

HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER BOSTON

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SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2018

Celebrant/Homilist: The Rev. Fr. Mampre A. Kouzouian

Morning Service: 9:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy: 9:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Readings of the Day:

Is. 5:1-10. 1 Cor. 6:18-7:11. Mt. 19:3-12.

WELCOME

We welcome our former Pastor, the Rev. Fr. Mampre A. Kouzouian, who is celebrating today's Divine Liturgy. Our Pastor is serving as Director of St. Vartan Camp until August 4.

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 9:37-10:15 [page 605], and will be read by Susan K. Derderian.

FEAST DAYS

- Yesterday was the Feast of the Sons and Grandsons of St. Gregory the Enlightener.
- Monday, July 23, is the Feast of Sts. Maccabees: Eleazar the Priest, Samona and her seven sons.
- Tuesday, July 24, is the Feast of the Twelve Holy Prophets: Hosea, Amos, Micah, Joel, Obadiah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Jonah, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.
- Thursday, July 26, is the Feast of Sts. Sophia and her daughters, Pistis, Elpis and Agape.
- Saturday, July 28, is the Feast of the Holy Fathers Athanasius and Cyril of Alexandria.

From Today's Bible Reading

Isaiah 5:1-10 The Song of the Vineyard is a famous parable of disobedience and disappointed love. The song tells of a man who lovingly plants and tends to a vineyard, building a watchtower and a winepress and

waiting for the bounty of wine-worthy grapes. Yet he finds only wild grapes, symbols of a willful Israel and Judah, and warns of the ruin that will come to pass. *Reflection: God asks His people what more He could have possibly done (v. 4) for them to bear worthy fruit. How would you assess the spiritual fruit in your life?*

I Corinthians 6:18-7:11 St. Paul exhorts his listeners to shun sexual immorality and respect their bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit. He reminds husbands and wives that their bodies belong to each other and that where there are difficulties, reconciliation should be sought. *Reflection: We are not our own – we are God's, bought at a price! (6:19-20) How does this faith fact change how you look at your body? At the ways you might be abusing it with excess?*

Matthew 19:3-12 The Pharisees challenge Jesus with the question of divorce. He responds by referring them to the creation of marriage as recounted in Genesis where "two become one" – an indissoluble sum. Speaking against the ease with which men legally terminated their marriages at the time, Jesus preached the importance of the marriage covenant. *Reflection: The Armenian Church acknowledges divorce and remarriage although a second wedding ceremony carries a penitential message. As He so often did, Jesus was posing a radically different approach to covenants –honor them! And while marriages where there is abuse, addiction, chronic infidelity, etc., require serious intervention, many marriages might be redeemed with committed effort. What do you think? Could the high divorce rates of today's world benefit from Jesus' hope?*

Saturday, July 28 is the Feast Day of St. Athanasius (and St. Cyril)

One of the great champions of orthodoxy, Athanasius was born in Alexandria in 296 and died there in 387. Serving as personal secretary to the Patriarch, he attended the Council of Nicaea in 325 and spoke eloquently against the heresy of Arius (who denied Christ's divinity in declaring that He was created by the Father). This controversy was the most important issue facing the Church. Athanasius eventually became Archbishop of Alexandria succeeding his mentor and worked tirelessly against Emperors and policies that were hostile to Christians. In one of his best-known works, *On the Incarnation*, he famously describes God as an artist whose lovingly rendered portrait of humankind, made in His own image, is stained over time (through sin). "The subject of the portrait has to come and sit for it again and then the likeness is redrawn... Even so was it for the All-holy Son of God. He, the image of the Father, came and

dwelt in our midst, in order that He might renew humankind made after Himself..."

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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, 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 Arsen and Zaven Daniels in memory of Setrag, Nuvert, Kachig, Zaven & Arsen Daniels.

ALTAR CANDLES

Today's Altar candles are also donated by the Kouzouian family in memory of cousin, Azniv Baladouni.

REQUIEM SERVICE

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

- **The Rev. Fr. Carnig Hallajian, 40th Day:** Per a directive from the Diocese

- **Azniv Baladouni (Cyprus), 40th Day:** requested by Silva & Shogher Baladouni, Krikor & Khajak Maroukian, Garabed Parikian, Rev. Fr. Mampre A. Kouzouian, Fr. Vasken, Yn. Arpi & Alina Kouzouian, Susan Derderian & Oscar Derderian III, and Arpie Kouzouian for mother, grandmother, sister & cousin

- **Daniel A. Mushegian, 1st Anniversary:** requested by Stephanian and Fleming families for cousin

- **Setrag, Nuvert, Kachig, Zaven & Arsen Daniels:** From the Trust Fund established by Zaven and Arsen Daniels

- **Gregory Hintlian:** requested by Nancy E. Hintlian (FL), Jeffrey, Adrienne & Aurora Hintlian, and Elissa, Scott & Elle Robertson for husband, father & grandfather; Cynthia & Richard Kazanjian, Rick Kazanjian, Andrea, Neil, Vaughan & Cole Krikorian, Nancy E. Hintlian (MA), and Aram, Becky, Ali & Tori Hintlian for brother, uncle & great-uncle

TODAY'S CALENDAR

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

You are all welcome to join us in Johnson Hall following Church Services for Fellowship Hour, hosted today by Nancy Hintlian and Family in memory of husband, father and grandfather, Gregory Hintlian.

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. Contact Yn. Arpi Kouzouian at youth@htaac.org.

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.

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

TWO PAIRS OF RED SOX TICKETS AVAILABLE TO HIGHEST BIDDER

With proceeds of tickets sales going to the Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament, here's your chance to not only help out your Church, but you get to see the red hot Red Sox as well. Game date is Sunday, July 29, at 1:05 p.m., Fenway Park. Face Value is \$151 per ticket or \$302 per pair with starting bid for 2 tickets, \$250. "Buy Now" at \$400 per pair. To bid on a pair of tickets or for all four, please email Cathy Minassian at cminassian@hotmail.com, or text/call 617.947.1795, with your name, bid and phone number. Seats are in Field Box 60, Row M, seats 1-4, which are in the 5th row behind the visitors batting box. These are GREAT seats!!!

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

- Thurs, Jul 26 **Friends of Holy Trinity 1000 Club Drawing**; Parish House
- 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.