Sunday, October 18, 2020 Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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SUNDAY BULLETIN



MASKS, COVERING THE MOUTH AND NOSE, ARE TO BE WORN FROM THE MOMENT ONE ENTERS THE VESTIBULE, THROUGHOUT THE BADARAK, AND ARE NOT TO BE REMOVED UNTIL ONE HAS LEFT THE BUILDING.

Backpacks and large satchels are prohibited in the sanctuary during Badarak. If you enter the Church with a large bag, you will be asked to leave it with a Parish Council Member for the duration of Sunday Service

Readings of the Day: Is. 20:2-21:6. Gal. 4:3-18. Lk. 4:14-23.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to the Prophet Isaiah, chapter 61, vs. 1-4 and will be read by Rose Aznavorian.

- · Yesterday was the Feast of the Holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
- · Monday, October 19, is the Feast of St. Lucian of Antioch.
- · Tuesday, October 20, is the Feast of St. Theodotus the Priest.
- Thursday, October 22, is the Feast of the Kharitian Martyrs: Martyrs Artemius, Christopher, Niceta, and Aquilina.
- · Saturday, October 24, is the Feast of the Twelve Holy Doctors of the Church: Hieretheos of Athens, Sylvester of Rome, Athanasius of Alexandria and others.
- · Next Sunday, October 28, is the Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross.

From Today's Bible Reading

Luke 4:14-23 Jesus is teaching in Nazareth fresh from His victory over the devil in the wilderness. In a way, this is the Gospel story in miniature: Jesus is first met with praise and acclaim but this response sours through jealousy, suspicion and ignorance. *Reflection: When Jesus spoke to His "hometown crowd" in Nazareth, they first marveled at His "gracious words." Later, what He told them made them so angry they wanted to drive Him over a cliff (vv. 28-30). What teachings of Jesus are the hardest for you to hear? Love your enemy? Give all you have to the poor? Do good works without seeking public credit? Or?*

Galatians 4:3-18 St. Paul reminds the Galatians that Christ offers the possibility of being God's sons and daughters and, therefore, not slaves to pagan philosophies. He calls on their friendship and open-hearted spirit to turn from wrong influences. *Reflection: To fully understand the intimate relationship we can now have with God, consider the difference between being a paid servant to a family and being one of the children in the family. Itemize qualities that distinguish each relationship.*

Isaiah 20:2-21:6 The Judeans were looking to Egypt and Cush for protection, but these powers would be shamefully toppled. *Reflection: Have you ever had an experience that showed you that the things you thought were important to your happiness and security really were not?*

Saturday, October 24, Commemorates Twelve Church Fathers: St. Athanasius

St. Athanasius (c.298-373 AD) was born in the cosmopolitan city of Alexandria where he spent most of his life. Present at the Council of Nicaea in 325 as the Bishop of Alexandria's attendant, the young deacon spoke eloquently against the heretic Arius who denied Christ's eternal divinity (i.e., there was a time when God the Son did not exist). He was later appointed as the Bishop's successor and despite repeated exiles due to religious persecution and politics, he became a prolific apologist of the Christian faith and a revered church leader. He wrote the popular and influential Life of St. Antony. Of additional note, Bishop Athanasius' Easter Letter of 367 is the earliest reference to the canon of New Testament books as we have them today. Athanasius' masterpiece, On the Incarnation, is a celebrated defense of the full humanity and full divinity of Jesus. It likens fallen humanity to a painting that had been spoiled from its original splendor by "external stains" (sin), requiring a new person – Jesus Christ -- to sit again for the master painter. ("In this way the Image of the Father might be restored.") Reflection: Prayerfully think of your heart and soul as an Old Masters painting. Where do you think you need God's loving restoration?

