

HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER BOSTON

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SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2018

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. 3:16-4:1. 1 Cor. 1:25-30. Mt. 18:10-14.

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 is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 18, vs. 10-14 [page 612], and will be read by Robert Dulgarian.

FEAST DAYS

- Yesterday was the Feast of Sts. Thaddeus, Apostle of Armenia, and Sandukht, the Virgin.
- Monday, July 16, is the Feast of St. Cyprian the Bishop.
- Tuesday, July 17, is the Feast of St. Athenogenes the Bishop.
- Thursday, July 19, is the Feast of the Holy Ancestors: Adam, Abel, Seth, Enos, Enoch, Noah, Melchizedek, Abraham and others.
- Saturday, July 21, is the Feast of the Sons and Grandsons of St. Gregory the Enlightener.

From Today's Bible Reading

Isaiah 3:16-4:1 In God's judgment on Judah and Jerusalem, Isaiah has already sketched the breakdown of social order. He now focuses on the women, whose finery and beauty – representing a culture of luxury and pride – he describes in detail. All will be removed and defiled as punishment. *Reflection: Do you see this "haughty" (v. 16), self-centered attitude reflected in men and women today? In what ways does our consumer culture perpetuate the importance of outer beauty?*

I Corinthians 1:25-30 St. Paul reminds the faithful that it was not because of their superb qualities that they were called to faith, rather God calls people out of their foolishness, their unimportance, their weakness, to a strength and wisdom that can be found only in Jesus Christ. *Reflection: What do you think Paul meant when he says that the foolish and lowly things will shame the wise and strong (v. 27)? Have you seen this principle at work in the world?*

Matthew 18:10-14 In the preceding verses, Jesus has identified a child – a being without any legal status or rights – as an example to His disciples of the kind of open-hearted, unfettered faith that will be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. He continues with the story of the 100 sheep, confirming that the Father cares for them all fiercely and equally; He will leave the 99 and look for the one lost sheep, celebrating joyfully when it is found. *Reflection: With whom do you relate in the story of the lost sheep? Are you one of the 99, contentedly grazing with fellow believers? The one who wandered off? If the latter, what would bring you back?*

Monday, July 16, is the Feast of St. Cyprian the Bishop

St. Cyprian (c. 200-258) was a courageous leader at a time of terrifying oppression in the early church. Born to wealthy Roman-African parents, he was a lawyer and teacher of rhetoric before converting in middle age. He quickly rose through the ordained ranks to become Bishop of Carthage (near modern-day Tunis) in North Africa, eventually shepherding a scattered and desperate flock during the Decian persecutions. As a result of these and other attacks against Christians, a crisis developed concerning those (referred to as the "lapsed") who had succumbed to Roman torture and sacrificed to pagan gods and now wanted to be received back. Taking a moderate stand, Cyprian wrote his renowned treatises *On the Fallen (De Lapsis)* and *On the Unity of the Catholic [meaning universal] Church*. He also bore heroic witness to his faith during a plague-induced famine, personally tending to the sick, burying the abandoned dead, and prompting wealthy locals to help the poor. He was eventually martyred. In his important *Treatise on the Lord's Prayer* Cyprian writes "My dear friends, in these few words there is great spiritual strength, for this summary of divine teaching contains *all* of our prayers and petitions." *Reflection: It was once, and continues to be in some places in the world, a matter of life or death to freely express one's Christian faith. Is your faith in Jesus Christ worth dying for? How about simply living for?*

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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 Lucie Aghdamlian, Jean Alexander, Arthur Avakian, the Rev. Fr. Dajad Davidian, George Demirjian, Virginia Ohanian, 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.

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:

- **George Thomasian, 1st Anniversary:** requested by Dn. Gregory & Carol Krikorian

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

- **Anna Zakar:** requested by Ben Antenore, Taylor Ellerkamp, Julia Cooper, Emily Rooney, and Rachel Geyer

TODAY'S CALENDAR

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

You are all welcome to join us in Johnson Hall following Church Services for Fellowship Hour.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Aurelian Vartan and Joslin (Hagopian) Mardirosian who are baptizing their son, Aurelian Vartan Mardirosian, Jr., today in our Church. We welcome Aurelian Vartan into our Christian family of the Holy Trinity Church and pray that Almighty God may keep him under His loving care.

2018 TRINITY KIDS' PLACE

Monday, August 6 to Friday, August 10
Monday, August 13 to Friday, August 17

Children, ages 3 through 9, can attend either one week or the full two weeks. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 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 the Seasons of the Armenian Church.” Daily activities include story time, visit with Der Vasken, musical expression, Armenian language and culture, an arts and crafts corner, and recreation. Brochures with application form are available in the Vestibule or online at www.htaac.org/calendar/event/566/. RSVP deadline is July 15.

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, 2018.

For an application, write to Hai Guin Scholarship Association, Attn: Scholarship Chairman Audrey Pilibosian, 23 Bradley Road, Arlington MA 02474.

STEWARDSHIP 2018

IT'S MY CHURCH - COUNT ME IN!

Have you Made Your Stewardship 2018 Pledge??

We ask that if you consider Holy Trinity Armenian Church - Your Church - please take a few minutes to fill out the 2018 pledge card and return it to the Church Office. Pledge cards are available in the Church Vestibule.

We depend on and thank you for your participation.

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.

Community News

- **Sunday, September 23, 5pm - Lights, Camera, Stories! An Evening with Award-Winning Filmmaker Bared Maronian;** Screening of *Women of 1915*, Exclusive footage of Armenia's *Velvet Revolution*, Reveal of Maronian's *Titanic Love*. Reception to follow; proceeds to benefit Women's Support Center (Yerevan) and Hanganak Elderly Project (Stepanakert). Organized in partnership with AIWA and AWWA. Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, 33 Marrett Road, Lexington; tickets \$75

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

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| Mon, Jul 16 | Parish Council Meeting |
| Aug 6-10 | Trinity Kids' Place |
| Aug 13-17 | Trinity Kids' Place |
| Sun, Aug 12 | Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God |
| Sun, Sep 9 | Trinity Family Festival |
| Mon, Sep 10 | Trinity Men's Union proud to have former Boston Celtics' great, Sam Jones, as guest speaker; open to all; bring your family |

SUMMER SCHEDULE

WE ARE ON OUR 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.

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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.