

HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER BOSTON

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SUNDAY, MAY 28, 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:

Acts 23:12-35. 1 Jn. 5:13-21. Jn. 12:12-23.

**IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY,
LET US REMEMBER AND HONOR ALL THOSE MEN AND WOMEN
WHO DIED FOR OUR COUNTRY WHILE SERVING
IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES,
AS WELL AS ALL OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES.**

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. John, chapter 12, vs. 12-23 [page 676], and will be read by Ann Danielson.

FEAST DAY

- Today is called the Second Palm Sunday.
- Next Sunday, June 4, is Pentecost.

From Today's Bible Readings

John 12:12-23 Jesus enters Jerusalem triumphantly on what has come to be known as Palm Sunday. Some came to seek an audience with Jesus and when His disciples convey their request, He declares that "the hour had come for the Son of Man to be glorified." *Reflection: Jesus' entry into the city serves as a potent symbol for us. If this were our hearts and not a city receiving Jesus, where do you see yourself? A detached observer, unsure of what to think? Waving Him in with palms? Or?*

Acts 23:12-35 A plot by Jews in Jerusalem to kill Paul is uncovered by his nephew. When Paul sends his nephew to the local commander to relate this news, the commander assists in Paul's escape, thus foiling the

conspiracy. *Reflection: The pagan commander and St. Paul's nephew act out of their desire to do what was right. Can you think of people in current events who have done likewise? Have you ever done so?*

I John 5:13-21 John reminds his readers that all that we ask of God in prayer, according to His will, will be given and that we should pray for others in danger from sin. When we truly know God – a knowledge made possible through Jesus, His Son - we cannot continue to sin; evil has no authority. His closing words: "Dear children, keep yourselves from idols."

Reflection: Have you ever prayed for someone struggling with a problem? What have become idols for us in today's world? Money? Worldly success? Popularity?

Today is the "Second Palm Sunday"

The Sunday after Ascension Day has been given this designation for a refreshingly simple reason! Beginning with New Sunday (the Sunday after Easter), the Church reads from the four gospels every day in their proper order, and the reading in John about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem falls on this Sunday.

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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 the victims of the Manchester bombing and for their families; Elena Avetisian of Canada who was critically injured in the last week's drive-thru rampage in Times Square, NY; 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 Mary Samourkashian-Samour.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's Altar flowers are donated for the glory of God:

- From the Trust Fund established by Major Robert Zaven Zartarian in memory of Stephen & Nevert Pauline Azarian
- From the Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Rose M. Chacran Zartarian Trust Fund in memory of Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Levon, Louise Aznev & Virginia Louise Zartarian

REQUIEM SERVICE

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

- **Stephen & Nevert Pauline Azarian:** From the Trust Fund established by Major Robert Zaven Zartarian

- **George, Takoohi, Vahan, Sooren & Mary Daniels:** From the Trust Fund established by Sooren & Mary Daniels

- **Mardiros Kasabian, Khanum (Bohigian) Harrison, Genevieve (Jean) Harrison, Victoria (Harrison) Davidian, Rose Harrison & Harry Harrison:** From the Trust Fund established by Rose and Elise Harrison

- **Anna Thomasian, Charles Shahanian, Sr., Emma Shahanian, and Virginia Shahanian:** requested by George Thomasian, Gregory Sarkisian & Family and Robyn & Ed Miller

- **Artem Tsaturian:** requested by the Tsaturian Family

- **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

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

You are all welcome to join us in Johnson Hall following church services for Fellowship Hour, hosted today by the Trinity Men's Union.

YOUTH CHOIR - Sanctuary, 12-12:30pm

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and best wishes to Miles Betro and Mariam Chekmeyan who received the sacrament of matrimony yesterday. We pray that Almighty God may bless and keep them under the protection of the Holy Cross.

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/, 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) 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.

CAMPAIGN TO HELP RESTORE THE TOMB OF CHRIST IN JERUSALEM

Our Diocesan Primate, His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, has announced a fundraising campaign to help the restoration effort currently underway at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. The site marks the burial place of Jesus Christ and has long stood as one of the most precious shrines of the Christian heritage. The Armenian Church, through its Patriarchate of Jerusalem, shares joint custodial oversight of the Holy Sepulchre and is deeply involved in the current restoration. The Eastern Diocese aims to raise \$300,000 to contribute to this effort. The campaign is called "Save the Tomb." A special website has been launched, www.SaveTheTomb.org, where individuals can find information on the project and make online donations.

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. For further information, contact Yn. Arpi, Sunday School Superintendent, 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/.

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.
- 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
 - **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>

CALENDAR

- May 25-29 **ACYOA Seniors General Assembly and Sports Weekend**, hosted by ACYOA Seniors of St. Leon Armenian Church, NJ
- May 26-29 **ACYOA Juniors Hye M'rtsoom Weekend**, hosted by St. James Armenian Church ACYOA Juniors
- Mon, May 29 **Memorial Day**; office closed
- Tues, Jun 6 **Mosaic Night** sponsored by Women of Holy Trinity
- Sun, Jun 11 **Last Day of Sunday School & Armenian School Classes; Special Assembly Program (Peter Adamian Hall) and Special Awards Ceremony (Church) followed by Year-End Picnic**
- Mon, Jun 12 **Trinity Men's Union Dinner/Meeting**; Johnson Hall; 6pm
- Sun, Jun 18 **Annual Requiem Service**
- Mon, Jun 19 **Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament - This Year Remembering Gerry Ajemian**; Marlborough Country Club

Save the Date:

Aug 7-11 and 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) 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.