October 18, 2020 Hokehankisd

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

- Louise Baitzar Panosian, 40th Day: requested by Arthur Panosian, husband; Steven Panosian & Zachary, Victoria and Slater, Jennifer & John Esserian, John and Robert, David & Linda Panosian and Alexandria, Arthur Panosian, Jr. for, mother and grandmother; Mary Kupjian & Family, George Berberian, Ken & Dianne Talanian for sister and aunt.
- Seta A. Buchter, 1st Anniversary: requested by Christina Buchter & Dan and Emily McNena for mother and grandmother; Sona & Richard Davidian, Deana Davidian, Alyssa, Rob, Cooper and Pierce Berryman, Alexis & Stephen Capezza for sister, aunt and great-aunt; Rev. Fr. Vasken, Yn Arpi, and Alina Kouzouian; Dn. Gregory & Carol Krikorian; Albert & Linda Abkarian; Mary Minasian; Dr. Parnag & Nancy Kasarjian and Family.
- Esther Agabian: requested by the Agabian Family.

Today's Altar Flowers are donated by the Holy Trinity Sunday School in memory of Seta Buchter, longtime Superintendent

Today's Altar Flowers and Candles are also donated from the Trust Fund established by Sooren & Mary Daniels in memory of their parents and brother; George, Takoohi, Vahan, Sooren & Mary Daniels and Dn. Gregory and Carol Krikorian in memory of Seta Buchter

***In memory of the first anniversary of the passing of her mother, Seta Buchter,
Christina Buchter and her family are hosting Fellowship Hour today on the Hollisian Plaza
at the conclusion of Church Services.***



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 Martin Kalustian; 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, please fill out the Prayer Request card that have been removed from the pews when the pandemic restrictions began, and are located on the table in the Narthex (the Church Santuary lobby).

Der Vasken offers a weekly Hokehankisd Service
To request a Hokehankisd service for the week, please submit this form online or by contacting the office by Thursday.

Please contact the church office with any questions.

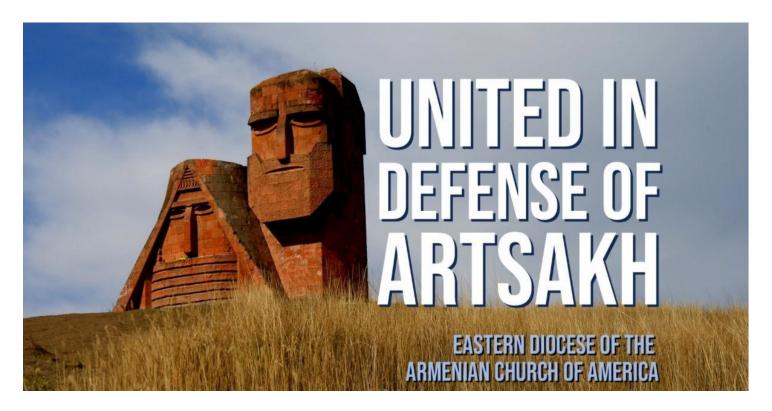
Requests submitted after noon on Thursday will not be printed in the Sunday Bulletin but will be read from the altar by Der Vasken on Sunday.

First Wednesday's... A Breath of God

Fr. Vasken invites you to join him for the fourth year of this well-received program that began last Wednesday. The next session will be held on November 4, from 6:45 pm to 7:30pm, in Johnson Hall. November's theme is "I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me: An Honest Discussion About Race".

Our Christian Faith has much to say about the issues we deal with every day in the modern world.

Join us as we look at many of these issues from the lens of our time- tested faith both In-person and on Zoom.



Fr. Vasken, the Parish Council and the Holy Trinity Trust Fund have approved a total contribution of \$50,000 to the Armenia Fund for humanitarian efforts in Artsakh. Together we can reach our goal of \$100,000 as a Holy Trinity Family. Your donation will provide essential humanitarian and medical relief to Armenia and Artsakh.

Donations by check can be made directly to Holy Trinity Armenian Church with ARTSAKH written on the memo line.

Donations by credit card can be made by calling the Church office at 617-354-0632.





