

## HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER BOSTON

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### SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2017

Celebrant/ Homilist: The Pastor

Morning Service: 9:15 a.m.; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Readings of the Day:

1 Kgs. 18:29-46. 2 Kgs. 2:1-15. Jas. 5:16-20. Lk. 4:25-30.

### 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 Acts of the Apostles, chapter 1, vs. 4-11 [page 684], and will be read by Grade 7 Sunday School student, Alexis Rigolini.

### FEAST DAY

- Today is the Remembrance of the Prophet Elijah.
- Next Saturday, June 17, is the Feast of St. Gregory the Enlightener (Deliverance from the Pit).
- Next Sunday, June 18, is the Feast of the Catholic Church of Holy Etchmiadzin.

### From Today's Bible Readings

**Luke 4:25-30** While He was preaching in a synagogue in Nazareth, Jesus compares Himself to two prophets, Elijah and Elisha, citing stories of how their prophecies and miracles were more welcome to outsiders than their "own." After these comments, the crowd furiously ejects Him from their midst. *Reflection: Have you ever had the experience of being critical to friends and family out of love and concern, yet your words are unwelcome? Why is it so difficult to disagree about important things with those you grew up with or are close to?*

**James 5:16-20** James talks about the power of righteous prayer. He cites Elijah as an example; the prophet prayed unceasingly for rain during a long

drought and finally his prayers were answered. *Reflection: What do you think the apostle means by "righteous" prayer? (The prayer of a good person, someone who has centered his or her life in God, a prayer spoken genuinely from a caring heart.) When do you pray and what do you pray for?*

**1 Kings 18:29-46; 2 Kings 2:1-15** It is a time of dreadful famine. After the pagan god Baal's priests prove unable to call upon his power, Elijah builds an altar and has the Israelites perform a ceremony of pouring water. Through God's power, the altar is consumed with fire and rain clouds appear on the horizon, bearing heavy, healing rains. In 2 Kings, Elijah is taken up to heaven in a whirlwind of flaming chariot and horses, as his successor, the prophet Elisha, watches.

### Remembrance of the Prophet Elijah

Elijah, a 9<sup>th</sup> century prophet whose life and works are recorded in 1 and 2 Kings, is one of the major prophets of the Old Testament. He is particularly known for his zealous struggle against idolatry spread in Israel by the apostate King Ahab and his wife Queen Jezebel. Elijah appeared along with Moses at the Transfiguration as the prophet of life and the new covenant; Moses represented the old covenant. Most importantly, Elijah did not experience death, but was taken to heaven like Mary, the Mother of God. He is mentioned in the hymn *Ee Verin*, sung during the Requiem Service. ("Receive us in Jerusalem above, in the dwellings of the angels, in Eden, the paradise where Enoch and Elijah live worthily resplendent in dove-like purity and in old age...") The Armenian Church (like all the Eastern churches) holds him in the highest esteem. His feast day is always on a Sunday because of his importance.

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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; 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.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Today’s Altar flowers are donated for the glory of God by Margo Demirjian and Family in memory of Naomi Balukjian on her 40<sup>th</sup> Day.

### **REQUIEM SERVICE**

We have all been asked to pray during the divine liturgy for the souls of:

- **Naomi Balukjian, 40<sup>th</sup> Day, Albert Balukjian, and Nazaret & Meline Demirjian:** requested by Margo Demirjian, Dr. & Mrs. Aram Demirjian and Family, and Talinn Demirjian for parents & grandparents

- **Barbara Sahagian, 40th Day:** requested by her Family

- **Gregory Takvorian, 3rd Anniversary:** requested by the Mootafian Family for nephew & cousin

- **Hamayag & Varvar Takvorian and Dickranouhie, Ephraim & Dzovinar Takvorian:** From the Trust Fund established by George & Peggy Srabian for parents, brother & sisters

- **Dr. Michael & Joyce Kolligian, Mehran & Queenie Juskalian, and Mgrdich & Araxie Kolligian:** requested by Harvey & Valerie Kolligian Thayer, Caroline & Olivia Thayer, and Michael Kolligian for parents, grandparents & great-grandparents

- **Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Levon, Louise Aznev & Virginia Louise Zartarian:** From the Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Rose M. Chacran Zartarian Trust Fund

### **TODAY'S CALENDAR**

#### **OUR YOUTH CHOIR**

Under the direction of Dan Teager, our Youth Choir will participate in a portion of the Divine Liturgy.

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL & ARMENIAN SCHOOL SPECIAL AWARDS CEREMONY AND “SCHOOL’S OUT CELEBRATION”**

The parents of students in the Sunday School and Armenian School are cordially invited to witness the closing day program at 10:30 a.m., in Peter Adamian Hall, followed by the Special Awards Ceremony in the Church Sanctuary.

