

HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF GREATER BOSTON

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#### HONORING OUR VETERANS

On Sunday, November 12, we were honored to have 15 parish veterans participate in various aspects of the Divine Liturgy. Ranging from service in WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan, these men all served with distinction and honor. May God bless them and all who serve and have served in the military in defense of freedom. God Bless America!

#### FROM OUR PASTOR

The following is taken from remarks offered by Fr. Vasken on October 8.

"THIS WAS A TRAGEDY OF THE WORST KIND - MAN DID IT TO MAN."



These words were said at a news conference last Monday morning because again we were confronted with tragedy and sorrow in our country. It was a week that began in chaos and that chaos turned into fear and sadness and grief. It was a week where parents drew their children closer and children felt the need to stay within eyesight of their moms and dads. We all heard the details of the awful Las Vegas mass shooting. Tens of thousands of people of all ages gathered into a crowded casino parking lot for a late night country music concert.

Everything was going well. Excitement was in the air. The music was great. The crowds were full of joy. And then the gates of Hell broke open and evil raised its head. When all was said and done, fifty-nine people laid dead and more than five hundred people were badly injured in a period of ten minutes. Concert goers ran in every direction possible to escape the non-stop flood of gunfire. Parents shielding children with their bodies, spouses running hand-in-hand with spouses, sirens blaring, red and blue lights flashing and spinning in the air--we all saw it.

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In Las Vegas, it was pure pandemonium. In our homes, it was pure silence. We sat stunned. We sat riveted and when we were finally able to speak, we realized that there are no more words left to say. We've said it all before. Which was the last tragedy? Sandy Hook Elementary School? San Bernardino? Paris? And what ever became of Houston or the island of Puerto Rico and the smaller islands of the Caribbean? Hasn't there been enough sadness and tragedy? And now families are left to pick up the pieces of their shattered lives, trying to piece together what had happened last Sunday night. Our country became a "single city" and our "single city" shared pain and sorrow. On Facebook that evening, posts claimed that "seconds after the shooting began, people were helping people, strangers were assisting wherever assistance was needed and many were saved because of these selfless acts."

While all this was going on, I thought about the Bible story I chose for today. It's a very familiar story--one we've heard many times before. It's the story about the Apostles being caught in a storm at sea. They were all alone, or at least they thought they were all alone. Their attention was absorbed by the storm and trying to survive, so much so that they didn't see Jesus walking toward them from across the water, and when they eventually saw Him, they didn't recognize Him.

Evil is just like that. Whether we watch the news reports of massive hurricanes; whether we hear of road-side bombings in the Middle East; earthquakes across the world; meaningless and horrific school shootings or concert shootings; or we hear of bombings at the end of a celebrated marathon, the evidence of evil at work is real and it carries an addictive quality. It lures us in. It not only manipulates the perpetrators and the victims alike, but it affects the onlooker as well in very profound ways.

What do I mean? Simply this. Each time evil raises its head in this country, it is quickly replaced by the countless miracles that follow it. These are the countless miracles that come from the heart of good and caring people--the onlookers. That's the kind of selfless service that blossoms in the wake of terror. So as the onlookers, how should we deal with



evil? What's our role as the ones who watch these terrible events unfold? I think that our role is the role of being that Christian example--the ones who know God through their prayers and who turn those prayers into Christian compassion for others because we do so knowing that God is walking towards us.

- We can become the spark of faith that brings God's hope and strength to the world.
- We can be the love that will heal the world.
- And we can be the faith that brings God's hope to others.

We are in the Season of the Holy Cross--the Season when we celebrate the triumph of Jesus Christ over Evil. The terrible events of this past week challenge us to face our faith and ask ourselves:

- Is Jesus' Cross real to me?
- And if so, then how real?
- And how can we carry that Cross into our everyday lives and into the world around us?

It takes faith not to be devastated by the darkness around us and to see Jesus Christ walking towards us even in the circumstances of last week. It takes faith to leap into action when we see the innocent fall victim to evil. It takes faith not to take our eyes off of God in times like these. And it takes faith to put our feelings aside and spread the compassion of God into the world.

**It takes faith not to be devastated by the darkness around us.**

Tragedies like what happened last Sunday night might happen again. Tragedies like the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut may, unfortunately, happen again. Earthquakes, hurricanes and other natural and man-made disasters may find their way to ruin lives again and again. But that's why Jesus walked across the sea and calmed the storm. That's why He was born in Bethlehem, and that's why the Tomb was found empty on Easter morning - so that we shine His Light on darkness and spread His Love where hatred destroyed.

May God comfort those whose lives ended all too soon and those whose lives will be forever affected by the past week.

*Fr. Vasken*

**Erevan Choral Society and Orchestra  
Christmas Holiday Concert  
Sunday, December 10, 7:00 p.m.**



**COMPOSER KONSTANTIN PETROSSIAN  
MUSIC DIRECTOR AND CONDUCTOR**

**FEATURING  
VOCAL QUARTET FROM THE BOSTONIANS  
AND**

**THE ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL MADRIGAL SINGERS**

*The public is warmly invited to attend this complimentary concert.*

**WELCOME REV. DN. LEVON AND DONNA ASDOURIAN**

Holy Trinity Church is pleased to announce that Rev. Dn. Levon Asdourian will be interning under our pastor, Fr. Vasken A. Kouzouian, during the coming year. As an intern, Dn. Levon will be exposed to all aspects of parish ministry and administration.