BASKETS OF HOPE FOR ARTSAKH

Vhat is it? Members of the Holy Trinity ACYOA are preparing gift baskets filled with traditional home-made rmenian treats for you to share with friends and family. Order a basket today to help the people of Artsakh.

Vho benefits? 100% of proceeds benefit the **Armenia Fund** to help support the needs of the Republics of rtsakh and Armenia during this critical time. https://www.armeniafund.org/ Donor matching for first \$1,000.



Sweet / Savory Basket: \$25
Student Snack / Halloween Basket: \$12

Add \$10 donation for drop off within 25 miles of Church



CHOOSE FROM THE OPTIONS BELOW

Perfect as gifts for friends, family, students or to enjoy at home

WEET SELECTIONS BASKET	SAVORY SNACK BASKET	STUDENT SNACK BASKET	HALLOWEEN TREAT BUCKET
A selection of delicious traditional	A selection of delicious	Whether at home or at school,	Halloween bucket filled with treats
rmenian home-made sweet treats	traditional savory	study snacks for students of all	and toys for your favorite
(for 2-4)	Armenian snacks (for 2-4)	ages (individual)	trick-or-treater (individual)

HOW TO ORDER: Order online at tiny.cc/acyoabaskets

Specify which baskets, how many, pick up or drop off, and the date you want your basket.

Order by noon on Thursday for weekend availability. Advance payment required.

Additional donations welcome—please use link above.

PICK UP LOCATION: Holy Trinity Armenian Church, 145 Brattle Street, Cambridge MA. Pick up from back parking lot, located behind the Church complex off of Brewster and Sparks Streets.

PICK UP/DROP OFF SCHEDULE: Saturdays 2-4 p.m. / Sundays 12-1 p.m. October 17/18 — October 24/25 — October 31/November 1

For more information please email youth@htaac.org or call 617.354.0632



Send a Prayer Card to a Soldier in Artsakh

A member of our community is making prayer cards that have a prayer on the front, and on the back a short message can be written. If a person sends me \$1 she will send a card from them. All of the money raised will be donated to the Armenia fund. By doing this our soldiers will have a prayer with them, as well as know that we are here praying for them. At this time, we think faith is one of the most important things to have.

Contact her at RubinaGSimikyan@gmail.com or via Venmo user @Rubina-Simikyan



WEDNESDAYS A BREATH OF GOD

First Wednesday of Every Month • Johnson Hall or virtually via Zoom • 6:45pm - 7:30pm

Throughout the day, life hands us questions for which we seek answers. Each month, we discuss one of these life questions through the lens of our Christian Faith.

Below are the topics for this year. We warmly welcome you to join our series of conversations.

October 7, 2020

What Does Hope Look Like in an Uncertain World.

November 4, 2020

I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me: An Honest Discussion About Race

December 9, 2020 *

What's Armenian About Christmas? *2nd Tuesday

January 13, 2021

Christ the Healer: Blessing Water

February 3, 2021

Christ the Healer: When We Feel Forgotten & Lost

March 3, 2021

Christ the Healer: Pride, Envy, Anger, Sloth...

April 14, 2021

Christ the Healer: When We Feel Like Giving Up

*2nd Tuesday

May 5, 2021

Christ the Healer: Living For The

Other

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Sponsorship Opportunities available!

Our Bazaar will look a little different than previous years, but one thing is guaranteed - the meals and all the goodies will taste as delicious as ever!

We are pleased to share the news that a portion of proceeds from all 2020 events going forward will be donated to the Armenia Fund for Artsakh Relief.

Prayer for Our Elderly at Home

O Holy Mother of God, I open my arms and beseech you to be an intercessor for us As we pray for our elderly who remain at home Unable to be here with us during this pandemic

Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayer Help those at home from growing weary,

Keep loneliness outside their doors

Draw them near to you, And give them strength to endure the length of their days

May their moments of uncertainty be swept away And their worries put to rest

Instead fill their ears with the voices of their loved ones, And their hearts with the light of hope

Keep their bodies in good health And their feet steady on the path of faith

And when each day is done Lord, grant them the abiding comfort found only in your everlasting peace

Which surpasses all human understanding

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit Now and always and unto the ages and ages.

