

Holy Cross Armenian Catholic Church

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Palm Sunday

All Masses and prayers are private until the end of April in Massachusetts

All are encouraged to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass via Facebook Live using the link:

(<https://www.facebook.com/stgregoryarmenian/>).

The Eparchy will provide a live-stream of non-public Masses celebrated by Bishop Mouradian and the priests of St Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Catholic Cathedral.

Sunday Masses:

at **12:30 PM** (Boston Time) in **English**

and at **02:00 PM** (Boston Time) in **Armenian**.

And starting Monday, March 23rd, a daily Mass will be celebrated

at **11:30 am** (Boston Time).

<u>This Saturday and Sunday readings:</u>	Phil. 4:4-7	Mt. 21:1-17
<u>Holy Thursday readings:</u>	1Cor. 11:23-32	Mt. 26:17-30
<u>Holy Saturday readings:</u>	1Cor. 15:1-11	Mt. 28:1-20
<u>Next Saturday and Sunday readings:</u>	Acts. 1:15-26	Mk. 16:2-8

God willing Holy Mass will be posted to our Facebook page.

Please join us in the prayer during 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. And also, for PEACE in the hearts of individuals and countries.

-Blessing of Palms, children (in your houses) and the blessing of the four corners of the earth following the Holy Mass.

-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 Mahoneyand Laith Kenaya**. 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 29 March 2020 was: \$430 and from candles: \$0. (**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 **Joseph&Jane Hovnanian** in memory of Elizabeth and John Ward, may the Lord bless their souls and forgive their and our sins and compensate you and your families many folds.

We have openings for some Sundays in April 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 01st of May 2020 at 07:00PM** 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: June26-28 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 08th of April 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.

Holy Cross Church Easter 2020 Schedule

- Palm Sunday 05th of April 2019:** -Holy Mass 10:30 AM
-Blessing of Palms
-Blessing of Children
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-Luncheon
- Holy Thursday 09th of April 2019:** -Confession 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM
-Washing of feet Ոսնկուսյ and Holy Mass 4:30 PM
-Tenebrae Խաւարման զիշեր 7:30 PM
- Good Friday 10th of April 2019:** -Confession 5:30 PM – 6:15 PM
-Burial of Christ 6:30 PM
- Easter Vigil 11th of April 2019:** -Confession 3:30 PM -4:45 PM
-Easter Vigil Mass 5:00 PM
- Easter Sunday 12th of April 2019:** -Easter Holy Mass 10:30 AM
-Blessing of the House after Holy Mass
- Monday 13th of April 2019:** -Holy Mass 7:00 PM for our deceased (օր մեռելոց)
- New Sunday 19th of April 2019:** - for the intention of all deceased members of the Parish
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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