

HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER BOSTON

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SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2018

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

Morning Service: 9:15 a.m.; Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Readings of the Day:

Is. 1:1-15. Rom. 6:12-23. Mt. 12:1-8.

WELCOME

We welcome our former Pastor, the Rev. Fr. Mampre A. Kouzouian, as today's Celebrant. Our Pastor is in Jerusalem leading the Diocesan Young Adult Pilgrimage.

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 12, vs. 1-8 [page 606], and will be read by Grade 6 Sunday School student, Amelia Martin.

FEAST DAYS

- Yesterday was the Feast of Catholicos St. Nersess the Great.
- Monday, June 11, is the Feast of St. Epiphanius of Cyprus.
- Tuesday, June 12, is the Feast of Sts. Constantine the Emperor and his mother, Helen.
- Thursday, June 14, is the Feast of St. Theodotus of Galatia.
- Saturday, June 16, is the Feast of St. Gregory the Enlightener (Discovery of his Relics).

From Today's Bible Reading

Isaiah 1: 1-15 God warns of the consequences for a rebellious people who continue to turn from His ways despite spiritual desolation and the pain of assault by foreign invaders. Since their hearts are not open to God, their worship and prayers are meaningless. "Your incense is detestable to Me.....I cannot bear your assemblies!" (v. 13) *Reflection: Ritual is only as*

good as the intention it expresses. How might this apply to worship today? How does your life honor God?

Romans 6: 12-23 St. Paul exhorts his listeners to reject sin as their master, since they now live under grace rather than the Law. God has freed us from enslavement to sin; obedience leads to righteousness. "The wages of sin are death;" but holiness leads to eternal life with Christ Jesus. *Reflection: If St. Paul were here today, what would he say enslaves our society? What or who are your masters?*

Matthew 12: 1-8 The Pharisees chastise Jesus for allowing His disciples to pick grain on the Sabbath. Jesus cites many instances from their own history (King David) and tradition (practices of priests at the Jerusalem temple) to counter their accusation. Ultimately though, it is now Jesus who is Lord of the Sabbath. *Reflection: How do you keep the Sabbath holy? What do you think Jesus means when He quotes the prophet Hosea (v. 6:6) in reminding the Pharisees that "I desire mercy, not sacrifice"?*

Saturday, June 9, Commemorates the Catholicos St. Nersess the Great

The great grandson of St. Gregory the Illuminator, St. Nersess was born in 329. A.D., and while still a teenager, married Santoukht, the great granddaughter of St. Vartan Mamigonian. She herself died at a young age which left Nersess to care for his only child, a son, Sahag.

Ordained bishop at the tender age of 24, he presided over the famous council of Ashdishad, where numerous rules concerning philanthropic and religious institutions, public welfare and family life were discussed and instituted. In that same spirit, he established a prodigious number of institutions serving the public: shelters for the poor, old age homes, hospitals, guest houses for poor and weary travelers. He was famous for inviting people from all walks of life – the rich, the poor, the blind, the crippled to sit with him at table and share in his hospitality. He personally served the sick. He also established many monasteries, convents, and schools. Through his benevolent and educational work, he laid the groundwork for the Golden Age of Armenian life in the 5th century. In the same spirit as his great-grandfather, St. Gregory, St. Nersess radically changed the lives of the Armenian people.

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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, 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.

REQUIEM SERVICE

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

- **Vanik Marc Jebejian, 40th Day:** requested by Danila Jebejian Terpanjian for brother

- **George Omartian, 40th Day:** requested by Zoya Agavelyan Omartian for husband; Sara Omartian, Lisa Omartian & Lauren Omartian for brother & uncle; Nadezhda Agavelyan and Zhirayar Agavelyan for son-in-law & brother-in-law; Apkar & Florence Omartian, Vic Nicholls & Vinnetta Nicholls, Arthur & Karen Omartian, and Robert & Margaret Omartian for cousin

- **Sally Zartar Avakian, 2nd Anniversary:** requested by Robert & Carine Avakian and Family for mother & grandmother

- **Audrey Aznavourian, 2nd Anniversary:** requested by Lynette Aznavourian, Steven Aznavourian, Robert Bennett, Alex Bennett, Danielle Bennett, Leah Terzian and JB Terzian for mother & grandmother

- **Dr. Michael, Jr., 20th Anniversary, & Joyce, 5th Anniversary, Kolligian, Mehran & Queenie Juskalian, and Mgrdtch & Araxie Kolligian:** requested by Harvey & Valerie Kolligian Thayer, Caroline & Olivia Thayer, and Michael Kolligian III

- **Alice Nahabedian:** From the Charles & Alice Nahabedian Trust Fund requested by Christine Sahagian and Rob Nahabedian for mother

- **Hamayag & Varvar Takvorian and Dickranouhie, Ephraim & Dzovinar Takvorian:** From the Trust Fund established by George & Peggy Srabian for parents, brother & sisters

TODAY'S CALENDAR

SPECIAL PLATE COLLECTION FOR CASP

To coincide with International Children’s Day, the Diocese has designated today as CASP Children’s Day. There will be a special plate collection to benefit the Children of Armenia Sponsorship Program (CASP). Funds raised will go to Kindergarten Meal Programs. You can help make a difference in a child’s life.

