

Sunday, May 2, 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 17: 1-15. 1 Jn. 1:1-10. Jn. 7:14-23.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter 16, vs. 25-33 and will be read by Sona Tashjiann.

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

**John 7:14-23** Preaching in the temple courts, Jesus told those amazed at His knowledge that all He taught was from the One who sent Him. He exhorts them to see that healing on the Sabbath is more proper than their strict adherence to Mosaic Law. *Reflection: Jesus taught a humane flexibility about "tradition" and asks people to scrutinize their own behavior: "Has not Moses given you the law? And yet not one of you keeps the law" (v 19) When it comes to your Christian faith, do you 'walk the walk' or just 'talk the talk' (as so many of Jesus' critics did)?*

**Acts 17:1-15** Accompanied by Silas, St. Paul preached in the synagogues at Thessalonica and Berea. Although many Jews jealously opposed Him - even inciting mobs to riot - Paul converted a large number. *Reflection: The Bereans were eager students of the Bible and "examined the Scriptures every day" (v.11). How often do you read the Bible? If not often, how could you increase your time spent with the Word of God, so that you, too, might be able to "reason from the Scriptures" like St. Paul (v. 2)?*

**1 John 1:1-10** John shares his joy in all he has experienced and witnessed. God is light; those who claim fellowship with Him can no longer walk in the darkness. He exhorts believers to be honest about their shortcomings since Jesus forgives our sins if we confess them. Ultimately, fellowship with God leads to fellowship with one another. Discuss/reflect: The epistle writer shares his experience of the Lord "to make [his] joy complete." (v.4) How important it is that he considers his faith complete only when proclaimed to others! Do you witness to your faith? By example? By invitation? In conversation?

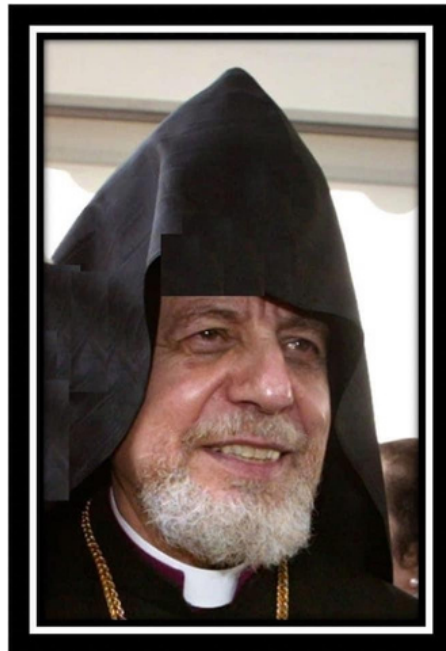
### **Today is the Feast of the Apparition of the Holy Cross**

The 4th Sunday after Easter, this important feast of the cross recalls a miracle occurring in 351 A.D. when a huge cross appeared in the sky over Mt. Zion in Jerusalem. It was seen stretching from the Mount of Olives to Golgotha (a distance of approx. 1½ miles). The miracle affected everyone: Christians were strengthened in their faith and many non-believers were converted as a result. There is historical proof of this event. The presiding Archbishop of Jerusalem, Guregh (St. Cyril), wrote to the Christian Emperor Constantine of Constantinople telling him of this great miracle; the letter has been preserved by the Armenian Church. At the time, Constantine was still defending the teachings of the heretic Arius and thereby promoting division in the church. But the letter renewed his faith and fortified his resolve to adhere to orthodox doctrine.

## **May 2, 2021 Hokehankisd**

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

- **His Eminence Archbishop Kude Nakashian, Former Primate of France, 7th Day:** Requested by Fr. Mampre Kouzouian, Fr. Vasken, Yn. Arpi, & Alina Kouzouian, Susan Derderian and Oscar Derderian, III, and Arpie Kouzouian for classmate and family friend.
- **Mary Tutunjian, 40th Day:** Requested by Grace Shenorig Der Boghosian for grandmother.
- **Audrey Aznavourian:** Requested by Lynette Aznavourian, Steven Aznavourian, Robert Bennett, Alex, Danielle and Olivia Bennett, JB & Leah Terzian for mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.
- **Charles Nahabedian, 4th Anniversary:** Requested by Christine Sahagian for father; Nicolas and Alissa Sahagian for grandfather; Robert Nahabedian & Claudine Louis for father; Delia and Ranier Nahabedian for grandfather.
- **Stephen Azarian:** From the Trust Fund established by Major Robert Zaven Zartarian.



**His Eminence Archbishop Kude Nakashian**

# REQUIRED

## Holy Trinity Divine Liturgy Reservation Form

The Governor has revised social distancing guidelines, calling for a maximum 40% capacity in houses of worship. Although this expands our ability to seat the faithful, we want to ensure your comfort and safety during Badarak.

**Attendance will continue to be by reservation only.**

\*To make a reservation, please register online at [www.htaac.org](http://www.htaac.org) or contact the Church Office at 617.354.0632 by Friday at noon.\*

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## 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 **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.\*

## Congratulations

\*Congratulations to **Hrach Azizian and Kimberly Alexis Howe** who received the sacrament of matrimony yesterday, May 1, in our Church.