Fr. Vasken states, "Dn. Levon's work in our parish will focus on putting into practice all that he has learned during his Seminary years. He will strive to impart his knowledge of the Christian faith and traditions of the Armenian Church into the four corners of the Holy Trinity parish. Having worked with Dn. Levon at St. Vartan Camp this past summer, I am confident that he will be a wonderful addition and strong resource for our various parish ministries and programs. His time with us will be two-fold: he will gain experience and a clear view of pastoral life and he will share his knowledge with all ages of our parish."

In May 2017, Dn. Levon received his Masters of Divinity Degree from St. Vladimir Orthodox Theological Seminary and a Certificate of Completion from St. Nersess Armenian Seminary. Dn. Levon was born in Upper Darby, PA, to Khatchig and Zabelle Asdourian. He attended public schools in Upper Darby until his graduation from Senior High School. In 2008, he entered the Seminary community and spent the next 9 years praying and studying there until his graduation this past May, earning a Masters of Divinity Degree.

Among his interests, Dn. Levon enjoys jogging and hiking. On October 21, he married Donna Atamian Rizk at St. Vartan Cathedral in New York City. Welcome Dn. Levon and Donna!!!



*On Sunday,, November 12, our ACYOA hosted a reception in honor of Deacon Levon and Donna in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall following Church Services as the parish welcomed and congratulated them on their marriage.*

## CELEBRATING 56 YEARS ON BRATTLE STREET AND OUR PARISHIONER OF THE YEAR, ARAM HINTLIAN



It was day of celebration, a day of tradition, a day of honoring those that built our beautiful church on historic Brattle Street, a day of memories, and a day of honoring a devoted son of the Holy Trinity parish, Aram Hintlian. So it was on Sunday, October 22, that the 56th anniversary of the consecration of the Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston was celebrated.

The commemoration began with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy by the Very Rev. Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan, the newly-appointed Director of Ministries of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern). At the conclusion of Church Services, the Grade 3 students of our Sunday School were each gifted a Bible presented to them by both Hayr Mesrop and our pastor, Fr. Vasken. Receiving Bibles were Ian Burton, Rory Burton, John Esserian, Lusine Gyulkhasyan, Mary Gyulumyan, Sophia Hovnanian, Scott Rigolini, and Talia Tashjian.



A celebratory Banquet followed in the Charles and Nevart Talanain Cultural Hall where Fr. Vasken gave the invocation. Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr., Parish Council Vice Chairman, served as Master of Ceremonies and James M. Kalustian, Diocesan Council Chairman,

offered the Toast. Outgoing Parish Council member, Jack Ekchian, was honored for his six years of devoted service to our Church in remarks by Daniel K. Dorian, Jr., Parish Council Chairman.



*Tribute to Outgoing Parish Council Member Jack Ekchian*

The highlight of the day was the honoring of Aram Hintlian as our Parishioner of the Year. Berdjouhi Parseghian, a member of the Diocesan Ararat Center Board of Directors where Aram currently serves as Chairman, paid tribute to his work on a Diocesan level by reading a congratulatory letter from the Board.

Hayr Mesrop read a congratulatory letter from His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate. A very touching and warm segment of the program was when Aram's daughters, Ali who surprised her father and flew up from the University of Alabama for this special occasion, and Tori, expressed their love and gratitude to their Dad. Daniel K. Dorian, Jr., shared the many reasons Aram was selected as this year's Parishioner of the Year. Among them, Parish Council member from 1987 to 1993; Diocesan Delegate for the past 25 years; Chairman





of our Annual Assembly for the last decade; running the Country Store booth at our Bazaar since 1981; Co-Chair of our annual Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament since 2005; treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Holy Trinity Trust Fund; and active Trinity Men's Union member, having served as Chairman from 1995 to 2004. A special warm tribute was also paid to Aram's wife, Becky, who is also so much a part of our church family. But it was Aram, himself, who in his remarks, brought us down memory lane sharing his growing up years as part of the Holy Trinity family.

Fr. Vasken read a letter from Fr. Mampre A. Kouzouian congratulating Aram and remembering his parents, Aram and Anne, and their entire family for all they have done and do for our parish.

In his warm remarks honoring Aram, Fr. Vasken stated: "Today, Aram, Jr., as our 2017 Parishioner of the Year, receives the same Award that was presented to his father, Aram, Sr., 33 years ago, back in 1984. That has never been done before as far as I am aware. That's worthy of celebrating. In their home, Aram and Anne Hintlian instilled an important lesson into their children to connect their lives to the life of their church. Having been raised in this type of family, Aram and his late brother, Greg, and sisters, Cynthia and Nancy, grew up at home here at Holy Trinity and learned what it means to work for one's church, and support one's church, and maintain one's church with the same heart and spirit of their parents. And if that wasn't enough, Aram married a woman whose inner beauty is the only thing that can outshine her outer beauty, and she became every bit as dedicated as he is. Becky rolls up her sleeves and passes on the traditions she also learned from her in-laws every time the need arises. Together, Aram and Becky took their devotion to their church - and instilled it into the home they built together - and are raising their daughters in. Aram, you've done so much for our church so, on behalf of all the pastors and parish councils that have benefitted from your efforts and your family's efforts, we thank you! You are one of the greatest Pillars this parish has ever had the honor of calling a Parishioner."



This day of celebration concluded with a Benediction offered by Hayr Mesrop, followed by our Holy Trinity family offering their warm congratulations to this year's Parishioner of the Year.