YOUTH CHOIR

Our Youth Choir, under the direction of Dan Teager, will sing a portion of today's Divine Liturgy.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & ARMENIAN SCHOOL SPECIAL AWARDS CEREMONY AND YEAR-END COOKOUT

The parents of students in the Sunday School and Armenian School are cordially invited to witness the closing day program at 10:30 a.m., in Peter Adamian Hall, followed by the Special Awards Ceremony in the Church Sanctuary.

To celebrate another successful year for our Church Schools, following Church Services, the Gregory Archie and Rose Kolligian Sunday School/Armenian School Year End Cookout, donated by Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr., in memory of his parents, will be held in the Charles and Nevert Talanian Cultural Hall.

ACYOA JUNIORS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Following the cookout, the ACYOA Juniors will hold a General Membership Meeting in Peter Adamian Hall.

TRINITY MEN'S UNION DINNER/MEETING AND FINAL ROUND OF TAVLOO TOURNAMENT

The last dinner/meeting of the TMU before the summer hiatus will be held tomorrow, June 11, beginning at 6 p.m., in Johnson Hall. Open to all; RSVP today to David Dorian at tmuhtaac@gmail.com or call 617.501.4300.

The final round of the TMU's 9th Annual Tavloo Tournament between Arman Manoukian and Walter Vartanian will be held.

GREGORY HINTLIAN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

This year's tournament will be held on Monday, June 18, at Marlborough Country Club. The Committee is asking 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, from the Vestibule, and on our website, www.htaac.org/calendar/event/562/.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL GRADUATES, CLASS OF 2018

The Pastor and Parish Council of Holy Trinity Armenian Church congratulate all graduates of the Class of 2018. If you know of any Holy Trinity parishioners 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) so that we can include it in the next issue of Dajar and share the news of this accomplishment with our entire Church family.

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.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

New Scholarship Available - please note:

The Diocese is pleased to announce the establishment of the George K. and Catherine B. Papalian Scholarship to be awarded annually to one United States born male or female of at least 25% Armenian heritage who has completed at least a Bachelor Degree and is pursuing a Masters or other graduate level degree in any area of study at a recognized United States institution based on need or merit.

For this year only, those interested in applying will need to request application materials from Maria Barsoumian (mariab@armeniandiocese.org) and submit hard copies of completed applications and recommendations to her no later than July 1, 2018 by mailing to Maria Barsoumian, c/o Diocese of the Armenian Church, 630 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10016. The applications and recommendations will be reviewed and recipient decided by our Diocesan Scholarship Committee.

In the future, this scholarship will be announced with other Diocesan Scholarships and the application process will be available on-line with a longer window of time to apply.

ST. VARTAN CAMP DATES ANNOUNCED

The St. Vartan summer program dates for campers, ages 8-15; CITs, ages 16 and 17; and staff, ages 18+, have been announced:

- Staff Training, Wednesday, June 20 - Saturday, June 24
- Session A, Sunday, June 24 - Saturday, July 7
- Session B, Sunday, July 8 - Saturday, July 21
- Session C, Sunday, July 22 - Saturday, August 4

Online registration and credit card payment are available at www.diocesansummercamps.org/st-vartancamp/registration-2/. For further information, contact Yn. Arpi, Sunday School Superintendent, youth@htaac.org.

ST. NERSESS SUMMER CONFERENCES

Held at St. Nersess Armenian Seminary in Armonk, NY, participants will explore their faith and heritage in a safe, fun and unique environment.

- Deacons' Training, Thursday, June 28 - Saturday, July 7
- High School, Friday, July 20 - Sunday, July 29
- Post High School, Friday, August 3 - Sunday, August 12

For more information, go to <https://www.stnersess.edu>.

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.

Stock Up With Losh

Place Your Order for Losh Kebab for Your Summer Barbecues

Holy Trinity is pleased to offer pre-made uncooked frozen losh kebab for your summer barbecues. Losh will be sold in packages of six for \$18 a package. To place your order, please call the Church Office, 617.354.0632 or email office@htaac.org.

Orders available for pick up beginning today.

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

- **Thur, Jun 28, 8:30-9:30pm - Armenian Heritage Park, Under a Strawberry Moon!**; meet/greet network; chocolate dipped strawberries, hosted by Vicki Lee's; luscious ice teas, hosted by MEM Tea Imports; walk the Moonlit Labyrinth; tie a ribbon with a wish on the Wishing Tree; RSVP appreciated, hello@ArmenianHeritagePark.org.

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- Sun, Jun 17 **Father's Day
Annual Requiem Service**
- Mon, Jun 18 **Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament;** Marlborough Country Club
- Tues, Jun 19 **Parish Council Meeting;** Parish House; 6:45pm

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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.