

Sunday, May 16, 2021  
**Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston**

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**Celebrant: The Pastor**  
**SUNDAY BULLETIN**



**Please Note:**

From the moment one enters the Vestibule, and throughout the celebration of the Badarak, Masks covering the Mouth and Nose are to be worn and not removed until one has left the Church Complex.

This is for the safety of all our parishioners.

Please feel free to contact our office at 617.354.0632 if you have any questions or concerns.

**\*We are grateful for your trust and loyalty to our Holy Trinity community.\***

## **Readings of the Day:**

Acts 23: 12-35. 1 Jn. 5:13-21. Jn. 12:12-23.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter 12, vs. 12-23 and will be read by Robert Dulgarian.

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

**John 12:12-23** Great crowds welcome Jesus into Jerusalem and wave palms and sing songs of praise. Although the disciples were present, it was only after Jesus rose from the dead that they truly understood the meaning of this day. Some Gentiles – surprisingly -- ask the disciple Philip if they might be able to meet Jesus. Perhaps now, at a symbolic moment when all people are beginning to seek Him – and not just the Jews who were initially and exclusively welcome, Jesus declares that the hour had come for Him to be glorified, that His march to the cross had begun. *Reflection: The Greeks seeking Jesus clearly unsettled the disciples; this was an unusual request in the religious landscape of that moment. Philip and Andrew conferred about these newcomers. Is there a “screening process,” i.e. certain requirements, for who can draw closer to your community (and therefore Jesus)? If so, what are the criteria?*

**Acts 23:12-35** A group of Jews were conspiring to kill Paul while he was in Jerusalem. Overhearing their plot, Paul's nephew reports it to his uncle and then to the Roman commander who has Paul immediately transferred to Caesarea under heavy guard and with an explanatory letter to Felix, the Governor of Judea and Samaria. *Reflection: Both St. Paul's nephew and the Roman commander took risks in acting boldly against a popular movement. Has your faith ever guided you to go “against the tide” even if it meant taking an unpopular stand?*

**1 John 5:13-21** The writer assures the faithful of the truth of eternal life and that everything asked of God according to His will is heard and provided. Evil is real and everywhere; therefore, God's children need to remember all they have come to know about the Lord and keep themselves and one another from sin. *Reflection: The last line of this epistle starkly exhorts: “Keep yourselves from idols.” It seems this has always been a problem worth warning people about. What “idols” of the world today tempt you away from following Jesus?*

### **Today is Second Palm Sunday**

Falling on the 4th day after Ascension, this Sunday is given its name based on the lection reading of the day, which is about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Beginning with New Sunday (directly after Easter), the Armenian church lectionary prescribes daily readings from the Gospel of John in sequential order arriving on this Sunday at the Palm Sunday story. *Reflection: This is a perfect time to reread and relive Jesus' triumphant entry. Think of the people welcoming Jesus that day with palms and hosannas. Now reflect on your experience in church worship: Do you feel the awe and joy of that day as if you are celebrating a true hero's victory? The reign of a King and Savior? If not, why not?*

## **May 16, 2021 Hokehankisd**

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

- **Aetna Tashjian:** Requested by Araksie Tashjian, Stephen & Melvina Tashjian, Gary & Lisa Tashjian, Roxanne Tashjian, Whitney Tashjian and Alexandra & Matthew Stewart for husband, father and grandfather.
- **The Berberian and Takvorian Families:** Requested by Nayiri Berberian.
- **Mary S. Boghosian, Julia Boghosian and Esther McQuaid:** From the Trust Fund established by Esther McQuaid and Julia Boghosian.
- **Krikor Ermonian and Simon & Satenig Ermonian:** From the Trust Fund established by Krikor Ermonian.
- **Nerses, Lucia, and Alice Ohanasian:** From the Trust Fund established by Alice Ohanasian.