And good job and thank you to our ACYOA Juniors for serving under the supervision of Cathy Minassian and Anna Margaryan.



Photos, Ruth E. Boghosian



## ACYOA SENIORS UPDATE

### ASDVADZADZIN BRUNCH



On August 13, on the occasion of the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God, Soorp Asdvadzadzin, our ACYOA Seniors hosted the Annual Basturma and Eggs Brunch. Many thanks to our ACYOA Seniors for keeping this annual tradition alive.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW ACYOA SENIORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On September 24, during a General Membership Election Meeting, members of the ACYOA Seniors elected the new 2017-2018 Executive Committee: Co-Chairs: Sandra Hovsepien and Anna Margaryan; Treasurer: Stephen Hollisian; Public Relations: Amalia Petrosyan and Naneh Petrosyan; and Communications: Lilit DerKevorkian.

### ACYOA SENIORS HOMECOMING SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 26



As many college students return home over Thanksgiving break, Sunday, November 26 has been designated as ACYOA Seniors' Homecoming Sunday. ACYOA Juniors will be preparing care packages for all ACYOA Senior college students who attend Church Services that day. If you are a college student and plan on attending Homecoming Sunday, please

email the ACYOA Seniors at [acyoaseniors@htaac.org](mailto:acyoaseniors@htaac.org).

### ACYOA SENIORS 2ND ANNUAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

On November 26, the ACYOA Seniors of Holy Trinity invite all organizations and members of Holy Trinity Church and the neighboring Armenian community to participate in the 2nd Annual Volleyball Tournament. Come join us for an afternoon filled with fellowship, sportsmanship and of course, some old-fashioned fun. You can participate by joining the Parish Council, Trinity Men's Union, Women of Holy Trinity, Sunday School, Armenian School, Choir, Deacons, or ACYOA, teams, or make your own team with family and friends! All proceeds will benefit the ACYOA Seniors ministry programs. Each team must

consist of a minimum of 6/maximum of 10 players. To register your team, please email [acyoaseniors@htaac.org](mailto:acyoaseniors@htaac.org). For more information please visit [www.htaac.org](http://www.htaac.org).

### MONTHLY TRIVIA NIGHTS

The ACYOA Seniors host a monthly Trivia Night on the third Saturday of each month. All ages are invited to join us for a night filled with food, drink and great company. Come with your teams of 6 (or less) or just show up and we'll find you a team. Doors open at 6:30 – game starts at 7 and is done by 9. Prizes awarded to winning team! Admission includes mezze – cash bar available. The next Trivia night is scheduled for Saturday, November 18.

### WINTER BALL – JANUARY 13, 2018 – SAVE THE DATE



*The ACYOA Seniors are excited to bring back Winter Ball!*

*An evening of dancing and celebration, featuring a mix of Armenian and American music.*

*Open to all – SAVE the Date and watch for more information coming soon.*

If you know of anyone between the ages of 18-28 who lives in the area, or who has moved to the area for college or work, please send their contact information to the Youth Director, Yn. Arpi Kouzouian, at [youth@htaac.org](mailto:youth@htaac.org) or email the ACYOA Seniors directly at [acyoaseniors@htaac.org](mailto:acyoaseniors@htaac.org).

## ACYOA JUNIORS UPDATE

### CANOBIE LAKE PARK

*On August 23, our ACYOA Juniors enjoyed the annual joint Holy Trinity and St. James ACYOA Juniors trip to Canobie Lake Park.*





## ACYOA JUNIORS PARTICIPATE IN SOCIAL OUTREACH PROJECT TO HELP HURRICANE VICTIMS



On September 17, our ACYOA Juniors organized a vital social outreach project, sponsored by Church World Service. The ACYOA Juniors purchased supplies and assembled ten Emergency Cleanup Buckets to send to those affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. In a matter of minutes, the ACYOA Juniors raised not only the \$570 needed to fill the 10 buckets with much needed supplies, but through the generosity of our Holy Trinity parishioners, they raised \$763! After delivering the 10 assembled buckets to Acton Congregational Church for delivery to help those in need, the additional \$193 was sent to Church World Service to be used to purchase supplies to fill additional buckets. For more information about this project, or to make a donation, please visit: <https://cwskits.org/>

### KICK-OFF GATHERING



On September 17, the ACYOA Juniors held their Kick-Off Gathering, welcoming everyone back after a busy summer vacation. It was an active afternoon, with lots of ice breakers,

administrative matters, and a discussion about upcoming events. During the meeting, the new Points System was announced, developed and implemented by members of the ACYOA Juniors. This new system encourages more balance in the ACYOA, encouraging members to more fully participate and share in the work of the organization by getting involved and being engaged in all aspects of ACYOA – which includes worship, witness, service, education and fellowship. It was so good to see everyone again after the summer, and to welcome seven new members to our ACYOA.



### ACYOA JUNIORS' PARENTS' PARTNERSHIP ESTABLISHED

On October 1, 18 parents gathered to attend the first-ever ACYOA Parents' Partnership Gathering, an opportunity for the parents of our ACYOA Juniors to get to know one another, share their goals, vision, concerns and commitment to our youth. During the gathering, parents were able to offer feedback, ask questions, better understand what the

ACYOA is all about, as well as discover ways in which they can share their talents with the ACYOA program, and how Church leadership can better serve and support the ACYOA families. The gathering was a fruitful beginning to a long-term partnership.



