

## HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER BOSTON

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**SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018**

**PENTECOST**

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 2:1-21. Jn. 14:25-31.

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**THE PASTOR AND PARISH COUNCIL WISH TO CONGRATULATE  
TODAY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATES.**

### 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.

### FEAST DAYS

- Today is the Feast of Pentecost.
- Next Sunday, May 27, is the Remembrance of the Prophet Elijah.

### From Today's Bible Reading

**Acts 2:1-21** While the disciples were gathered in prayer, the Holy Spirit came to them in a great wind and in the tongues of fire which appeared above each disciple, empowering them to speak different languages. Addressing the crowd's rumor that the disciples seemed to be drunk, Peter recalled the prophetic words of Joel: the "Holy Spirit would be poured out over the people, gifting them with dreams and visions" and filling the world with a flurry of signs in anticipation of the coming of the Lord. *Reflection: What emotions drive the disciples in John 18:25-27 and 20:19? What could account for their changed behavior now?*

**John 14:25-31** In preceding verses, we read about Jesus washing the disciples' feet in the Upper Room where He predicts Judas' betrayal and Peter's heart-breaking denial. Here, He promises the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, whom the Father will send to remind them of all they had learned and continue to teach them. Leaving them with a peace that transcends the world's understanding, He assures them that He will return. *Reflection: Does your faith in Jesus Christ provide you inner peace, no*

*matter what shape your personal life or the world may be in? How might the Holy Spirit be reminding you of what Jesus taught?*

### Today is Pentecost (Hokekaloost)

Falling 50 days after Easter, Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, empowering them to go out into the world and share Jesus' message of salvation. (See Acts 2:1-21 and above for full account.) Armenians are especially joyful at the gift of language received by the disciples Thaddeus and Bartholomew who were then able to journey to Armenia (each at a different time) to convert and baptize many. These First Enlighteners planted the seeds that St. Gregory would cultivate and bring to full bloom two centuries later when Armenia became the "first Christian nation" under his mentorship. This coming of the Holy Spirit took place at the time of the Feast of Weeks, a harvest feast of pilgrimage, so Jews from everywhere were gathered in Jerusalem to give thanks for the first fruits of nature. Similarly, Christian Pentecost is a festival of thanksgiving for the first fruits of the Holy Spirit. *Reflection: The Holy Spirit descended on a group of Jesus' followers whose hearts were open in prayer. How ready are you to receive the Spirit's guidance and power in your life?*

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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:

**- Martyrs of the Battle of Sartarabad Who Gave Their Lives in 1918 for Their Faith and the Motherland**

**- Mary S. Boghosian, Julia Boghosian and Esther McQuaid:** From the Trust Fund established by Esther McQuaid and Julia Boghosian

**- Krikor Ermonian and Simon & Satenig Ermonian:** From the Trust Fund established by Krikor Ermonian

**- Aram Hintlian:** requested by Nancy E. Hintlian, Aram, Becky, Ali & Tori Hintlian, Cynthia & Richard Kazanjian, Rick Kazanjian, Andrea, Neil, Vaughan & Cole Krikorian, Nancy Hintlian (FL), Jeffrey, Adrienne &

Aurora Hintlian, and Elissa, Scott & Elle Roberston for father, grandfather & great-grandfather

**- Haiganoush Agnes Yazijian and Haig R. Yazijian:** From the Trust Fund established by Haig R. Yazijian

**- 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**

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATION**

We are proud to have seven students graduate from our Sunday School in a ceremony at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy this morning. They have successfully completed the required course of religious education of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern).

This year’s graduates are Lori Dorian, Victoria Hintlian, Megan Jakob, Anush Kirakosyan, Michael Manoukian, Diana Margaryan, and Armen Youssoufian.

#### **FELLOWSHIP HOUR**

You are all invited to join us in Shahe Hall following church Services for Fellowship Hour, hosted today by the Trinity Men’s Union.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to S. Marc Levin and Nane Khachatryan who baptized their daughter, Sona Water Lily Nektar Levin, yesterday in our Church, and congratulations to Joseph Balian who also received the sacrament of baptism yesterday. We welcome Sona and Joseph into our Christian family of the Holy Trinity Church and pray that Almighty God may keep them under His loving care.

Congratulations and best wishes to John Barrett Terzian and Leah Vaughn Bennett who received the sacrament of matrimony yesterday. We pray that Almighty God may bless and keep them under the protection of the Holy Cross.

#### **FRIENDS OF HOLY TRINITY 1000 CLUB SPRING DINNER/DRAWING**

You don’t have to be a member of the 1000 Club to join us at the Annual Spring Dinner/Drawing of the Friends of Holy Trinity 1000 Club on Thursday, May 31, at 6:30 p.m., in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall. Come join us; everyone invited; bring your entire family for

a delicious losh kebab and pilaf dinner for only \$9.99. Five “one-time” numbers will be sold for \$20 - save \$5. Five additional cash prizes will be awarded. Dinner tickets on sale at the door.

### **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.

### **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/](http://www.htaac.org/calendar/event/562/).

### **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.

### **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.diocesansummerncamps.org/st-vartancamp/registration-2/](http://www.diocesansummerncamps.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.

## ***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 \$24 a package. To place your order, please call the Church Office, 617.354.0632 or email [office@htaac.org](mailto:office@htaac.org). Order deadline is Friday, June 4.

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### **For Your Information**

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- 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.

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### **Community News**

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- **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 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**; Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall; 6:30pm
- 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**
- Mon, Jun 18 **Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament**; Marlborough Country Club

**Note: For those of you who have Showtime,  
"The Promise" is now playing.  
You can watch it free On Demand.**

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[www.facebook.com/HolyTrinityArmenianChurch](https://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](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.