Amen.

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Թող որ փառատի անվստահութիւնը եւ զօրանայ Քու կամքդ։ Տէր, շնորհէ անոնց կատարեալ մարմնոյ առողջութիւն, Որպէսզի, առաջնորդուին ուղիղ հաւատքով՝ ի քեզ։

Շրջապատէ անոնց Քու շունչովդ եւ իրենց հարազատներուն ներկայութեամբ լուսաւորէ անոնց մթագնած հոգին դէպի քեզ։ Ամէն լուսաբացին ու մայրամուտին Տէր, տեւապէս շնորհէ Քու անսահման խաղաղութիւնդ որ աւելի վեր է քան մարդկային բոլոր փառքերը։ Եւ փառաւորենք զՀայր եւ զՈրդի եւ զՍուրբ Հոգիդ, այժմ եւ միշտ եւ յաւիտեանս յաւիտենից, ամէն։ *Holy Trinity Church would like to wish a very special happy birthday to Grace Kaprelian who turned 100 years young on October 12. May Almighty God keep Grace and her loved ones under His loving care.*

Index of Live-Streams

We've been blessed to be able to stay connected with our Parish through Facebook Live-Streams during this uncertain time.

We sincerely thank you all for tuning in, engaging, and providing feedback.

To view the complete Index of our Live-Streams, visit us on Facebook at Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church of Greater Boston.

You do not need a Facebook account to watch

These services are also available to watch through our YouTube channel Subscribe to our YouTube channel to receive a notification as soon as we upload new videos.



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Our Sanctuary Doors are Open on Sunday!



We are pleased to remind our parishioners that the sanctuary doors of Holy Trinity have reopened to in-person celebrations of the Divine Liturgy!

Please remember...

- Face Masks that fully cover the nose and mouth are to be worn while in the sanctuary.
- 'Contact-free' Kiss of Peace. We should remain 6 feet away from those around us at all times.
- **Holy Communion** will only be distributed on major feast days (ex. Transfiguration, Assumption, etc.) until further notice.
- Hand sanitizer is always available at the entrance to the sanctuary

WE URGE OUR FAITHFUL TO ATTEND CHURCH SERVICES ON TIME

Read our complete guideline online

General Guidelines	Arrival at Church	During Divine Liturgy		
Livestreams will continue every Sunday beginning at 9:45 A.M. We encourage parishioners to utilize this option, especially during the summer when wearing a mask in Church may be uncomfortable.	Please wear a facemask at all times upon arrival and throughout the service. Please use hand sanitizer prior to entering the Sanctuary.	You may place your offering in baskets upon arrival or exit. New offering baskets with long poles will be utilized during services. Pew books and Bibles have been removed		
Please do not congregate before or after Church services. Upon arrival, please proceed to be seated and on departure	Seating in the Sanctuary will be limited in order to adhere to social distancing directives from local, state and diocesan sources. Please be flexible as you are	The Kiss of Peace will be conducted by bowing the head toward others, without		
Bathroom facilities and the Sanctuary will be sanitized on a regular basis following mandated guidelines and regulations.	ushered to your seat; you may not be able sit in your usual pew. Please enter only through the main doors. If you are in need of special assistance, the	approaching or touching one another. Holy Communion will not be administered for the time being, Packets of <i>mahs</i> will be distributed as parishioners enter the		
We ask for your patience and cooperation during this time, especially as we adapt to new procedures and guidelines.	door at <i>Dorian Way</i> will be available for those with special needs. Please follow Parish Council guidance for seating and wait to be ushered in and seated.	Sanctuary. <i>Mahs</i> will be packaged and distributed by gloved hands. Please follow Parish Council guidance for departure and wait to be ushered out of the Sanctuary after Badarak.		
Please stay home if you are feeling ill or are part of our vulnerable population				