### ACYOA JUNIORS OCTOBER SPORTS WEEKEND, OCTOBER 6-9

Over Columbus Day weekend, a busload of Juniors from Holy Trinity and St. James Churches took part in a memorable Fall Sports Weekend, hosted by St. Leon Armenian Church in Fair Lawn, NJ. It was a fun weekend, full of great sports competition, entertaining events, worship and lots of Christian fellowship. Heartfelt thanks to Coach Anna Margaryan and to Chaperone Rev. Dn. Levon Asdourian,





whose presence throughout the weekend provided great examples of Christian leadership and sportsmanship. Congratulations to our one and only trophy winner, Alina Kouzouian, for her second place Beginner's Tavloo victory.



*Our 20 ACYOA Juniors, along with Der Vasken, Yn. Arpi, Dn. Levon Asdourian and Anna Margaryan*

#### UPCOMING EVENT:

December 9 – ACYOA Juniors Christmas Ball for all regional ACYOA Juniors, ages 12-18

The ACYOA Juniors is open to all youth ages 12 to 18. If you or someone you know is interested in or eligible to join the ACYOA Juniors, please contact the Youth Director, Yn. Arpi Kouzouian, at [youth@htaac.org](mailto:youth@htaac.org).

## SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

### SEPTEMBER 10 – OPENING OF CHURCH SCHOOLS



Excitement was in the air as students and parents gathered for the first day of Sunday School. Each class prepared a Time Capsule that included a personal fact sheet on each student, a piece of yarn measuring each student's height, and a class photo. The Time Capsules will remain in each classroom and be re-opened on closing day, helping students tangibly measure both their physical and spiritual growth over the school year. The entire Sunday School and parents also attended Church Services where Der Vasken offered a powerful object lesson, reminding us that if we don't make God a priority, it's hard to find time for Him in our lives.

#### PARENTS' BREAKFAST

On October 1, over 30 parents gathered for a Parents' Breakfast with Der Vasken and the Parish Council. This informational gathering was not only an opportunity to socialize with other Armenian and Sunday School parents, but an opportunity to learn about and give feedback on our Sunday morning programs for our children. Parish Council Member, Ani Ross Grubb, highlighted the programs and benefits the Church offers, as well as the importance of parents getting





involved. Sunday School Superintendent, Yn. Arpi Kouzouian, presented information and administrative facts about the Sunday School program, highlighted the role of parents and staff as partners in ministry, offered an overview of what the Sunday School needs from its parents, and invited a discussion on how the Church can better help parents and families. Armenian School Superintendent, Naira Balagyoian, shared information about the Armenian language program, addressing the importance of encouraging our children to learn and study the Armenian language.

## OPEN HOUSE



On October 15, parents were invited to the annual Sunday School Open House, an opportunity for parents to visit their children's classroom, experience a typical Sunday lesson, and discover first-hand what their children are learning in Sunday School. Parents and students then participated in Family Worship Sunday by attending Church Services, receiving Holy Communion, and hearing a youth sermon offered by Der Vasken.

*Varsity football player David Manoukian helps Der Vasken illustrate the importance of putting on our Armor of God.*

*On October 22, Der Vasken was able to spend time visiting our Sunday School*



*Our Third graders were so excited about their new Bibles on October 22, they couldn't wait to start reading them!*

## SAVE THE DATES:

- December 17: Annual Christmas Pageant, "The Story of Christmas" will be presented
- January 7, 2018: Annual Armenian Christmas Family Luncheon

## ABOUT OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Holy Trinity Sunday School meets weekly from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Peter Adamian Hall and follows the Diocesan Department of Christian Education's curriculum. All children aged 3-17 are welcome (must be 3 by September 1 of the current academic year.) There is a nominal materials fee for each student, which is waived if at least one parent is a current dues-paying member or a full-time Sunday School teacher or assistant. Students may register at any point during the academic year. For a registration packet, Parent Handbook, or for any questions about our Sunday School ministry, please email the Superintendent at [youth@htaac.org](mailto:youth@htaac.org). If you are a Sunday school parent, please join us on Facebook by joining our Holy Trinity Sunday School Families group.



## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATE!



**MICHAEL HAMILTON GALLAGHER**, son of Michael and Samara Gallagher of Hampton, NH, graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in Troy, NY, with a degree in electrical engineering. Throughout undergrad, Michael was involved in research and various projects at both the University of Massachusetts Lowell (UMass Lowell) and RPI. At UMass Lowell, Michael worked in the Center for Photonics, Electromagnetics, and Nanoelectronics (CPEN) within a professor's research group as a National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates (NSF REU) student. The research projects he worked on were focused on optoelectronic devices for medical applications. At RPI, Michael worked with a professor on a network

simulator and implementing Internet of Things communication protocols for future studies. During Michael's final semester, his senior design project team was tasked with building a prototype solar array drive assembly for CubeSats (U-class spacecraft), and was sponsored by NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in California. Michael was also named to both RPI's and UMass Lowell's Dean's Lists, RPI's Dean's Honor List, and was a recipient of the Armenian Students' Association (ASA) Gold Medal Award. Michael interned at Velcro Group Corporation in Manchester, NH, Parker Hannifin in Hudson, NH, and the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, ME.

Michael currently works at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard as a Combat Systems Engineer and is continuing his education at Columbia University in New York City.



