

## HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER BOSTON

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### SUNDAY, JULY 29, 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. 58:13-59:7. 1 Tim. 4:12-5:10. Jn. 3:13-21.

### 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. John, chapter 3, vs. 13-21 [page 667], and will be read by Ann Danielson.

### FEAST DAYS

- Yesterday was the Feast of the Holy Fathers Athanasius and Cyril of Alexandria.
- Monday, July 30, is the Feast of St. Kyriakos.
- Tuesday, July 31, is the Feast of St. Vahan of Goghtn.
- Thursday, August 2, is the Feast of Sts. Eugene and Macarius.
- Saturday, August 4, is the Feast of the 200 Fathers of the Holy Council of Ephesus (AD 431).
- Next Sunday, August 5, is the Barekendan of the Fast of Assumption.

### From Today's Bible Reading

**Isaiah 58:13-59:7** These verses address the attitudes of the Jewish community upon their return from exile. Following in a long tradition of prophetic criticism, the writer exhorts people to honor God's holy day with joy and hearts of faith. Worship is meaningless if it is offered up by a sinful, unjust society. *Reflection: Think of how you honor the Sabbath and the promise of great joy when you put God front and center. Do you seek "your own*

*interests" (v. 58:13), rather than God's command to love Him and one another? Is there a way you can change Sundays for you and your family that might be more God-pleasing and lead to deeper happiness for you all?*

**I Timothy 4:12-5:10** Placed in charge of the Church founded in Ephesus by St. Paul, Timothy is encouraged to be confident in his gifts, even though he is a young man. Be an example in all you do and say, he is reminded, and treat others with love and respect, always helping those in need. *Reflection: We've all heard the expression "he talks the talk but doesn't walk the walk." Why is personal example so important in our faith (v. 12)?*

**John 3:13-21** Jesus is teaching the Pharisee Nicodemus and has just given His famous explanation of being born again. He now concludes with the equally renowned words that "God so loved the world, He gave His only begotten Son" (v. 3:16). Through the Son the world is saved, and through His light and truth, people are redeemed. Sadly, many prefer the darkness (vv. 19-20). *Reflection: To live in truth and receive Christ's promise of new life, what might you need to do?*

### Tuesday, July 31, is the Feast of St. Vahan of Goghtn (703-737 AD)

St. Vahan's story is one of exile and thwarted happiness rooted in enduring faith. His father, Prince Khosrov, had been martyred in 707 during the Arab persecutions and so at the tender age of four Vahan was taken to Damascus and brought up in the royal court. A favorite, he was eventually made chancellor to the Amirabed (king). In 719, St. John of Otzoon visited the city and convinced the emir Omar to allow captured Armenians to repatriate. As the emir valued Vahan's service highly, he allowed him to return to Armenia under the proviso that he come back in a year. Once home, Vahan married an Armenian princess, and when he heard that the emir had died, decided to remain in Armenia, living a peaceful, happy life for ten years. When Omar's successor sought his return, Vahan abandoned his family for their safety, wandering for a time and eventually becoming a monk. Finally, after years of exile, he went to Damascus to seek mercy and freedom. But the emir refused and offered him an even more eminent position which Vahan spurned, leading to his imprisonment and martyrdom.

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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.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Today’s Altar flowers are donated for the glory of God by Lucille Ajemian and Family in memory of the Very Rev. Fr. Oshagan Minassian.

## 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, 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.

## PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are requested for the recently deceased soul of Jean Alexander.

## REQUIEM SERVICE

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

- **The Very Rev. Fr. Oshagan Minassian, 10th Anniversary:** requested by Harutiun & Alice Palandjian, Maral Palandjian, Jack & Shaghig Palandjian, Sevag & Alina and Talar, William & Aida Arthur, Michaela, Brenna, Nora & Cara, and Rita Palandjian, Harout & Mariam for brother, uncle & great-uncle; Nancy Moscofian; Armine Sarges; Marilyn Dodd; M/M Konstantin Petrossian; Erevan Choral Society; Rose Aznavorian; Lucille Ajemian and Family; Helen Krikorian

- **Ardemis, Arpy & Armenoohy Arsenian:** From their Trust Fund

- **Hagop Der Hagopian:** From the Hagop & Mary Der Hagopian Trust Fund, requested by Edward & Frances Hagopian, Michael & Mark and Bernard & Carol Gardner, Bernie & Andrew for father & grandfather

- **Siranoush Krikorian:** requested by Dn. Gregory & Carol Krikorian and Family for mother, grandmother & great-grandmother

- **Charles G. Talanian, 31st Anniversary:** requested by Nevert Talanian, Gail & Richard O'Reilly, Ann & Charles M. Talanian, and Noel, Christopher, Celina & Charlie Talanian for husband, father, grandfather & great-grandfather

## TODAY’S CALENDAR

### FELLOWSHIP HOUR

You are all welcome to join us in Johnson Hall following Church Services for Fellowship Hour, hosted today by Alice and Harutiun Palandjian and Family in memory of brother and uncle, the Very Rev. Fr. Oshagan Minassian.

## **2018 TRINITY KIDS' PLACE**

Monday, August 6 to Friday, August 10\*

For Children, ages 3 through 9

Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$150 per child. 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.

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** Due to limited response, the second week option, previously offered, is no longer available. As there are only a few spots remaining in Week 1, if interested, please contact Yn. Arpi immediately at [youth@htaac.org](mailto:youth@htaac.org) and submit your application no later than July 31. Registrations received after July 31 cannot be guaranteed availability.

## **TRINITY FAMILY FESTIVAL**

Our Church picnic will be held on Sunday, September 9, on our Church grounds. Save the date and plan on joining us with your entire family for a day of fun and fellowship and great food.

We have mailed raffle tickets to our parishioners and kindly ask you to purchase or sell them and mail the proceeds to the Church office.

## **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.

## **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](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.

## **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**

- Aug 6-10     **Trinity Kids' Place**
- Sun, Aug 12   **Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God**  
**Blessing of Grapes Service**
- Sun, Sep 9     **Trinity Family Festival** on our Church grounds, 12-5pm
- 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
- Sun, Sep 16   **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

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### **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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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.