

Sunday, September 27, 2020

# Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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## CELEBRANT: THE PASTOR SUNDAY BULLETIN



**Today is the Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak.**

*The photo above is the Monastery of Varak as it was prior to 1915.*

**\*\*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:**

**Prv. 3:18-26. Is. 65:22-25. Gal. 6:14-18. Mt. 24:30-36.**

- Yesterday was the Feast of St. George the Warrior.
- Today is the Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak.
- Monday, September 28, is the Feast of St. David of Dvin.
- Tuesday, September 29, is the Feast of St. Eustace.
- Thursday, October 1, is the Feast of the Princes Sahag and Hamazasp.
- Next Saturday, October 3, is the Feast of the 72 Holy Disciples of Christ.

Please see last page of the bulletin for more details for Sanctuary safety guidelines.

**Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 24, vs. 30-36 and will be read by Robert Dulgarian.**

### **From Today's Bible Reading**

**Matthew 24:30-36** Jesus gives this description of His Second Coming alongside warnings not to be deceived as to when it will happen: it will be sudden, like a lightning bolt, but unmistakable. (The fig tree is one of the few trees in Palestine that sheds its leaves annually, making it the perfect symbol for a reliable sign of things to come.) He will appear in the sky with power and great glory; angels will trumpet a call to the elect from the four corners of the world. *Reflection: Explain verse 35 ("Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away") in your own words. How might this change your priorities?*

**Galatians 6:14-18** St. Paul declares that all his praises are reserved for the Cross; through it, the world was crucified to Him. Traditions are not as important as being part of the "new creation." *Reflection: St. Paul had left behind a way of life measured by external observances of the law and custom. He declares that "All that matters is that one is created anew." (v. 15) How do you measure your faith?*

**Isaiah 65:22-25** A vision of God's ultimate restoration of creation in which joy, peace and blessing will prevail. Unlike other apocalyptic visions, life goes on here on earth but it will be free from grief and oppression, and God will be immediately present. *Reflection: Describe the details of Isaiah's vision. What might such a life, void of pain and struggle, free you to do?*

**Proverbs 3:18-26** An ode to wisdom, with which God laid the foundations of creation; and a call to all to live by "sound judgment and discernment," which will lead to fearlessness, honor and sound sleep. *Reflection: What is the only thing that can give us confidence in all circumstances? Memorize verse 26!*

### **Today is the Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak**

In the late 3rd century, the nun Hripsime – the same St. Hripsime so important to the story of Armenia's conversion -- was fleeing from her Roman persecutors. In desperate flight, she buried a piece of Christ's cross, her most precious possession, on Mt. Varak (near Van). After her martyrdom by King Drtad, the sacred relic she had buried was forgotten for centuries. Then, in 660, Totig, a hermit monk who lived on Mt. Varak, saw a vision of a church with twelve pillars on the top of the mountain. In the center of these pillars was a radiant cross. This luminous vision descended over the altar of the monastery of Varak. When Totig and his student Hovel rushed to the church and knelt at the altar, they discovered the holy relic. He joyously shared the news with Catholicos Nersess (the Builder) who verified the authenticity of the relic, proclaiming the Sunday nearest September 28 to be the Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak.

## **September 27, 2020 Hokehankisd**

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

- **Virginia Ohanian, 2nd Anniversary and Michael Ohanian, 22nd Anniversary:** requested by Bruce & Lu Ann Ohanian, Jill, Ron, Brendan & Thomas Buck, Mark & Ashley Ohanian for parents, grandparents and great-grandparents.
- **George Krikor Malkasian, 14th Anniversary and Rose Mokgosian Malkasian, 18th Anniversary:** requested by the Malkasian Family and Suzanne & Mark Sheridan for parents, grandparents and great-grandparents.
- **Rose Samourian, 16th Anniversary:** requested by Daniel & Lisa Dorian, Janice Dorian, Lois & Ron Malconian, and Barbara Dorian for aunt; Ashley & Scott Martin, Amanda, Matt, Matty and Danny Keller, Sarah Malconian, Ron Malconian and Danielle & Gary Dodakian for great-aunt.
- **George & Peggy Srabian:** From the Trust Fund established by Donald A. Srabian in memory of parents.

### **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 Sanctuary 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.\**



## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Olivia Holly Hintlian, daughter of Varney Jevan Hintlian and Martha MacAuslan, who was baptized yesterday in our Church. We welcome Olivia into our Christian family of the Holy Trinity Church and pray that Almighty God may keep him under His loving care.

Congratulations to Georgina Claire Robertson, daughter of Elissa Hintlian Robertson and Scott Robertson, who was baptized yesterday in our Church. We welcome Georgina into our Christian family of the Holy Trinity Church and pray that Almighty God may keep them 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.

