

## HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER BOSTON

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**SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2017**

**PENTECOST**

Celebrant/ Homilist: The Pastor

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

Readings of the Day:

Acts 2:1-21. Jn. 14:25-31.

### **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 2, vs. 1-21 [page 685], and will be read by Robert Dulgarian.

### **FEAST DAY**

- Today is Pentecost.
- Next Sunday, June 11, is the Remembrance of the Prophet Elijah

### **From Today's Bible Readings**

**John 14:25-31** Jesus reminds His disciples of all He has taught them, but promises that the Father would send Someone after Him to guide them – the Holy Spirit or Counselor. He Himself would be leaving the world, bequeathing peace to His followers – a special peace one doesn't find in the world. *Reflection: What did Jesus mean when He said the peace He held out to His believers was not the one the world offered? (The peace one finds in Jesus is deep and enduring – it isn't rocked by circumstances; think of it as the calm that lies in the depths of the sea, not on its stormy surface.)*

**Acts 2:1-21** As Jesus promised, the Holy Spirit descends into the Upper Room where the disciples and other followers are gathered. Tongues of fire rest over their heads and they are all filled with the ability to speak other languages. Jews from all over were in Jerusalem for the Jewish Feast of Pentecost and were amazed to hear their languages spoken. Incredulous, they mocked the disciples, calling them drunks. Peter addressed the crowd with fervor, quoting the prophecies of Joel when he

declared that the Spirit had been poured out upon His people. *Reflection: What are some examples of people God empowered to do things they did not think they could do? (Moses, Jonah, David, Mary) Do you think God helps all of us in this way?*

### **Today is Pentecost**

Pentecost is the name of two feasts, one Jewish and one Christian. The Jewish Pentecost (referred to in the Bible reading above) served as the religious celebration at the end of harvest season and consequently was called the Feast of Harvest. How appropriate that the disciples were gathered on that occasion and blessed with the amazing (and fiery!) presence of the Holy Spirit with whose gifts they were able to go out into the world and share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Thus the first fruits of nature in the Jewish Festival became an occasion for thanksgiving and joy for the first fruits of the Holy Spirit. The Eastern Diocese has also dedicated this day to religious vocations (Vocation Day) that we might all prayerfully consider if God is calling us to enter the beautiful ministry (ordained and lay) of bringing others to Christ.

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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.

## PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are requested for the recently deceased soul of George Balekjian.

## ALTAR CANDLES

Today's Altar candles are donated for the edification of our altar by Joan E. Kolligian in memory of uncle, Charles B. Garabedian.

## REQUIEM SERVICE

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

**- Elmas & Bagdasar Garabedian, Charles B. Garabedian, and K. Albert & Veronica Paretchan:** requested by Joan E. Kolligian for grandparents, uncle, and great-uncle & great-aunt

**- Gregory Robert Takvorian, 3rd Anniversary:** requested by Robert & Marilyn Takvorian for precious son; Melissa & Steve Bene, Juliette & Evelyn for brother & uncle; Nishan & Margaret Mootafian for nephew

## TODAY'S CALENDAR

### FELLOWSHIP HOUR

You are all welcome to join us in Johnson Hall following church services for Fellowship Hour, hosted today by the Parish Council and Diocesan Delegates.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to: Brian and Cheryl (Viveiros) Osganian who baptized their daughter, Lyla Marie Osganian, yesterday; Antranig and Christina (Orchanian) Mardiros who baptized their daughter, Nairi Elise Mardiros, yesterday; and to Ernest Melkumyan and Elina Grigoryan who are baptizing their daughter, Juliana Sofia Melkumyan, today.

We welcome Lyla Marie, Nairi Elise, and Juliana Sofia into our Christian family of the Holy Trinity Church and pray that Almighty God may keep them under His loving care.

### WOMEN OF HOLY TRINITY "MOSAIC" ART NIGHT, JUNE 6

The Women of Holy Trinity are hosting a night of art and fun at the Mosaic Oasis Studio and Supply, 1189B Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington, for a "Mosaic Taster" class on Tuesday, June 6, from 7-9 p.m. Come learn about mosaic art and create your own piece to take home; a night of fun, fellowship and creative expression. Special negotiated price of \$30 per person which includes instruction and supplies; limited to 12 spaces, first-come, first-served. To reserve, email [elaineharoutunian@gmail.com](mailto:elaineharoutunian@gmail.com).

### SUNDAY SCHOOL & ARMENIAN SCHOOL SPECIAL AWARDS CEREMONY AND "SCHOOL'S OUT CELEBRATION" - JUNE 11

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 next Sunday, June 11, followed by the Special Awards Ceremony in the Church Sanctuary at 11:15 a.m.

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.

## **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
  - **Fri, June 9, 7-10pm - Let's Party! @The Kitchen, Boston Public Market, Benefit for Armenian Heritage Park Care;** Chefs preparing much-loved dishes; Wendy Semonian Eppich, Emcee; advance reservations only; space is limited; for reservations, go to [www.ArmenianHeritagePark.org](http://www.ArmenianHeritagePark.org)
  - **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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- Tues, Jun 6 **Mosaic Night** sponsored by Women of Holy Trinity at Mosaic Oasis Studio and Supply in Arlington; 7-9pm; limited to 12 spaces; email [elaineharoutunian@gmail.com](mailto:elaineharoutunian@gmail.com)
- Sun, Jun 11 **Last Day of Sunday School & Armenian School Classes; Special Assembly Program (Peter Adamian Hall) and Special Awards Ceremony (Church) followed by "School's Out Celebration"**
- Mon, Jun 12 **Trinity Men's Union Dinner/Meeting; Speaker, Fr. Mampré A. Kouzouian, on his recent trip to Armenia and Karabagh;** Donation, \$15; ladies welcome; Johnson Hall; 6pm; RSVP to [tmuhtaac@gmail.com](mailto:tmuhtaac@gmail.com), or call Church Office
- Sun, Jun 18 **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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### **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](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.