

## HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER BOSTON

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### SUNDAY, MAY 13, 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:

Acts 23:12-35. 1 Jn. 5:13-21. Jn. 12:12-23.

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### Parents' Day

On the occasion of Mother's Day, the Pastor and Parish Council extend warm greetings to all our mothers and fathers for all they do in raising their children, wishing God's blessings upon them.

### 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 12, vs. 12-23 [page 676], and will be read by Ann Danielson.

### FEAST DAY

Next Sunday, May 20, is the Feast of Pentecost.

### From Today's Bible Reading

**John 12:12-23** Great crowds welcome Jesus into Jerusalem and wave palms and sing songs of praise. Although the disciples were present, it was only after Jesus rose from the dead that they truly understood the meaning of this day. Some Greeks ask the disciple Philip if they might be able to meet Jesus to which request Jesus responds affirmatively and that His hour had come, His final days were now before Him. *Reflection: Those who had heard of His miraculous raising of Lazarus were anxious to meet Jesus (vv. 17-18). Which miracles of Jesus inspire you the most? Do they prompt you to draw closer to Him?*

**Acts 23:12-35** A group of Jews were conspiring to kill Paul while he was in Jerusalem. Overhearing their plot, Paul's nephew reports it to the Roman commander who has Paul immediately transferred under heavy

guard and with an explanatory letter to Felix, the Governor of Caesarea. *Reflection: Both St. Paul's nephew and the Roman commander took risks in acting boldly against a popular movement. Has your faith ever guided you to go "against the tide" even if it meant making an unpopular decision?*

**I John 5:13-21** The writer assures the faithful of the truth of eternal life and that everything asked of God according to His will is heard and provided. Evil is real and everywhere; therefore God's children need to remember all they have come to know about the Lord and keep themselves and one another from sin. *Reflection: Are you convinced that true life is found in Jesus (v. 20)? What do you think "according to God's will" means in v. 14?*

### Today is Second Palm Sunday

Falling on the 4<sup>th</sup> day after Ascension, this Sunday is given its name based on the lection reading of the day, which is about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Beginning with New Sunday (directly after Easter), the Armenian church lectionary prescribes daily readings from the Gospel of John in sequential order arriving on this Sunday at the Palm Sunday story.

This is a perfect time to reread and relive Jesus' triumphant entry. Think of the people welcoming Jesus that day with palms and hosannas. Is your worship experience more like a hero's victory or a funeral dirge?

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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.

## PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are requested for the recently deceased souls of Victoria (Tashjian) Basmajian, George Omartian, and John Annaian.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Today’s Altar flowers are donated for the glory of God on the occasion of Mother’s Day:

- From the Trust Fund established by Sara Hovenanian and daughters, Alice and Phyllis, in memory of Sara Hovenanian, Mary Ouzoonian

Ashjian & Elizabeth Sarkis Minasian

- From the Trust Fund established by Elizabeth and Isabel Toomajian in memory of Aghavni Toomajian
- From the Trust Fund established by Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Rose M. Chacran Zartarian Trust Fund in memory of Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Levon, Louise Aznev & Virginia Louise Zartarian

## CANDLE OF GRATITUDE

Today is a day to remember and honor both our mothers and fathers. Take a moment to light a candle and offer a prayer to thank God for your parents - for without their love, nurture, and compassion, your life would be so empty. Candles are available in the Vestibule.

## REQUIEM SERVICE

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

- **Tana Onanian 40th Day:** requested by Janice, Mike & Sarah McMahan and Rachel, Paul, Haig, Vahan & Nairi Nadjarian for mother & grandmother; Mari Essayan; Seta A. Buchter and Dr. Christina G. Buchter; Dick & Joanne Janjigian; Esther & Steve Stepanian; Helen Esserian; Sara Janjigian Trifiro & Family; Rose Aznavorian

- **George, Takoohi, Vahan, Sooren & Mary Daniels:** From the Trust Fund established by Sooren & Mary Daniels

- **Andre W. Delanjian, 15th Anniversary, and Queenie (Cohar) Delanjian, 13th Anniversary:** requested by Christine, Jack, Greg, Suzanne, & Caroline Ekchian, Audrey, George, George, & Amanda Tabeek, Susan, John, John, & Matt Hennessey, and Christina, Jason, Hailie Rose, & Alianna Queenie Austin for parents, grandparents & great-grandparents

- **Charles, Sr., and Evelyn Dermenjian:** requested by Charles & Joyce Dermenjian and Diana, Karnig, David & Michael Ekizian for parents & grandparents; George W. Haroutunian & K. Shirley Spencer for uncle & aunt

- **Harry & Louise Jeranian:** requested by Joyce & Charles Dermenjian for parents

- **Vartanoosh Harpootian:** From the Trust Fund established by Rosalie Harpootian for mother

- **Avedis, Paris, Alice, and Catherine (Zakarian) & Niyam Mano:** From the Trust Fund established by Alice Mano and Niyam Mano

- **Haiganoush Terzian Minassian and Rose O. Minassian:** From the Trust Fund established by Rose O. Minassian

- **Nerses, Lucia, and Alice Ohanasian:** From the Trust Fund established by Alice Ohanasian

- **Haig & Victoria Panosian and Missak & Veronica Berberian:** From the Trust Fund established by Arthur H. & Louise B. Panosian for parents

- **Aghavni Toomajian:** From the Trust Fund established by Elizabeth and Isabel Toomajian

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

### TODAY'S CALENDAR

#### PARENTS' DAY FAMILY SERVICE

In honor of our mothers and fathers, a Family service is being held in our Church today. The entire congregation should participate in the singing of the hymns sung by the choir.

