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Eighth Sunday of Armenian Advent (50 days till Epiphany)

<u>First Friday, January 1st 2021 readings:</u>	Phil. 2:5-11	Lk. 2:21
<u>This Saturday and Sunday readings:</u>	Heb. 13:18-25	Lk. 22:24-30
<u>Tuesday 05 Jan. Epiphany Vigil readings:</u>	1 Peter. 2:1-10	Mt. 16:13-19
<u>Wednesday 06 Jan. Epiphany readings:</u>	Titus. 2:11-15	Mt. 2:1-12
<u>Next Saturday and Sunday readings:</u>	Heb. 12:18-257	Jn. 1:18-28

Because of the new regulation and the decrease in number of people allowed to attend (down from %40 to %25) please inform the Church office before coming on any of the given Mass date.

Ceremony of the blessing of water and Baptism of Jesus is to follow the Masses on both Saturday 02 January 2021 and Sunday 03 January 2021. Distribution of the containers at the end of all Holy Masses during this week and also you can call for pick up. Blessing of the house (bread, water and salt) at the end of the Mass on January 06, 2021.

Because of the new regulation regarding social gathering and safety regulation there will be **No coffee hour after Holy Masses** until further notice. God bless you all and please be safe!

Saturday vigil (English) at 5:00 PM and Sunday at 10:30 AM (Boston Time)

God willing Holy Masses will be posted Live to our Facebook page
“<https://www.facebook.com/BostonArmenianCatholic/>”.

-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; **Lucy Aylaian, Nerses Jamsakian** (Hagop's father in Aleppo), **Laith Kenaya, Berj Momjian** and **Barkevouhi Der-Vartanian**. 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.

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.

Sunday Collection: our collection for Christmas and for last Sunday 27 December 2020 was: \$3933, and from online donations: \$275 and from candles: \$119. (**suggested price for each candle is \$2**) (**Sunday collection includes also in lieu of flowers and all donations made during the week prior to that particular Sunday**). Please note that our weekly expenses are around \$3000 and even when you are not attending the Church still have to pay bills.

The church needs your financial support for its maintenance and non-discretionary expenses on a weekly and monthly basis. Your donations will facilitate its functioning on an efficient manner.

It's very easy to donate online by going to the church's website <https://www.holycrossarmenian.org> and click the donate button at the bottom of the page then follow the instructions.

You can make your weekly gift or donations for any other-directed purposes.

If you need donation envelopes please ask the Parish office to send you some.

Holy Cross Armenian Catholic Church needs your financial support. May the Lord bless and compensate you all in this life and the next.

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: No one donated flowers for this Sunday. Christmas Poinsettias are donated by **Hagop&Stella Bekarian** and by **John&Alice Momdjian**. May the Lord bless and compensate the donors and their Families many folds.

We have openings for all Sundays in January 2021. 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 January 2021 at 05:00PM** 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.

Holy Cross Choir Rehearsal: New members of all age groups are invited and welcome to join.

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.

Re-opening our Church

Dear Parishioners, in compliance with the requirements of State of Massachusetts Safety Standards to reopen Places of worship (see attached file) Starting this weekend 23rd – 24th of May 2020 we are introducing some changes:

- I. The Holy Masses will be celebrated with opened doors with ushers helping to control the number of people in the church building not to exceed the %40 required by the State. Please note that Masses will continue to be streamed online. And if anyone wishes to have confession and receive Holy Communion please call Father to make arrangements.
- II. It is important to let the Church office know of who is coming to make arrangements because our church can only hold 38 people keeping the social distancing rules in case we will have more people wishing to come we will move the service down to the church hall where we can have twice that number.
- III. We have a company doing the disinfecting and cleaning after each service.
- IV. All people attending Holy Mass should wear a face mask to protect themselves and others. Also please consider having your own sanitizers if you need any.
- V. Refrain from moving between floors within the church building and use only the facilities on the giving floor the service is in.
- VI. There will be no gathering or coffee hour at the end of the Holy Mass.

The Church need your help ushering people, please let Father know if you can perform this duty.

We all hope that these will be just temporary measures, it's a temptation that we all need to go through and endure. We thank you all for your understanding and may the Lord bless you all and keep you safe!

New Year and Epiphany 2020-2021

Friday 01 January 2020 Feast of the naming of Jesus (and First Friday)

Holy Mass at 05:00 PM followed by adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Saturday 02 January 2021

Vigil Mass at 05:00 PM in English followed by the Baptism of Jesus

Sunday 03 January 2021

Holy Mass at 10:30 AM followed by the Baptism of Jesus

Tuesday 05 January 2021 Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord:

Readings starts at 04:00 PM (please see attached pdf file of the readings)

Mass at 05:00 PM English

Wednesday 06 January 2021, Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Mass at 10:30 AM followed by blessing of the House

Merry Christmas and Blessed and Happy New Year 2021