# 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 **Roxie Hedison, Joanie Jones, Ruegg Quibell and Rose Tikijian**; for the good health of all those who suffer from illness in their own private way; and for those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

\*Der Vasken offers a weekly Hokehankisd Service.\*

\*Please note that if you would like Father Vasken to offer your prayer request during his silent prayers at the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, please fill out the Prayer Request cards 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).\*

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.\*



## Today is the Second Palm Sunday

Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem declared the establishment of the Kingdom of God; not an earthly kingdom with a political Messiah, but God's eternal kingdom revealed through the humble servant, Jesus Christ. Christ is not the earthly king they demanded and He is not the King or ruler we often demand Him to be today. But He is the perfect, heavenly King who leads us to His Kingdom with a crown of thorns, a purple robe of mockery, and the Cross as His throne.

*By Dn. Eric Vozzy*



# **TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 16,** **IS THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY**

*The Pastor and Parish Council cordially invite all dues-paying members of our Church to its Annual Parish Assembly that will take place in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall immediately following Church Services.*

*To accommodate and encourage all dues-paying members, especially our Sunday School parents, to participate and vote, the Assembly will begin at 12:15 p.m. Once the nominations for Parish Council and Nominating and Auditing Committees have been closed, the Ballot Box will open (approximately 12:45 p.m.) At that time, the Chairman of the Day will call a half-hour recess for the purpose of voting and for those who wish, a boxed-lunch will be available outdoors during the break.*

*The Ballot Box will remain open for one hour.*

*It is important that all dues-paying members participate.*

*2020 dues-paying members may pick up their Report at the Parish Assembly.*

**\*\*We will continue to adhere to the Massachusetts COVID-19 Guidelines requiring masks to be worn that cover the mouth and nose along with keeping 3 feet of distance.\*\***

*This is for the safety of all our parishioners.*

# ***Online Registration Now Open!***

***Did you know you can now register online for the Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament?***

**We've made it easier than ever to participate!  
Registration and Sponsorships can be found at:**

***<https://htaac.org/the-gregory-hintlilan-memorial-golf-tournament-2021>***



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**MONDAY  
JUNE 21, 2021**

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**THE 2021  
GREGORY HINTLIAN  
MEMORIAL GOLF  
TOURNAMENT**

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***Remembering Jerry Boghosian and Dick Kazanjian***

# **SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

**HAI GUIN SCHOLARSHIPS** are being offered to students of Armenian Heritage living in Massachusetts who have completed one year of college. Scholarships are for \$2,000 each.

The deadline for submitting applications is October 25, 2021. For all applications, write to:

Barbara Ann Surabian  
Scholarship Chairperson  
Hai Guin Scholarship Association  
4 Fieldstone Drive  
Stoneham, MA 02180

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**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

REGISTER ONLINE AT: [tiny.cc/TKP2021-Register](https://tiny.cc/TKP2021-Register)

**Trinity Kids' Place**



**August 9-13, 2021**

Holy Trinity Church's annual summer program  
for children ages 3-9

9:00 am-1:30 pm daily with optional extended day to 3 pm

Please direct all inquiries to [youth@htaac.org](mailto:youth@htaac.org)



General Guidelines	Arrival at Church	During Divine Liturgy
<p>Livestreams will continue every Sunday beginning at 10:00 AM, we encourage parishioners to utilize this option especially this summer when wearing a mask in church may be hot and uncomfortable</p> <p>Bathroom facilities and Sanctuary will be sanitized on a regular basis following guidelines and regulations</p> <p>We ask for your patience and cooperation during this time, especially as we adapt to constantly changing procedures and guidelines</p>	<p>Please wear 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 may not be able sit in your usual pew</p> <p>Enter only through the main doors. If you are in need of special assistance, the door at Dorian Way will be available for those with special needs</p> <p>Follow Parish Council guidance for seating and wait to be guided to your seat</p>	<p>You may place your offering in baskets upon arrival or exit. New offering baskets with long poles may be utilized during services</p> <p>Kiss of Peace will be conducted by bowing the head toward others, without approaching or touching one another</p> <p>Packets of <u>mahs</u> will be distributed as parishioners enter the Sanctuary. Mahs will be packaged and distributed by gloved hands</p> <p>Please follow Parish Council guidance for departures</p>
Please stay home if you are feeling ill or part of our vulnerable population		