Following Church Services, a “School’s Out Celebration,” will be held in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall as we celebrate another successful year for our Church Schools with a cookout! Hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixings! Complimentary for Sunday School and Armenian School families and teachers; suggested donation of \$5 for all others.

**TMU TAVLOO FINALS** between Fr. Vasken and Marty Nahigian will be held during the “School’s Out Celebration.”

**ACYOA JUNIORS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP GATHERING** - Peter Adamian Hall; 1pm

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations and best wishes to Tyler David Singletary and Julie Ann Derderian who received the sacrament of matrimony yesterday in our church. We pray that almighty God may bless and keep them under the protection of the Holy Cross.

### **TRINITY MEN’S UNION DINNER/MEETING, JUNE 12**

The last dinner/meeting of the TMU before the summer break will be held on Monday, June 12, beginning at 6 p.m. “Fellowship Night - Bring a Friend” will have as speaker, Fr. Mampre A. Kouzouian, who will talk about his recent trip to Armenia and Karabagh. \$15 donation for losh kebab and kheyma dinner; ladies welcome. Please RSVP by June 11, to David Dorian at [tmuhtaac@gmail.com](mailto:tmuhtaac@gmail.com), or call the Church office, 617.354.0632.

### **GREGORY HINTLIAN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

This year’s Golf Tournament, to be held on Monday, June 19, at Marlborough Country Club, will remember Gerry Ajemian, a leader and respected member of our church and Diocese and a great supporter of our annual golf tournament.

The hard-working Committee asks for your support by joining us for golf and/or as a sponsor, and everyone is invited for dinner and a fun, social evening. Registration forms have been mailed and are available from our weekly Trinity E-News, on our website, [www.htaac.org/calendar/event/403/](http://www.htaac.org/calendar/event/403/), and from the vestibule.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 2017 GRADUATES**

The Pastor and Parish Council congratulate all graduates of the Class of 2017. If you know of any Holy Trinity parishioner graduating from high school, college or graduate school, please ask him/her to send a photograph and short bio (student’s and parents’ names, school, special achievements and honors, future plans, etc.) to the church office ([carol@htaac.org](mailto:carol@htaac.org)) by June 12, so that we can include it in the next issue of *Dajar* and share the news of this accomplishment with our entire church family.

### **ST. NERSESS SUMMER CONFERENCES**

Held at the newly consecrated St. Nersess campus in Armonk, NY, participants will explore their faith and heritage in a safe, fun and unique environment. For more information, go to <https://www.stnersess.edu>.

- Deacons’ Training, June 23-July 2
- High School A, July 7-16
- High School B, July 21-30
- Post High School, August 1-6

### **2017 TRINITY KIDS’ PLACE**

Monday, August 7 to Friday, August 11

Monday, August 14 to Friday, August 18

We are pleased to again be offering a two-week option. Children, ages 3 through 9, can attend either one week or the full two weeks. Hours are 9:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Cost is \$150 per child for one week and \$250 for two weeks. An extended day option (1:30 p.m. until 3 p.m.) is available for \$10 per day per child. This year’s theme is “Celebrating Our God-Given Gifts.” Daily activities include story time, visit with Der Vasken, musical expression, Armenian language & culture, an arts and crafts corner and recreation.

### **ST. VARTAN CAMP**

The St. Vartan summer program dates for campers, ages 8-15; CITs, ages 16 and 17; and staff, ages 18+, are:

- Staff Training, June 21-24
- Session A, June 25-July 8
- Session B, July 9-22
- Session C, July 23-August 5

Online registration and credit card payment are available at [www.diocesansummercamps.org](http://www.diocesansummercamps.org). For further information, contact Yn. Arpi, Sunday School Superintendent, [youth@htaac.org](mailto:youth@htaac.org).

## 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/](http://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."

### 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](mailto: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  
**- Sun, Jul 2, 5-11pm - Kef Time - Fourth of July Weekend** sponsored by the Armenian Church of Cape Cod; at the Cape Club, 125 Falmouth Woods Road, N. Falmouth; dinner and Armenian & American music; donation, \$60 per person; children ages 7-14, \$10; 6 and under, free; no tickets sold at the door; go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/armenian-church-of-cape-cod-kef-time-tickets-33383218104>

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Weds, Jun 14 **Parish Council Meeting**, Johnson Hall; 6:45pm

Sun, Jun 18 **Father's Day Family Service**

**Annual Requiem Service**

Mon, Jun 19 **Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament - This Year Remembering Gerry Ajemian;** Marlborough Country Club

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

Aug 14-18

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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](http://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.