## TRINITY KIDS' PLACE 2017

From August 7-18, Trinity Kids' Place welcomed nearly 20 children ages 3-9 to our parish's summer ministry program. Through discovery and play, the children of TKP learned how to "celebrate our God-Given talents" and how to use these gifts and talents to serve God and one another. (1 Peter 4:10)

Highlights of this year's program:

- Trinity Kids' Place welcomed a variety of parishioners to share their variety of talents, celebrating and showcasing how God has blessed us each with unique talents that we are to use in service to others. Some of the highlights include:
- Choreg-making with Bob and Marilyn Takvorian and Alice Palandjian



- Accomplished local artist Sona Manoukian helped each participant paint a lasting reminder of our time together at Trinity Kids' Place
- Linda Agazarian Bullock, an accomplished Music and Dance Instructor, and the Choir Director of Armenian Church of Our Saviour in Worcester, MA, taught the children dances and songs to help them express their faith.
- Our resident trumpeter and annual instructor, Dan Teager, shared his many talents.
- Graduate Eric Ohanyan, who has attended Trinity Kids' Place since 2012, received his graduation certificate.



- Sally DerVartanian shared her love of nature and gardening, helped the participants plant basil, and introduced us all to the garden-friendly ladybug!

On our last day together, we held our first ever TKP Talent Show. Everyone had an opportunity to share their talents, including our staff!

Participants and staff of the 2017 Trinity Kids' Place program took part in the Blessing of Basil Service at the conclusion of church services on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

In addition to all our visiting instructors, many thanks to the incredible staff that made Trinity Kids' Place 2017 such a fun and memorable experience: Yn. Arpi Kouzouian, Director, Ann Danielson, Curriculum Advisor. Junior Staff: Leila Belubekian, Emily and Mary Benjanyan

(CA), Levon Haroutunian, Tori Hintlian, Alina Kouzouian, David Manoukian, Helen Margaryan, Robert Martirosyan, Isabella Maserejian, Katerina Ohanyan, Aleen Ostayan and Armen Yousoufian; and to our visiting helpers: Rev. Dn. Levon Asdourian and David Abrahamyan. Above all, we are so grateful to Fr. Vasken who always finds time to share his faith and talents with our entire Trinity Kids' Place family.



Week 1  
Trinity Kids

Week 2  
Trinity Kids



Please mark your calendars for the 2018 season, August 6-10 and August 13-17. Trinity Kids' Place is open to children ages 3-9 (3 by January 1, 2018). Applications will be available by April 1, 2018. Please contact the Director at [youth@htaac.org](mailto:youth@htaac.org) with any questions.



## OUR TRINITY FAMILY FESTIVAL

It was a great day for our church family and friends who gathered together at summer's end for our annual Trinity Family Festival on Sunday, September 10, and enjoyed delicious Armenian food and nostalgic Armenian music by the Greg Krikorian Ensemble. David Dorian, Jack Ekchian and Stephan Hovnanian, Festival Chairmen, express their sincere appreciation to all the volunteers who worked prior to and/or during the festival. Thank you to all who supported our raffle and congratulations to the winners: 1st Prize, \$1,000 - Diran A. Zahigian; 2nd Prize, \$300 - Arlene Terassi; and 3rd Prize - \$200 - George W. Haroutunian.



*THE PASTOR AND  
PARISH COUNCIL  
EXTEND THEIR GRATITUDE  
TO FESTIVAL CHAIRMEN,  
DAVID DORIAN,  
STEPHAN HOVNANIAN,  
AND JACK EKCHIAN.*



## TRINITY MEN'S UNION OPENS SEASON WITH A "WIN"



New England Patriots Chaplain, Character Coach and Director of Team Development, Jack Easterby, was the dynamic guest speaker at the Trinity Men's Union Dinner/Meeting held on Monday, September 11. Easterby is one of the country's most respected leaders in sports ministry and sports leadership circles. He has also served in consulting roles for the NFL, the Kansas City Chiefs, the Southeastern Conference, the United States Olympic Teams, as well as being entrusted with over 50 head coaching searches at both power five and mid major universities for multiple sports. His inspiring message was absorbed and appreciated by all those in attendance as was evidenced by the standing ovation at the conclusion of his talk.

Thank you to Aram Hintlian for arranging the speaker's visit and a huge "shout out" to David Dorian, TMU Chairman, for organizing the dinner the day after he co-chaired our successful Trinity Festival.



Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall while enjoying delicious typical tailgate food prepared by members of the Trinity Men's Union. Thankfully, with a little luck, the Patriots came away with a victory as well.

And, on Sunday, October 15, the TMU scored another victory with their 4th Annual Tailgate party as our Church family came together to watch the New England Patriots vs. the New York Jets on our 12 foot high-definition screen in the Charles and

## \$\$\$ FRIENDS OF HOLY TRINITY 1000 CLUB \$\$\$

### 1000 CLUB SAYS . . .

*A man's character is like a fence. It cannot be strengthened by whitewash.*

#### 1000 CLUB WINNERS FOR JUNE

\$1,000 - Peter S. Talanian; \$300 - Zaven Giragosian; \$200 - Robert Ajemian; \$100 - Renee Zahigian; \$50 Winners: Kaspar M. Torosian; Gayle M. Yapchaian; Mary L. Almasian; Stephanie Farrohi; Nancy Griffin; Nellie R. Bogosian; Alexander Deeran Krikorian; Helene Dorian

