

HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREATER BOSTON

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SUNDAY, MAY 27, 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:

1 Kgs. 18:29-46. 2 Kgs. 2:1-15. Jas. 5:16-20. Lk. 4:25-30.

A Prayer for Memorial Day

Lord God of Hosts in whom our fathers trusted, we give You thanks for those servants who have laid down their lives in the service of our country. We ask that through Your presence, unite all the people of this nation in a holy purpose to defend the freedom and brotherhood for which our valiant soldiers, marines, sailors and airmen lived and died.

Grant that the liberty they bequeathed unto us may be continued to our children and our children's children, and that the power of the Holy Gospel may here abound to the blessing of all nations of this earth and to Thy eternal glory through Jesus Christ Your Son and Our Lord. Amen.

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 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1 [page 730], and will be read by Robert Dulgarian.

FEAST DAYS

- Today is the Remembrance of the Prophet Elijah.
- Monday, May 28, is the Feast of St. Hripsime and Her Companions.
- Tuesday, May 29, is the Feast of St. Gayane and Her Companions.
- Thursday, May 31, is the Feast of St. John the Forerunner.
- Saturday, June 2, is the Feast of St. Gregory the Enlightener (Deliverance from the Pit).
- Sunday, June 3, is the Feast of Catholic Church of Holy Etchmiadzin.

From Today's Bible Reading

1 Kings 18:29-46 Elijah's prayer to God brings rain after a long drought, whereas the prayers of Baal's prophets prove futile. This "contest" is spectacular: 850 pagan prophets against the one prophet Elijah of the one God Yahweh. Elijah builds an altar with twelve stones upon which he places a sacrificial bull that is drenched repeatedly with water. This miraculously precipitates first God's fire and eventually God's healing rain. *Reflection: What kinds of "showdowns" take place in your life; i.e., where is the one true God competing with the false gods in your life? What would it take for you to be convinced that God is more powerful than anything else?*

2 Kings 2:1-15 As the prophet Elijah and his protégé Elisha travel from Gilgal to Bethany and then to Jericho, the prophets in each place remind Elisha that God would soon be taking his master from him; Elijah himself continues to remind his disciple of this. At the Jordan, Elijah rolls up his cloak and taps the river which parts for them to cross safely. He asks Elisha what he might wish from him, to which the young man replies: a "double portion of your spirit." When Elijah is taken up to heaven in a fiery chariot led by flaming horses, he drops his cloak to the ground. Elisha picks it up, taps the river with it, and the water parts for him. The prophets realize that God's spirit had descended now upon Elijah's pupil. *Reflection: At every step of his journey (vv. 2, 4, 6), Elijah wants Elisha to stay behind, but Elisha stubbornly continues to accompany his master. What does this reveal about each man's relationship with the other? Have you ever had the mantle of leadership passed on to you? What quality of your mentor would you have wished for?*

James 5:16-20 In these concluding verses of James' epistle, he advises his listeners to confess to and pray for each other, as the "prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." He cites Elijah as a man whose prayers were indeed effective. He also notes how important it is to keep others from sin. *Reflection: Have you ever confessed a wrongdoing to a fellow Christian? How did it help? In what ways does confession before receiving Holy Communion heal our souls?*

Luke 4: 25-30 Jesus is at worship in a synagogue in His hometown of Nazareth when He teaches from the book of Isaiah about the "year of favor from the Lord," a year which He proclaims to now have been fulfilled. At the congregation's amazement, Jesus famously declares that no prophet is accepted in His hometown. He cites the examples of the prophets Elijah and Elisha whose healings were more readily accepted by non-Jews. So angered by this, the congregation drives Him out of town

and to the edge of a cliff to throw Him down. But Jesus manages to leave them peacefully. *Reflection: Perhaps we have more in common with this congregation of two thousand years ago than we think. Reflect prayerfully: Is there anything about what Jesus teaches that makes you so uncomfortable you would prefer to drive Him out of your life?*

Today is the Remembrance of the Prophet Elijah

Elijah is an important Old Testament prophet for the Armenian Church, as well as Christian, Jewish, and Muslim traditions in general. Prophesying in the 9th century at the time of King Ahab and the infamous Queen Jezebel, he is a miracle worker and healer. But his greatest and most impactful quality was to declare and witness to the one true God, prevailing repeatedly and dramatically against false prophets and gods. At Jesus' transfiguration, he stands as *the* symbol of the prophetic tradition next to Moses, symbol of the Law. For a detailed presentation of Elijah in the Armenian Church, see www.armenianchurch.us, "*Saints and Feasts: Welcome the Stranger.*"

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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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's Altar flowers are donated for the glory of God on the occasion of Memorial Day from the:

- Trust Fund established by Major Robert Zaven Zartarian in memory of Stephen & Nevart Pauline Azarian
- Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Rose M. Chacran Zartarian Trust in memory of Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Levon, Louise Aznev & Virginia Louise Zartarian

PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are requested for the recently deceased souls of Mayranush Rushanyan and Haig Hedison.

REQUIEM SERVICE

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

- **Mayranush Rushanyan, 7th Day, Stepan Tokatlyan and Abraham Kavlakian:** requested by Mkrdich & Knarik Tokatlyan and Family

- **Stephen & Nevart Pauline Azarian:** From the Trust Fund established by Major Robert Zaven Zartarian

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

- **Mardiros Kasabian, Khanum (Bohigian) Harrison, Genevieve (Jean) Harrison, Victoria (Harrison) Davidian, Rose Harrison, and Harry Harrison:** From the Trust Fund established by Rose and Elise Harrison

- **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

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

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

YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE; Church Sanctuary, 12-12:30pm

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/.

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

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.*

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 Friday, June 4.

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.

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

- **Wed, May 30, 7:30pm - NAASR/Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation Series on Contemporary Armenian Issues and the Outreach Lecturing Fund of the Fulbright Scholar Program Present "From Humanitarianism to Abetting Denial: The U.S. and Recognition of the Armenian Genocide;" lecture by Julien Zarifian, Associate Professor in American History, University of Cergy-Pontoise, France, and Fulbright Visiting Scholar, USC Shoah Foundation, at AGBU Center, Watertown, MA**

-- **Sat, Jun 2 - AGBU New England District 110th 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

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

- 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 Nevert 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
- Sun, Jun 17 **Father's Day Annual Requiem Service**
- 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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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.