

HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER BOSTON

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SUNDAY, JULY 1, 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. 3:1-11. Rom. 11:13-24. Mt. 14:13-21.

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 14, vs. 13-21 [page 609], and will be read by Sona Tashjian.

FEAST DAYS

- Yesterday was the Feast of the Twelve Holy Apostles of Christ and St. Paul, the Thirteenth Apostle.
- Today is the Barekendan of the Fast of Transfiguration.
- Next Saturday, July 7, is the Remembrance of the Old Tabernacle and Feast of the Holy Church, the New Tabernacle.
- Next Sunday, July 8, is the **Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord**, a major Feast Day of the Armenian Church; therefore, Requiem Service (Hokehankisd) will not be held. Requests for Requiem Service will be conducted the following Sunday, July 15.

From Today's Bible Reading

Isaiah 3:1-11 Isaiah continues to convey God's displeasure with the prideful people of Judah and Jerusalem; He vows to remove His support and warns of disorder and even chaos because "their words and deeds are against the Lord, defying His glorious presence..." (v. 8). *Reflection: Do the images of disrupted order in these verses bring to mind aspects of life today? What words and habits of your own might be said to defy God's 'glorious presence'?*

Romans 11: 13-24 St. Paul addresses the Gentiles whom he has helped bring to Christ, admitting that he had hoped to prompt envy in the Jews that they might also follow Jesus. Gentiles who count themselves among the faithful must remember that they have been grafted on to an ancient tree (Judaic roots) from which unbelievers have been trimmed. Rather than be arrogant, these new believers should realize that they can just as easily be cut from the tree because of unbelief. *Reflection: Paul warns believers against thinking they have a better, stronger faith than others. Do churches and individuals exhibit this judgmental behavior today?*

Matthew 14:13-21 Hearing of John's execution, Jesus withdraws in solitude but becomes immediately compassionate towards the crowds that follow Him. He heals the sick and when the disciples tell Him it is late and they must be sent away to find food, He exhorts them to feed the crowd themselves. With just two fish and five loaves of bread, Jesus feeds more than 5,000, giving thanks and breaking the bread in a moment that foreshadows the Last Supper. The 12 baskets of leftovers point to the banquet of the Messiah in the final coming of the Kingdom. *Reflection: Have you ever felt that with the help of God your personal resources have been stretched beyond what you could imagine?*

Today is the Paregentan of the Fast of Transfiguration

The Church prepares to celebrate one of the five major feasts next Sunday, July 8, with a week of fasting preceded by a "paregentan" or day of celebration (lit: 'good-living'). Fasting before a major feast is a lost practice for most Christians. How unfortunate since this signifies that the feast itself has lost both its historic and timeless impact on our lives! With prayer and other spiritual disciplines, fasting is a way of getting the entire body and soul ready for an important Church event. Paregentan days precede fasts throughout the Church year; the greatest season of fasting – Great Lent – is launched by the greatest Paregentan: "Poon Paregentan." *Reflection: How can I spend the coming week preparing to celebrate my Lord's transfiguration on Mt. Tabor, at which time He was made radiant in the presence of His closest disciples, Peter, James, and John, flanked by Moses the Lawgiver and Elijah the Prophet, and affirmed again by the Father and the Holy Spirit?*

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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, 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 FLOWERS AND CANDLES

Today’s Altar flowers and candles are donated for the glory of God and the edification of our Altar from the Trust Fund established by Sooren and Mary Daniels in memory of George, Takoohi, Vahan, Sooren and Mary Daniels on the occasion of Independence Day.

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Today’s Altar flowers are also donated by Dn. Gregory and Carol Krikorian and Family in memory of father, grandfather & great-grandfather, Dn. Khugas Krikorian.

REQUIEM SERVICE

We have all been asked to pray during the Divine Liturgy for the souls of:

- **Haig Hedison, 40th Day:** requested by Harry & Amy Hedison and Family, Leslie Hedison, and Karen & Rick Hopwood and Family for father, grandfather & great-grandfather; Roxie Hedison for brother

- **Agnes Aznive Aznavorian:** requested by Rose Aznavorian and Arthur & Susan Aznavorian for mother; Dn. Gregory & Carol Krikorian

- **Deacon Khugas Krikorian:** requested by Dn. Gregory & Carol Krikorian and Family for father, grandfather & great-grandfather

- **Zabelle Zahigian, 3rd Anniversary, and Hilda Smith:** requested by Diran, Judith Smith, Rachel, Renee & Robert Zahigian for mothers & grandmothers

- **Zabelle Zahigian, 3rd Anniversary:** requested by Albert Oskoian for sister-in-law

TODAY’S CALENDAR

CANDLES FOR AMERICA

As we and our country celebrate Independence Day on Wednesday, we invite you to light a candle for God’s blessing upon America and upon all those who are protecting her freedom. Candles are available in the Vestibule.

At the conclusion of Church Services, please join us in the singing of *God Bless America*, lyrics found in this Bulletin.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

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

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

During church services this morning,
we will ask you to join us in the singing of
God Bless America.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Words and Music by
IRVING BERLIN

God bless A - mer - i - ca, Land that I love,
Stand be - side her and guide her Through the night with the
light from a - bove. From the moun - tains, to the
prai - ries, to the o - cean white with foam, God bless A -
mer - i - ca, My home sweet home, God
bless A - mer - i - ca, My home sweet home.

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

Sun, Jul 8	Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ
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

SUMMER SCHEDULE

WE ARE NOW 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.