#### 1000 CLUB WINNERS FOR JULY

\$1,000 - Adrienne Kefeyan; \$300 - Alex Simon Marootian; \$200 - John E. Arsenault; \$100 - Charles Gazarian; \$50 Winners: Scott Martin; Ronald Malconian, Jr.; Armeny Apkarian; Lisa K. Dorian; Todd Kirkland; Aram Hintlian; Ralph K. Stewart; Gail & Richard O'Reilly

#### 1000 CLUB WINNERS FOR AUGUST

\$1,000 - John Goshdigian; \$300 - Karin Berberian; \$200 - Mary Ann Passalacqua; \$100 - Charles Gazarian; \$50 Winners: Scott Bennett; Olivia Martin; John Goshdigian; Alma Sahagian; Kaspar M. Torosian; Elsie Minassian; Vicky Dustin; Mark Ohanian

#### 1000 CLUB WINNERS FOR SEPTEMBER

\$1,000 - Andreas & Sarah Arpiarian; \$300 - Anna P. Pietz; \$200 - Elizabeth Babaian; \$100 - Arpi Hovagimian; \$50 Winners: Scott Martin, Bedford; M/M Donald Anastasia; Armine Sarges; William & Karen Martin; Judy Aroyan; Robert & Jeanne Lawson; Ashley Dorian; Adrienne V. Tashjian

#### 1000 CLUB WINNERS FOR OCTOBER

\$1,000 - Gayle M. Yapchaian; \$300 - Donna Kirkland; \$200 - Arpi Hovagimian; \$100 - Howard M. Critchett, Jr.; \$50 Winners: Wes Stephanian; Howard & Betty Lou Fairweather; Robert & Jeanne Lawson; John Kelly; Harvey Thayer; Norma Daniels; Eleanor Hughes; Ken Surabian

### PARISH NOTES

Congratulations to Zachary Colon, son of Sonya Arpiarian & Ricardo Colon, who won the Drive, Chip & Putt National Championship in Augusta, GA, on April 2, in the Boys 12-13 division and was presented his award from two-time Masters champion Bubba Watson. Congratulations to great-grandmother, Helene Dorian, grandparents, Dan & Lisa (Kolligian) Dorian, and parents, Matthew & Amanda Keller, on the birth of Matthew Dorian Keller on July 8. Our very best birthday wishes to Anna Pietz who turned 100 years old on September 29. Anna has been living in Maine these last few years but she never forgets her Church. And a very Happy 90th Birthday to June Carlon. Congratulations to Martin & Mimi Kalustian who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. Our condolences to Ann Simon and Family on the death of her mother, Haykanus Yakupoglu, on September 27.



*Congratulations!!!*

Freshman David Manoukian holding the 2017 Division V North Champions trophy as the Watertown High School Football Team defeated Lynnfield 38-34, and Senior Alex Abrahamian (team captain) holding the 2017 Division III North Champions trophy as the Watertown High School Boys Soccer Team defeated Melrose 2:0.



## MADAGH DONATIONS FROM OUR TRINITY FAMILY FESTIVAL

<u>Name</u>	<u>In Memoriam</u>
Albert Oskoian	Anne Oskoian
Charles G. Talanian Family	Charles G. Talanian and Jane Talanian
Kevork & Jacqueline Atinizian	Parents
Elizabeth Lepore Jones	Alfred T. Lepore
Joan E. Kolligian	Zadig Keljikian
Bruce & Lu Ann Ohanian	Michael Ohanian, Ann Hintlian & Evelyn Mukjian
Albert Zouranjian	Khoren & Houliane Zouranjian
William & Karen Martin	Loved ones
Diran A. Zahigian	Zahigian and Hedison Kertasdans
Jeanette Ayvazian	Peter Ayvazian
Ginny Diranian	Andy & Evelyn Diranian
Liza Dorian and Family	Haroutunian Kertasdan
George W. Haroutunian	Loved ones
Cynthia Kazanjian	Aram, Anne & Gregory Hintlian
Greg Kechejian	Family & friends
John & Adrienne Kefeyan	Loved ones
Edward & Zella Marootian	Kevork & Nevart Marootian
MaryAnn & David LaCarubba	Miriam & John Sourourian
Harry Parsekian	Hrant Dink
Bertha Demirjian & Family	Berge Donabedian
Charles & Joyce Dermenjian	Parents
Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr.	Rose & Archie Kolligian
Nishan & Margie Mootafian	Melkonian & Mootafian Kertasdans
Bruce & Carlene Newell	Carl & Mary Hintlian and Kenneth & Charlotte Newell
Robert & Walter Proodian	Parents
Dn. Gregory & Carol Krikorian	Dn. Khugas & Siranoush Krikorian
Dorothy Piranian	Piranian Family
George K. Tarvezian II	Armine & Veronica Tarvezian
Vladimir & Susan Arustamyan for Gregory Arustamyan's health and success	

### DAJAR DONATIONS

\$100 from Dean Shahinian, Esq.; \$25 - Shirley Onanian; \$20 - Anonymous

### THANK YOU TO . . .

Anna Pietz for the beautiful 9'8" x 14'7" Keshan-Iran oriental rug that she recently donated to the Church.

### CLERGY PREPARATION

In September, \$2,325.00 was sent to St. Nersess Armenian Seminary. This gift represents the annual income of the Karekin and Nectar Der Ohannesian Trust Fund of our Church to be used for scholarship purposes for the training and teaching of theology of young Armenian men to be priests in the Armenian Apostolic Church.

