Armenian so that they might travel to Armenia and preach the good news of Jesus Christ, many decades before St. Gregory the Enlightener. That is why they are called Armenia’s “First Enlighteners.” St. Thaddeus converted many there to the Christian faith (c. 35-43), including the king’s daughter, Princess Santookht. An enraged King Sanadrook had her executed along with her teacher and mentor St. Thaddeus for the treasonous act of following Christ. About this time St. Bartholomew arrived in Armenia, continuing to preach and heal (c. 43-65); he converted the King’s sister Voloohy. Again, Sanadrook’s anger resulted in executions, this time his sister and the apostle. The tomb of Thaddeus is near Makou and that of Bartholomew in Aghpag, both in historic Armenia.

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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.

VOGHCHOOYN - KISS OF PEACE
During the Divine Liturgy, when the Parish Council members pass the Kiss of Peace in Church, the response from the receiver should be “Orhnyal eh haidnootyunn Krisdosee” (Blessed is the revelation of Christ). When you give the Voghchooyn, please say “Krisdos e mech mer haydnetsav” (Christ is revealed amongst us).

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 REQUESTS**

Your prayers are requested to have mercy on our countrymen in Artsakh, to strengthen them in defense of their homeland, and to grant consolation to the suffering and grieving. Your prayers are also requested for Queenie Samourian and Martin Kalustian; for the good health of all those who suffer from illness in their own private way; and for those who mourn the loss of a loved one. Please note that if you would like Fr. Vasken to offer your prayer request during his silent prayers at the celebration of the Divine Liturgy next Sunday, please fill out the Prayer Request card located in the pew box and place it in the offering plate as it passes.

**REQUIEM SERVICE**

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

- **Seta A. Buchter, 40th Day:** requested by Christina Buchter, Dan & Emily McNena for mother and grandmother, Sona & Richard Davidian for sister, Holy Trinity Sunday School, Dn. Gregory & Carol Krikorian, Albert & Linda Abkarian, Rose Aznavorian, Dr. Parnag & Nancy Kasarjian

- **Helene A. Dorian, 1st Anniversary:** requested by Daniel & Lisa Dorian, Janice Dorian, Lois & Ron Malconian, Barbara Dorian, Ashley & Scott Martin, Amanda & Matt Keller, Sarah, Ronnie and Danielle Malconian, and Matty and Danny Keller for mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Dr. Parnag & Nancy Kasarjian for sister-in-law, Nancy Kolligian, Michele Kolligian & Bob Khederian, Gregory A. Kolligian Jr. & Crystal Mazza, Gregory A. III and Jack Avedis Kolligian for aunt, Arlene Kasarjian & Dean Soultanian, Ani and Aram Soultanian for aunt

- **George D. Hagopian, 4th Anniversary:** From the George D. Hagopian Trust Fund: requested by the Hagopian Family for brother, uncle, great-uncle & nephew, Barbara Johnson for companion, and Lillian Johnson

- **Rose T. Haroutunian:** requested by Lani Matthews and Jennifer Matthews for mother and grandmother

- **Nishan Panosian, Florence Acabe Panosian, Edward Panosian, George Panosian, Stephen Panosian, Rose Panosian, Madeline Blasco, and Frances Panosian:** requested by the Cefali Family, Hodgson Family, Cheryl Conly, Mark Hoyt, and the McTaggart Family for parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, uncles, and aunts

- **Dr. Martin & Anna Alexander:** From their Trust Fund

**FIRST WEDNESDAYS...A Breath of God**

Fr. Vasken invites you to join him for the third year of this well-received program that began in October. The next session will be held on Tuesday, December 10, from 6:45 pm to 7:30pm, in Adamian Hall. December’s theme is “Compassion: Putting Faith into Action.” Our Christian Faith has much to say about the issues we deal with every day in the modern world. Join us as we look at many of these issues from the lens of our time-tested faith.

**EREVAN CHORAL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CONCERT**

The Erevan Choral Society Christmas Holiday Concert will be held on Sunday, December 15, at 3p.m., in the Church Sanctuary with Composer Konstantin Petrossian conducting. Featured will be Knarik Nerkararyan, soprano, and Giovanni Formisano, tenor. You are warmly invited to attend this complimentary concert that is a gift to the community as we usher in the Christmas season. The reception following the concert in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall.

**WORDS TO LIVE BY...**

**A COLLECTION OF DER VASKEN'S MOST LOVED SERMONS**

Available beginning December 6, 2019 at the Holy Trinity Annual Christmas Bazaar. Donation of $25: All proceeds from the sale of the book will support The Homeless People’s Building of Vagharshapat, Armenia
Trinity Christmas Bazaar

Friday, December 6, 2019, and Saturday, December 7, 2019

Our Trinity Christmas Bazaar is the Church's largest annual fund-raiser. We need everyone's support to make this year's Bazaar better than ever.