All mothers entering church this morning will receive a carnation, donated through the Trust Fund established by the late Rose O. Minassian in memory of her mother, Haiganoush Terzian Minassian.

#### FELLOWSHIP HOUR

You are all invited to join us in Johnson Hall following Church Services for Fellowship Hour, hosted today by Janice & Mike McMahon and Family and Rachel & Paul Nadjarian and Family in memory of mother & grandmother, Tana Onanian, and by Charles & Joyce Dermenjian in memory of Charles, Sr., & Evelyn Dermenjian and Harry & Louise Jeranian.

**ACYOA JUNIORS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING;** 12pm

#### 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.

#### TRINITY MEN'S UNION TAVLOO TOURNAMENT

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Tavloo Tournament will be held at the TMU's Dinner/Meeting on Monday, May 14. Social hour begins at 6:15 p.m. Tournament is open to all; all levels are welcome; players, remember to

bring your tavloo boards. To sign up, contact David Dorian at [tmuhtaac@gmail.com](mailto:tmuhtaac@gmail.com) or 617.501.4300. For dinner reservations, RSVP to the Church Office, 617.354.0632 or email [tmuhtaac@gmail.com](mailto:tmuhtaac@gmail.com).

### 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](mailto: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.

### SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Applications for Diocesan scholarships are available online at <https://armenianchurch.us/scholarships/>. These scholarships are earmarked for Armenian American students attending accredited 4-year undergraduate university programs. Preference will be given to those who are active in the life of the Armenian Churches of the Eastern Diocese. The scholarship program is open to U.S. citizens only. For information, contact Maria Barsoumian at 212.686.0710. Application deadline is June 1.

### 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.diocesansummerecamps.org/st-vartancamp/registration-2/](http://www.diocesansummerecamps.org/st-vartancamp/registration-2/). For further information, contact Yn. Arpi, Sunday School Superintendent, [youth@htaac.org](mailto: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!***

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.

## **NEWLY-PUBLISHED BOOK ON THE DIVINE LITURGY**

The Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Cheltenham, PA, announces the publication of "Communicate in Holiness: Reflection on the Divine Liturgy," by Deacon Albert A. Keshgegian. This is a wonderful new user-friendly book on the Divine Liturgy perfect for parish leaders, Sunday School teachers and anyone interested in deepening their understanding of this familiar, yet mysterious, worship experience of Armenian Christians. Books are available from the Holy Trinity Church Office, 617.354.0632, at \$10 per copy.

## **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**

- **Fri, May 18 - Holy Week in Jerusalem - An Inspirational Pilgrimage** presented through a multimedia travelogue by Ara and Milka Jeknavorian; dinner & program; donation \$15 for adults and \$5 for students; sponsored by the Adult Education Committee of Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church, Chelmsford; 7pm; reservations required; contact Milka Jeknavorian at 978.251.4845 or hylady@gmail.com

- **Sun, May 20 -The Armenia episode of American food icon Anthony Bourdain's CNN television series "Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown" will air**

- **Sat, Jun 2 - AGBU New England District 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** at the Samberg Conference Center, MIT, Cambridge; Cocktail Reception and Silent Auction, 6pm; Dinner & Program, 7:30pm. Donation \$200 per person; limited seating; go to [www.agbune.org](http://www.agbune.org)

## HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

Sun, May 13 **Sunday School Parents' Day Celebration**

Mon, May 14 **Trinity Men's Union 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Tavloo Tournament at its dinner/meeting**; tournament open to all; to sign up, contact David Dorian, [tmuhtaac@gmail.com](mailto:tmuhtaac@gmail.com) or 617.501.4300. For dinner reservations, RSVP [tmuhtaac@gmail.com](mailto:tmuhtaac@gmail.com); or call the Church Office, 617.354.0632; donation \$15

Sun, May 20 **Sunday School Graduation**

Wed, May 23 **Parish Council Meeting**; Johnson Hall; 6:45pm

May 25-28 **ACYOA Juniors' Hye M'rtsoom Weekend**, hosted by St. James ACYOA Juniors

Thurs, May 31 **Friends of Holy Trinity 1000 Club Spring Dinner/Drawing**

Mon, Jun 18 **Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament; Marlborough Country Club**

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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.