And, also in September, a check in the amount of \$600 from the 2017 Clergy Training Trust Fund was issued to the Gevorgyan Seminary in Armenia for a theological student.



## DONATIONS TO OUR TRUST FUND

- \$12,500 establishing the Krikor Ermonian Trust Fund from his estate
- \$10,000 from Christine Sahagian and Robert Nahabedian to the Charles & Alice Nahabedian Trust Fund
- \$3,500 from the Holy Trinity ACYOA Seniors to their Trust Fund
- \$1,500 from the Holy Trinity ACYOA Juniors to their Trust Fund
- To the Aram & Becky Hintlian Trust Fund in honor of Aram Hintlian, Parishioner of the Year:
  - \$1,000 from Aram & Becky Hintlian
  - \$250 from Nancy E. Hintlian
  - \$100 from Roxie M. Hedison and Ann Hedison
  - \$50 from Jeffrey & Adrienne Hintlian
- \$1,000 from Mrs. Charles Talanian, Gail & Richard O'Reilly, Charles M. & Ann Talanian, and Christopher, Noel, Celina & Charlie Talanian to be added to the Charles & Nevart Talanian Trust Fund
- \$100 from Roland H. West to the Aram & Becky Hintlian Trust Fund

## DONATIONS TO OUR CHURCH

- \$12,500 from the estate of Krikor Ermonian
- \$10,000 from the family of Deran and Ann Hintlian
- \$6,500 from the Holy Trinity ACYOA Seniors
- \$1,500 from the Holy Trinity ACYOA Juniors
- \$1,000 from Shakeh Benson
- In honor of Aram Hintlian, Parishioner of the Year:
  - \$200 from Walter & June Hatfield
  - \$100 from George W. Haroutunian and K. Shirley Spencer
  - \$100 from Tom & Setta Stephanian and Family
- \$250 from Glenn Shenloogian for Trinity Kids' Place
- \$206 from David Poole
- \$200 from Janice Bacon-Zega to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund
- \$200 from Ann Simon & Family
- \$200 from Michele Simourian
- \$100 received in honor of June Carlon's 90th birthday from Mary Avedisian, Leona Kevorkian, Stefanie Madanian, Louise Missakian, and Marien Samuelian
- \$100 from George W. Haroutunian and K. Shirley Spencer to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund
- \$100 from Armine Sarges and Nancy Moscofian in honor of Harutiun Palandjian's special birthday
- \$65 from Fr. Mampre A. Kouzouian to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in honor of Martin & Mimi Kalustian's 65th wedding anniversary
- \$40 from Kenneth Hintlian

**PLEASE REMEMBER  
HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH  
IN YOUR WILL.**



## IN LIEU OF FLOWERS

*Sincere sympathy is extended by the Pastor and Parish Council to the families of those parishioners who have departed from this life.*

*Grateful acknowledgment is expressed to the families of the departed souls for making it possible for friends and relatives to contribute in lieu of flowers, partially or totally, towards our church.*

Donations in lieu of flowers at the funeral of **V. HARRIET PIRANIAN** for our church:

Mrs. Charles Talanian, Richard & Gail O'Reilly, and Charles M. & Ann Talanian; M/M Edwin Adamian; Grace Aznoian; Evelyn & Ron Careb, CT; M/M Peter Covo; Ann & Armen Chopourian; Rosalie Demarjian; Dorothy Piranian

Total: \$745.00



Donations in lieu of flowers at the funeral of **ANOUSH DELCORE** for our church:

Paul Delcore, Maria Delcore, and William & Anoush O'Connor; John, Valeri & Derek Delcore; Leigh A. Warren; Barbara Delcore Rothwell

Total: \$1,250.00



Donations in lieu of flowers at the funeral of **GEORGE THOMASIAN** for our church:

Robyn & Edward Miller; Gregory & Lianna Sarkisian, VA; Marion S. Benson; Albert Oskoian; Thomas & Marian Peterson; Leon & Marion Semonian; Mark Semonian, FL; Sarkis Soukiasian & Derouhie Soukiasian; Agnes Takvorian, ME; Celestial Masonic Lodge A.F. & A.M., Westwood; Lisa Kolligian & Daniel Dorian; M/M Edward D. Hagopian; Aram & Becky Hintlian; Dn. Gregory & Carol Krikorian; Mardiros Minasian; Catherine Mosgofian; Armen & Susan Skenderian; Mel & Arlene Terrasi; Diran Zahigian; Jack & Audrey Pilibosian; Leon & Marge Atamian; Arthur Avakian; Seta A. Buchter; George W. Haroutunian & K. Shirley Spencer; Helen Krikorian, VA; John Marsoobian; Armand and Sarkis Paboojian; Robert P. Proodian; George K. Tarvezian, Jr.; Rose & Nish Tikijian

Total: \$2,585.00



Donations in lieu of flowers at the funeral of **SARKIS TOOMAJIAN** for our church:

Mark & Merrilee Flannery; Leon & Marge Atamian; Mary Bagdigian & Family; Richard & Mary Humber; M/M Robert Karanian & Family, CT; Richard & Karen Diranian; M/M Ronald Manoogian & Family; Eleanor C. Arakelian; Deborah Ashjian; Grace & Karen Kaloostian; Vahan Kouyoumjian; Alice K. Mellian; Sam & Louise Zouranjian

Total: \$775.00

Donations in lieu of flowers at the funeral of **JOHN E. "MIKE" ARSENAULT** for our church:

