

HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER BOSTON

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2017

Celebrant/ Homilist: The Pastor

Morning Service: 9:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy: 9:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Readings of the Day:

Is. 7:1-9. 1 Cor. 13:11-14:5. Mk. 2:1-12.

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.

BIBLE READING

Today's Bible reading will be from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Mark, chapter 2, vs. 1-12 [page 624], and will be read by Ann Danielson.

FEAST DAYS

- Yesterday was the Feast of the 200 Fathers of the Holy Council of Ephesus (AD 431).
- Today is the Barekendan of the Fast of Assumption.
- Next Saturday, August 12, is the Feast of Shoghagat, according to the vision of St. Gregory the Enlightener.
- Next Sunday, August 13, is the **Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God**, a major Feast Day of the Armenian Church; therefore, Requiem Service (Hokehankisd) will not be held that day. Requests for Requiem Service will be conducted the following Sunday, August 20.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION/BLESSING OF GRAPES

Next Sunday, August 13, is the **Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God, "Asdvadzadzin,"** one of the major Feast Days of the Armenian Church. On this occasion, a solemn Divine Liturgy will be celebrated in our Church, beginning at 9:45 a.m.

Following the Divine Liturgy, the traditional **Blessing of the Grapes** will take place in the church. All those wishing to donate grapes or contribute in lieu of grapes may call the church office.

At the conclusion of church services next Sunday, you are all welcome to join us in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall for the ACYOA Seniors' Annual Basturma and Eggs Brunch; see flyer in this Sunday Bulletin.

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 Lucie Aghdamlian and Queenie Samourian; 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:

- **Anoush Delcore, 40th Day:** requested by Paul Delcore, Maria Delcore, and Anoush & William O'Connor for wife and mother
- **Annahid Anne Arabian:** From her Trust Fund
- **Araxie M. Kolligian:** From the Trust Fund established by Dr. Michael & Joyce Kolligian
- **Edward Panjian:** requested by Cheryl Panjian and Family for husband
- **Sirvart Soumbulian and Garabed Der Khorenian:** requested by Vatche and Shahe Soumbulian for mother & uncle

TODAY'S CALENDAR

FELLOWSHIP HOUR ON THE HOLLISIAN PLAZA

You are all welcome to join us following church services for a light Fellowship Hour on the Garabed Baghdasar and Haiganoosh Hagopian Hollisian Plaza. Johnson Hall and the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall are not available today.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ian and Anahit (Tokatlyan) Fitzpatrick who are baptizing their daughter, Isabella Knara Fitzpatrick, today in our church. We welcome Isabella Knara into our Christian family of the Holy Trinity Church and pray that Almighty God may keep her under His loving care.

Congratulations and best wishes to Sarim Alpin and Judith Ligsay Ramel who will receive the sacrament of matrimony in our church today. We pray that Almighty God may bless and keep them under the protection of the Holy Cross.

TRINITY FAMILY FESTIVAL

Our church picnic will be held on Sunday, September 10, on our church grounds. Save the date and plan on joining us with your entire family for a day of fun and fellowship and great food.

We have mailed raffle tickets to our parishioners; we kindly ask you to purchase or sell them and mail the proceeds to the church office.

BRING HOME "THE PROMISE" AND BENEFIT ARMENIAN GENOCIDE EDUCATION IN THE U.S.

Purchase your copy today using the unique links below and Survival Pictures will donate 100% of its proceeds to benefit Armenian Genocide education initiatives in the U.S.

We are asking for your support in purchasing the Blu-ray/DVD and digital downloads of *The Promise* through the following two unique links to Amazon and iTunes that have been created specifically so that all sales and downloads can be tracked and proceeds redirected to the designated Armenian charities.

Amazon: thepromisetoact.org/genocideeducationamazon

iTunes: thepromisetoact.org/genocideeducationitunes

Please note: **Purchases made directly from Amazon or iTunes without use of the above unique URLs (links), WILL NOT** benefit Armenian Genocide education.

A Special Request

We are in need of 2 to 3 parishioners who are willing to give approximately one-half hour of their time on Sunday mornings (9:30 a.m.), to bag the "mahs" that is blessed and then distributed at the conclusion of Church Services. We've been grateful to the late George Hagopian and George Thomasian who assumed this responsibility in the past.

To volunteer and/or for more information, please contact the Church Office, at 617.354.0632 or email office@htaac.org.



*PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF
THE HOLY MOTHER-OF-GOD
(SOORP ASDVADZADZIN)*

**ANNUAL
BASTURMA AND EGGS
BRUNCH**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2017

*IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY
IN THE CHARLES AND NEVART TALANIAN CULTURAL HALL*

Hosted by the ACYOA Seniors

Suggested Donation: \$5.00 per person

All proceeds will benefit the Holy Trinity ACYOA Seniors' ministry programs

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STEWARDSHIP 2017

LEGACY OF OUR MARTYRS - A GIFT TO CARRY FORWARD

Have YOU Made YOUR Pledge?

This year's Stewardship Program is focused on "carrying the gift of our sainted martyrs forward" - the gift to actively live the faith of our ancestors through our church - Holy Trinity Armenian Church.

You can now contribute online at www.htaac.org/donations/.

We depend on and thank you for your participation.

It is only with your support that we will be able to continue to "Carry the Gift Forward."

HAI GUIN SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Hai Guin Scholarships are available to students of Armenian heritage living in Massachusetts who have completed one year of college. Scholarships are for \$2,000 each. The deadline for submitting applications is October 25, 2017. For an application, write to Hai Guin Scholarship Association, Attn: Scholarship Chairman Audrey Pilibosian, 23 Bradley Road, Arlington MA 02474.

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.
- Save the Date

Sunday, August 20, 12-5pm - Armenian Apostolic Church at Hye Pointe Annual Picnic, 1280 Boston Road, Bradford, MA; Rt. 125, Haverhill/North Andover line; for more information, call 978.372.9227; www.hypointearmenianchurch.org

CALENDAR

Aug 7-11 & **Trinity Kids' Place**
Aug 14-18

Sun, Aug 13 **Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God**
Blessing of Grapes Service

Annual Basturma and Eggs Brunch, hosted by the ACYOA Seniors; immediately following church services; Charles and Nevert Talanian Cultural Hall; \$5 donation

Thurs, Aug 31 **Friends of Holy Trinity 1000 Club Drawing**; Parish House

Sun, Sep 10 **Registration and Opening of our Sunday School**
Armenian School Registration

Trinity Festival

Sun, Sep 17 **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

First Day of Classes for our Armenian School

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SUMMER SCHEDULE

MORNING SERVICE - 9:00 A.M.

DIVINE LITURGY - 9:45 A.M.; SERVICES CONCLUDE - 11:30 A.M.

WE URGE OUR FAITHFUL TO ATTEND CHURCH SERVICES ON TIME.

Photo Gallery Available on our Website

Photos of church events and activities are available online on our website at <http://htaac.smugmug.com/> (Under Quick Links, Photo Gallery). A photo collage is also available under "Parish News" with their respective articles.

Take time to look through our website (www.htaac.org) where you can also find Der Vasken's sermons, the Sunday Bulletins, copies of *Dajar*, and the church calendar which keeps us abreast of upcoming activities and programs.