

HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER BOSTON

Pastor, Father Vasken A. Kouzouian

145 Brattle Street • Cambridge, MA 02138 • 617.354.0632 • www.htaac.org

SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2018

Celebrant/Homilist: The Pastor

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

Readings of the Day:

Prv. 9:1-6. Zec. 3:7-4:9. Heb. 9:1-10. Jn. 10:22-30.

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. John, chapter 10, vs. 11-16 [page 674], and will be read by Sona Tashjian.

FEAST DAYS

- Yesterday was the Feast of St. Gregory the Enlightener (Deliverance from the Pit).
- Today is the Feast of Catholic Church of Holy Etchmiadzin.
- Monday, June 4, is the Feast of the Holy Innocents of Bethlehem.
- Tuesday, June 5, is the Feast of Sts. Nuneh and Maneh, Virgins.
- Thursday, June 7, is the Feast of the Holy Princes Sahag and Joseph.
- Saturday, June 9, is the Feast of Catholicos St. Nersess the Great.

SUPPLICATION PRAYERS

Today, on the Feast of the Catholic Church of Holy Etchmiadzin, supplication prayers will be offered following the Divine Liturgy for the steadfast growth of our Mother Church.

From Today's Bible Reading

Proverbs 9:1-6 Wisdom, personified as female, has prepared a banquet, mixing the wine and preparing the food, even hewing the pillars (!) with her own hands. She invites all to share in the feast and leave behind their "simple ways" to live more fully in new understanding. These verses find resonance in the Parables of the Wedding Feast (Matthew 22:1-14) and the Great Banquet (Luke 14:15-24) in which invitations are sent out for a

great feast. *Reflection: What might the significance be of Wisdom depicted as hard-working? What does the instruction "leave your simple ways and live" (v. 6) mean to you?*

Zec 3:7-4:9 The Lord tells the High Priest Joshua to walk in His ways, promising to provide a Branch, symbol of the Messiah and of fruitfulness, as well as a stone with seven eyes, symbol of perfect knowledge. There will be prosperity such that neighbors can sit together among healthy vines and fig trees. Joshua sees a vision of a seven-branched lamp stand with a bowl, seven channels to the bowl, and two olive trees feeding oil into the channels – all symbols of abundance and light. But Zerubbabel, charged with rebuilding the tabernacle, will be able to accomplish it not through these physical assets but through God's abundance (just as the Church will one day be established). *Reflection: What does this vision tell us about what it takes to build a tabernacle or build up a community of faithful (v. 6)? How might that change what we emphasize in parish life?*

Hebrews 9:1-10 In an impressively detailed description of vessels and priests in the ancient tabernacle, the writer affirms that none of this can restore the worshipper to spiritual wholeness. *Reflection: Why aren't the tabernacle gifts and sacrifices able to "clear the conscience of the worshiper" (vv. 9-10)? Are there ceremonies and external regulations that keep you from the heart of Jesus?*

John 10:22-30 During the Feast of Hanukkah, the Jews who have gathered in Jerusalem ask Jesus to tell them plainly whether He is the Christ. Jesus declares that He has told them this before, but they don't believe. "You are not My sheep; My sheep know My voice and follow Me" (vv. 25-27). *Reflection: Do you consider yourself one of Jesus' flock? Do you hear His voice? Do you follow Him?*

Tuesday, June 5, Commemorates Sts. Nuneh and Maneh (3rd-4th C)

Both of these nuns entered Armenia with Hripsimeh and Gayane and their companions. Nuneh (more widely known as St. Nina) is said to have seen a vision of *Asvadzadzin*, St. Mary, who exhorted her to go to Georgia and preach the Good News. When Nuneh expressed her fear of such a difficult task, St. Mary gifted her with a cross of grapevines to use as a shield against danger. She is often depicted in icons holding this cross. Escaping the persecutions that took the lives of Hripsimeh and Gayane at the hands of King Dtrad, Nuneh proceeded to Georgia where she healed and converted the Queen and her son, and eventually King Mihran. She

received spiritual guidance and support from St. Gregory who had given her certain ecclesiastical authority until he could send clergy to Georgia. She is remembered for her holy works and saintly life and considered equal to the apostles as Enlightener of Georgia. Maneh chose another life – one of prayer, meditation and solitude in the Armenian mountains. Many years later, when St. Gregory passed the nun’s place of retreat, he called to her, but found that she had passed away. He buried her with prayers and blessings and stayed there, according to some traditions, until his death.

Department of Christian Education, Diocese of the Armenian Church (Eastern)

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 haydnet sav” (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:

- **Victoria Basmajian, 40th Day:** requested by Donald & Sieglinde Basmajian, Alan Basmajian & Christine Lundblad, Leila & Tim Allen, Sara Basmajian, Michael Basmajian, Florian Basmajian, Jazmin Basmajian, Angelina Rubio, Jamie Allen, Lexi Allen, and Naiya Basmajian for mother, grandmother & great-grandmother; Mary Tashjian for sister-in-law

- **Gregory Robert Takvorian, 4th Anniversary:** requested by Marilyn & Robert Takvorian, Melissa (Takvorian) & Steven Bené, and Juliette Zabelle & Evelyn Grace Benè for son, brother & uncle; the Markarian Family for nephew & cousin; Nishan & Margaret Mootafian and Family for nephew & cousin; Harold & Gabrielle Melkonian and Family for nephew & cousin

- **Robert Tashjian and Rose Tashjian:** requested by Mary Tashjian for husband & sister-in-law

- **Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Levon, Louise Aznev & Virginia Louise Zartarian:** From the Trust Fund established by Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Rose M. Chacran Zartarian

TODAY'S CALENDAR

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

You are all invited to join us in Johnson Hall following Church Services for Fellowship Hour, hosted today by the Parish Council and Diocesan Delegates.

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/.

NEXT SUNDAY SPECIAL PLATE COLLECTION FOR CASP

To coincide with International Children's Day, the Diocese has designated Sunday, June 10, 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.

FIRST WEDNESDAYS

This well-received program will resume in September. If you wonder what our Christian faith says about everyday issues and how we can apply our time-tested faith to our modern day lives, you are encouraged to take the time for this less than an hour program that may be just what you need to let your Christian faith guide you through your daily life. Watch for the new schedule in late summer.

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/.

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>.

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. Your order will be available on Sunday, June 10, at the Gregory "Archie" and Rose Kolligian Sunday School/Armenian School Year-End Cookout.

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.

Order deadline is Monday, June 4.

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

- **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.

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

- Sun, Jun 10 **Year-End Sunday School and Armenian School Closing Day and Special Awards Ceremony followed by the Gregory Archie and Rose Kolligian Sunday School/Armenian School Year End Cookout** donated by Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr. in memory of his parents
ACYOA Jrs. General Membership Meeting following cookout
- Mon, Jun 11 **Trinity Men's Union Dinner/Meeting;** Johnson Hall; 6pm
- 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

Follow us at www.htaac.org,
www.facebook.com/HolyTrinityArmenianChurch

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.