John & Susan Arsenault, FL; Aram & Becky Hintlian; Cynthia & Richard Kazanjian; Rena Monks, FL; Arthur, Jr., Paul & Margaret Penerian, FL; Eugene & Queenie Raphaelian; Lorraine Vaccaro; Jill & Jenni (Arsenault) Erwin, FL; James M. Kalustian; Dr. Parnag & Nancy Kasarjian; George W. Haroutunian; Carolyn Butt; Martin & Mimi Kalustian; Marie Orlowski  
Total: \$1,090.00



In lieu of flowers in memory of **SARA BEJOIAN**: Errol Rick

Additional in lieu of flowers in memory of:

- **GEORGE BALEKJIAN**: Harry & Hilda Balekjian; John & Zara Yalenezian
- **ANNA KERKORIAN**: Francis & Gail M. Moran; Sarkis & Elsie Sarkisian
- **CHARLES NAHABEDIAN**: Arthur Avakian; Robert P. Proodian; George K. Tarvezian II

In memory of:

- **SIRARPIE DER NERSESSIAN**: Joanne Peterson \$200.00
- **HAGOP & SIRARPI AJEMIAN**: Karl and Sossy Mahdasian 20.00

## HOLY TRINITY WISH LIST



We are reaching out to parishioners and friends who may wish to make a Special Donation for these beautiful Bishop's vestments, handmade in Armenia, that were badly needed to replace those on hand. The cost of these vestments was \$2,000.



Please contact the Church Office or Der Vasken if you would like to donate in its entirety or contribute towards this Wish List item.



## WEDDINGS

**James Leon Rotiroti** of Stoneham, MA, and **Amy Lynne Yessaian** of Stoneham, MA, on July 1. Bestman, Eric Anderson

**David Christopher Zega** of Methuen, MA, and **Janice Alma Bacon** of Peabody, MA, on July 2. Bestman, Thomas Daley

**Sarim Alpin** of Brookline, MA, and **Judith Ligsay Ramel** of Boston, MA, on August 6. Bestman Arto Suren

**David Manghis** of White River Junction, VT, and **Sarah Christine Aiello** of White River Junction, VT. Bestman, Wes Stephanian

**Douglas Reed Toan** of Winchester, VA, and **Jean Juskalian Toan** of Winchester, VA, on August 13. Bestman Iverson Eliopoulos

**Joseph Benjamin Storer** of Exeter, NH, and **Jehan Vaccaro** of Exeter, NH, on September 17. Bestman Jose De La Torre

**Scott Michael Martin** of Belmont, MA, and **Ashley Kolligian Dorian** of Belmont, MA, on October 7. Bestman Jeffrey Martin



## BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS

**Michael Armani Manoukian** and **David Armani Manoukian**, sons of Arman and Armina Gyulumyan Manoukian of Watertown, MA, on July 14. Godfather, Vahe Bejanyan, and Godmother, Anahit Mouradian

**Isabella Knara Fitzpatrick**, daughter of Ian and Anahit Tokatlyan Fitzpatrick of Burlington, MA, on August 6. Godfather, Steve Tokatlyan, and Godmother, Amy Clark

**Emily Sarkisyan**, daughter of David Sarkisyan and Milana Sarkisova of Norwood, MA, on August 12. Godfather, Samvel Martirosyan, and Godmother, Anahit Avanesyan

**Elle Addalyn Robertson**, daughter of Scott and Elissa (Hintlian) Robertson of New York, NY, on September 16. Godfather, Jeffrey Hintlian, and Godmother, Belinda Hai

**Ivan Hovanesian**, son of Kevin Hovanesian and Tiana Gasparini of Belmont, MA, on November 12. Godfather, Ronald Gilberto, and Godmother, Kathy Gilberto



## FUNERALS

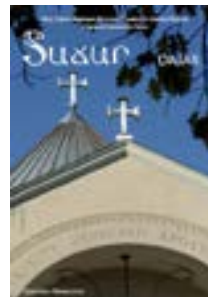
**Rose Ferrera** of Belmont, MA, on July 5

**George Thomasian** of Watertown, MA, on July 14

**Sarkis Toomajian** of Winchester, MA, on July 22

**John E. "Mike" Arsenault** of Chelsea, MA, on September 5

**Richard Konchagulian** of Woburn, MA, on October 24



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Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

- 15 - 4th Annual Trinity Tailgate; NE Patriots vs. NY Jets on our 12' high definition screen
- 22 - Annual Church Banquet

NOVEMBER

- 12 - Honoring Our Veterans
- 19 - ACYOA Thanksgiving Luncheon

DECEMBER

- 1 & 2 - Trinity Christmas Bazaar
- 10 - Christmas Holiday Concert, Erevan Choral Society, 7pm
- 17 - Christmas Family Service
- Sunday School Christmas Pageant

DECEMBER (Cont'd)

- 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, (English); 5pm
- 25 - *MERRY CHRISTMAS!*
- JANUARY
- 5 - Candlelight Badarak - Armenian Christmas Eve
- 6 - Armenian Christmas Divine Liturgy
- 7 - Holy Nativity and Theophany; Blessing of the Water followed by Sunday School Family Luncheon
- 13 - Winter Ball hosted by ACYOA Seniors; open to all

FEBRUARY

- 11 - Poon Paregentan
- 18 - Annual Parish Assembly



WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL  
PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS  
TO JOIN US ON *CHRISTMAS EVE!*