## **Support Holy Trinity through Smile.Amazon.Com**

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Set Holy Trinity as your preferred charity by clicking the picture to the left, clicking here, or searching for "Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church" in the Amazon charity directory.

## 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.

Ով Սուրբ Աստուածամայր, Ձեռնբարձ կ'աղերսեմ եւ կը խնդրեմ եղի՛ր բարեխօս հայցուածիս ժահրի այս ծանր օրերուն տուներու մէջ կալանուած տարեցներուն որ ի գորու չեն մեզ հետ ըլլալու:

Տէր Յիսուս Քրիստոս, օգնէ՛ եւ սփոփէ՛ մենութեան մէջ տունը մնացած յոգնաբեկներուն, Եւ դուրս վանէ անոնց մէջէն մենութիւնը:

Կրկին մօտեցուր անոնց դէպի քեզ, եւ տուր անոնց կամք աննկուն եւ երկար կեանք:

Թող որ փառատի անվատահութիւնը 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, տեսալէս 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:





# Welcome HOME Sunday

## SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING DAY OCTOBER 4, 2020

A PARISH-WIDE **HOME BLESSING** WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE  
HOLLISIAN CHURCH PLAZA IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CHURCH SERVICES  
A PORTION OF THE BLESSING WILL BE PROVIDED TO EACH FAMILY TO TAKE HOME

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS  
**SEPTEMBER 13, 2020**

REGISTRATION LINK  
[tiny.cc/sundayschool2020](https://tiny.cc/sundayschool2020)

CLASSES WILL MEET **IN PERSON**  
BEGINNING **OCTOBER 4, 2020**

EACH GRADE WILL MEET TWICE A MONTH  
FROM 10:30 A.M. TO NOON.

LOCAL AND STATE HEALTH & SAFETY  
PRECAUTIONS WILL BE IN EFFECT

- FACE MASKS COVERING THE NOSE AND MOUTH WILL BE REQUIRED BY ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF
- PRE-ENTRY TEMPERATURE SCREENINGS WILL BE REQUIRED
- OPEN SPACES WILL BE UTILIZED INSTEAD OF CLASSROOMS TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND VENTILATION
- SUPPLIES AND CURRICULUM WILL BE PROVIDED TO EACH STUDENT FOR THEIR PERSONAL AND EXCLUSIVE USE

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING BACK OUR STUDENTS AND RECONNECTING WITH OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILIES!

*"We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28*

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT YN. ARPI KOUZOUIAN, SUPERINTENDENT  
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# Virtual Cooking Class

JOIN US FOR SELFUP'S VIRTUAL MUSHROOM RISOTTO CLASS!

*Tuesday,  
Oct. 13 at 5 p.m.  
\$10/session*

MAXIMUM 20  
TICKETS  
AVAILABLE!



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**Professional, Interactive and Simple!**

This personalized cooking class is led by professional Chef Joe Maglio, who will answer all your questions during the process. It's interactive and unlike any virtual activity you've done before... most of all, it's fun!

**For more information or to purchase online, visit [www.HTAAC.org](http://www.HTAAC.org)!**

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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
<p>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.</p> <p>Please do not congregate before or after Church services. Upon arrival, please proceed to be seated and on departure please proceed directly to your car.</p> <p>Bathroom facilities and the Sanctuary will be sanitized on a regular basis following mandated guidelines and regulations.</p> <p>We ask for your patience and cooperation during this time, especially as we adapt to new procedures and guidelines.</p>	<p>Please wear a facemask at all times upon arrival and throughout the service.</p> <p>Please use hand sanitizer prior to entering the Sanctuary.</p> <p>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 ushered to your seat; you may not be able sit in your usual pew.</p> <p>Please enter only through the main doors. If you are in need of special assistance, the door at <i>Dorian Way</i> will be available for those with special needs.</p> <p>Please follow Parish Council guidance for seating and wait to be ushered in and seated.</p>	<p>You may place your offering in baskets upon arrival or exit. New offering baskets with long poles will be utilized during services.</p> <p>Pew books and Bibles have been removed from the Sanctuary.</p> <p>The Kiss of Peace will be conducted by bowing the head toward others, without approaching or touching one another.</p> <p>Holy Communion will not be administered for the time being, Packets of <i>mahs</i> will be distributed as parishioners enter the Sanctuary. <i>Mahs</i> will be packaged and distributed by gloved hands.</p> <p>Please follow Parish Council guidance for departure and wait to be ushered out of the Sanctuary after Badarak.</p>

Please stay home if you are feeling ill or are part of our vulnerable population