

Holy Cross Armenian Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday of “LENT”

Arevakali (Prime) office hour prayer prior to Holy Mass at 10:00 AM

This Saturday and Sunday readings: **Eph. 4:17-32** **Lk. 16:1-13**

Every Friday during Lent; Way of the Cross (at 07:00 PM)

Next Saturday and Sunday readings: **Phil. 3:1-14** **Lk. 18:1-14**

Please join us with the prayer today’s Holy Mass for all the sick and their loved ones and also for all those who are struggling financially and psychologically because of the (COVID-19) outbreak, asking the Lord to help and strengthen all of us, spiritually and physically, against this and all other crosses and temptations.

-Confession before or after Holy Mass is always welcomed.

Please remember Holy Cross Parish in your will

Prayer List: Please pray with us for the sick in the parish and especially for; **Yeghia Grigorian, Hovsep Topalian, Lucy Aylaian, Nerses Jamsakian** (Hagop’s father in Aleppo), **Jim Mahoney, Laith Kenya and Gary Derlugian** (Stella’s brother). Please let the Church know if someone needs prayer and we can add him to this list as long as he wishes!

Sick in the parish: Please let Father know about anyone who is sick, homebound or for any reason cannot come to Church.

Sunday Collection: our collection last Sunday 08 March 2020 was: \$2075 and from candles: \$62. (**suggested price for each candle is \$2**). Please note that our weekly expenses are around \$3000. May the Lord bless and compensate you all in this life and the next.

Confession on the first Sunday of Each Month: Please Note that Father **Stephen Bonian** is graciously helping our Parish, every first Sunday of Each month, by hearing our confessions.

Saturday evening Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM in English: We have introduced the vigil Mass in English to our Mass schedule for all those who, for any reason, cannot make it to Sunday Mass.

Members' Dues: Dear Parishioners, we would like to remind you that each family is expected to pay \$100 annual dues in order to defray some of the overwhelming financial costs of our church.

Please find out from the church office if you are up to date with your dues. If you have paid, we thank you wholeheartedly, if not, we would appreciate very much if you can send your Church dues at your earliest convenience.

Altar Flowers: This Sunday's altar flowers are donated by **Anaida Akopyan** may the Lord bless and compensate her and her family many folds.

We have openings for all the remaining Sundays of March 2020. Please let the parish office know if you wish to donate altar flowers for any given Sunday. (you can bring the flowers yourself or give a \$75 donation toward buying them.

Devotion of the Sacred Heart of Jesus: You are all invited to a Holy Mass dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on every first Friday of each month. Next will be on: **Friday the 03rd of April 2020 at 06:00PM** followed by a Eucharistic adoration.

Houses blessing: Dear Parishioners, if you want your house to be blessed please let Father Mikael know. House blessing is an important instrument in the Church used to know people better and preferably have the whole family gathered in one place to meet the family especially those who comes less to services or prefer not to stay for social hours.

Next Eparchial Youth Spiritual retreat & annual Convention 2020 will be in Belmont, MA: June 26-28 is the Youth Spiritual Retreat. Sunday 28 June Holy Mass at 5:00 PM to Start the Convention followed by a "meet and greet" evening. Monday and Tuesday 29-30 June Convention. Wednesday 1st of July is the Clergy meeting.

Holy Cross Choir Rehearsal: New members of all age groups are invited and welcome to join. **Next choir rehearsal is on the coming Wednesday 25th of March 2020 at 7:30 PM.**

Protecting God's Children: Dear Parishioners in order to comply with the demand to protect our youth in the Church and to continue what we have started with the seminar we had in September 2018 we are still required to complete a CODE of Conduct in the website of www.virtusonline.org If a CODE OF CONDUCT has not been completed, one should be able to go into the online training tab, do so, and then complete a background check. Especially when you see a similar message on your screen:

Your registration is not complete

You must complete a background check

As part of our efforts to maintain a safe environment for the children and volunteers of our diocese, we have chosen Selection.com to do all our background checks.

By clicking this button, you will be directed to their secure website called Fastrax.

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LENTEN 2020 ALMS-GIVING

The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intensely on "Alms-giving", which means donating money and goods to the needy, as well as performing other acts of charity.

To this end, we've contacted the Waltham Salvation Army Food Pantry and they've provided us with a list of items (see below) that would be appreciated. There will be a collection box at Holy Cross for drop off, until Palm Sunday. On Holy Thursday, our youth will deliver, unload and shelve the collected goods at the food pantry.

We invite all of you to participate and encourage our youth as they organize the 2020 Lenten drive, by donating as many items that you can from the wish list.

Items to donate:

Tuna cans, Soup mixes

Brownie/cookie mixes, Chef Boyardee canned raviolis

Soap, shampoo

Let's help each other help the ones in need, one can at a time!!!!

Thank You