Volunteers Are Needed- Week of the Bazaar

*Food Preparations*

Wednesday, December 4
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  Chopping onions and parsley, making losh

Thursday, December 5
10 a.m.-4 p.m.: Skewering the chicken; cutting onions and peppers for the shish
5 p.m.-9 p.m.: Skewering all the shish

Please email Greg Kolligian, gkolligian@dcne.com and Karen Hovsepian, khovsepian@gmail.com, to advise them of your availability for any of the above shifts. As always, many hands make light work.

Super Raffle Tickets Now Available

This is a great fund-raiser and an opportunity to win several cash prizes for $100 per ticket. First prize is $2,500; 2nd prize, $1,000; 3rd through 7th prizes: $500 each. To purchase a ticket, see a Parish Council member on a Sunday morning, or contact the Church Office, 617.354.0632.
Continuing a Year of Celebration

Please join us for a special Divine Liturgy and Reception presided over by His Beatitude, Archbishop Nourhan Manougian Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem honoring Fr. Vasken Kouzouian on his 25th Ordination Anniversary

Sunday, December 15, 2019

Divine Liturgy begins at 10 a.m.
Reception immediately following Church services in Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall

Erevan Choral Society Christmas Holiday Concert begins at 3 p.m. following the reception

Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church of Greater Boston
Erevan Choral Society and Orchestra
Cambridge MA

Christmas Holiday Concert

Sunday, December 15, 2019, 3:00 p.m.

Composer Konstantin Petrossian
Music Director and Conductor

Featuring soloists
Knarik Nerkarayan, soprano
Giovanni Formisano, tenor

Father Vasken A. Kouzouian, Pastor
Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church
145 Brattle Street Cambridge MA

The public is warmly invited to attend this complimentary concert

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
"You are the light of the
Let your light shine...
So that others
Father in H

It's a pow

Something for all of us to
Think about.

Amen

Words
to Live By

By Fr. Vasken A. Kouzouian

A collection of Der Vasken’s 25 most loved sermons,
Commemorating 25 years of ministry.

All proceeds from the sale of the book will support
The Homeless People’s Building of Vagharshapat, Armenia

Books will be available beginning December 6 at the Holy Trinity Annual Bazaar | Donation $25.00

FIRST WEDNESDAYS
A BREATH OF GOD

First Wednesday of Every Month · Johnson Hall - 6:45pm - 7:30pm
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.

Below are the topics for this year. We warmly welcome you to join our ongoing conversations.

October 2, 2019
To Forgive & Be Forgiven
"...as we forgive those who trespass against us..."

November 6, 2019
When the Storms of Life Come Calling

December 10, 2019
Compassion: Putting Faith into Action
2nd Tuesday, Adamian Hall

January 8, 2020
Facing Our Giants...
We all have our Goliaths

February 5, 2020
Do Christians Relate to the Modern World?

March 4, 2020
Quiet Times are Important Too

April 1, 2020
Is There More to Heaven & Hell than Angels, Harps, and Fiery Furnaces?

May 6, 2020
"Judge Not..." says the Lord, ...Yet, People Judge Me Everyday

June 3, 2020
Where is God ...When Bad Things Happen?

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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, When I Go to Church, 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.

Community News

- Armenian Women’s Fellowship at the First Armenian Church on Friday, December 6 from 10am-12Noon.

- Candlelit Labyrinth Walk- Armenian Heritage Park, Sunday, December 8 from 4:30 pm- 5:30pm. On The Greenway, Boston: Meet & Greet. Walk the Candlelit Labyrinth. Tie a ribbon with your wish on the Wishing Tree. Enjoy hot chocolate & luscious cookies.

STEWARDSHIP 2019
I LOVE MY CHURCH . . . GIVING IN GRATITUDE
The Stewardship 2019 program is underway. We ask that if you consider Holy Trinity Armenian Church - Your Church - please take a few minutes to fill out the pledge card and return it to the Church office. We depend on and thank you for your participation.

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www.facebook.com/HolyTrinityArmenianChurch

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

Fri & Sat, Dec 6-7  Trinity Christmas Bazaar!!!
Tues, Dec 10  First Wednesdays; “Compassion: Putting Faith into Action;”
Adamian Hall, 6:45pm- 7:30pm
Sun, Dec 15  Divine Liturgy and Reception
presided over by His Beatitude, Archbishop Nourhan Manougian;
Church Sanctuary, Divine Liturgy begins at 10am, Reception
immediately following Church Services in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall

Christmas Concert of the Erevan Choral Society;
Church Sanctuary, 3pm

Sun, Dec 22  Annual Sunday School Christmas Pageant;
Church Sanctuary, following Church Services
Tues, Dec 24  Christmas Eve Candlelight Service;
Church Sanctuary, Prelude begins at 4:30pm and Service begins at 5pm