We pray that Almighty God may bless and keep them under the protection of the Holy Cross.\*

\*Congratulations to Anthony & Kimberly Pacelli who are baptizing their daughter, **Lila Ann Pacelli**, today in our Church. We welcome Lila into our Christian family of the Holy Trinity Church and pray that Almighty God may keep her under His loving care.\*

# **Prayer for the Season of the Resurrection**

**Glory to your Resurrection, Lord!**

**I will not cease to praise You, Christ, all the days of my life.**

**Glory to Your Resurrection, Lord!**

**I will not cease to extol You, Jesus, all the days of my life.**

**I will not cease to glorify You, Savior, all the days of my life!**

**We are delighted and overjoyed at the good news of the Resurrection of our  
Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He became the fruit and the first-born of all those that have fallen asleep.**

**He broke down the doors of hell and released us from captivity to death.**

**He gave us hope for the restoration of new life for all humanity.**

**With faith, let us ask our Savior, Jesus Christ, to ennoble us with His  
Resurrection--to let our feeble body share the form and likeness of His glorious  
body; because the true God, Jesus Christ our Lord promised this--to reward  
those that love Him with magnificent grace beyond words.**

**Raise us to life and have mercy on us.**

**The true, holy and magnificent Resurrection of Christ our God, which gives life  
to all, befit glory, dominion and honor.**

**Now and always and unto the ages of ages.**

**Amen.**



# **SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

*There are five Holy Trinity Armenian Church Scholarships  
available for the 2021-2022 academic year from:*

**The Gregory Archie and Rose Kolligian Scholarship Fund;  
The Hollisian Family Scholarship Fund;  
The Gertrude Nahigian Scholarship Fund;  
The Alice Ohanasian Scholarship Fund;  
and The Major Robert Z. Zartarian Scholarship Fund.**

For further information or an application, please call the church office, 617.354.0632, or email office@htaac.org. Complete application with all required documentation must be received by Monday, May 3 for each scholarship requested. There will be no follow up on any outstanding materials due. It is the applicant's sole responsibility to ensure that all required documentation is received by the deadline. If incomplete, application will not be considered.

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**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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\*\$165.71 to Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church of Greater Boston\*

# **ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY, SUNDAY MAY 16**

## **Annual Reports Are Now Available!**

**All dues-paying members are welcome pick up their 2020 Annual Reports this Sunday, May 2 and next Sunday, May 9 after services beginning at 12:15 pm. If you are not joining us for church in person, please contact the office 617.354.0632 to arrange a day and time to pick up during business hours. Annual Reports will also be available the day of the Parish Assembly, Sunday May 16, 2021**

The Pastor and Parish Council cordially invite all dues-paying members of our church to the Annual Parish Assembly that will take place immediately following Church Services, inside our sanctuary on Sunday, May 16, 2021.

This year's Assembly will be different.

The date has been delayed in order to mitigate COVID-19 pandemic "spikes" and take advantage of warmer weather for an outdoor ballot box and lunch option.

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 submitted, 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, box lunches will be available outside during the break.

The Ballot Box will remain open for one hour.

## **Mail/remote voting guidelines are as follows:**

- All ballots must be received by the church office by Thursday May 13th at 2 pm
- Ballots can be returned by mail or in person in the church office between the hours of 10 am and 2 pm, Monday to Thursday. Ballots cannot be returned to anyone else at the church outside of these hours to ensure proper tracking of returned ballots
- Ballots will remain sealed until the day of the Assembly
- Anyone who voted by mail will be required to check in via Zoom meeting and will be confirmed by two members of the nominating committee. At that point their ballot will be removed from the outer envelope and deposited in the ballot box (while still in the inner envelope)

We are offering multiple ways for dues-paying members to participate, so please take the time to plan how you will vote!

**\*\*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.**

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save the date

# Trinity Kids' Place



**August 9-13, 2021**

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

9:30 am-1:30 pm daily with optional extended day to 3 pm  
Watch for additional details and online registration coming mid-May

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



# **SAVE THE DATE!!!**



**MARLBOROUGH  
COUNTRY CLUB**

**MONDAY  
JUNE 21, 2021**

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HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH*

GETTING BACK INTO THE SWING OF THINGS...

## **THE 2021 GREGORY HINTLIAN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**



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# FIRST 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.

**February 3, 2021**

***Christ the Healer:*** When We Feel Forgotten & Lost

**November 4, 2020**

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

**March 3, 2021**

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

**\*December 9, 2020**

What's Armenian About Christmas?  
\*2nd Wednesday

**\*April 14, 2021**

***Christ the Healer:*** When We Feel Like Giving Up  
\*2nd Wednesday

**January 13, 2021**

***Christ the Healer:*** Blessing Water

**May 5, 2021**

***Christ the Healer:*** Living For The Other

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## **PRAYERS OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH**

### **HAYR MER (The Lord's Prayer)**

Hayr mer, vor her-geens yes, soorp ye-ghee-tzee a-noon ko. Ye-ges-tze ar-ka-yoo-tyoon ko, ye-ghee-tzeen gamk ko, vor-bes her-geens yev her-gree. Uz-hatz mer ha-na-ba-zort, door mez ays or. Yev togh mez uz-bar-dees mer, vor-bes yev mek to-ghoomk me-rotz bar-da-ba-natz. Yev mee da-neer uz-mez ee por-tzoo-tyoon ayl pur-gya uz-mez ee cha-reh. Zee ko eh ar-ka-yoo-tyoon, yev zo-roo-tyoon yev parrk ha-veed-yans. Amen.

(Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.)

### **JASHAGESTZOOK (Before meals)**

Ja-sha-ges-tzook kha-gha-ghoo-tyamp uz-ge-ra-goors, Vor bar-kev-yal eh mez ee Dyarr-neh; Orh-nyal eh Der ee bar-ke-vus-yoor. Amen.

(Let us peacefully eat this meal that the Lord provides for us. Blessed is the Lord in all his gifts. Amen.)

### **UZLIOOTIUN (After meals)**

Uz-li-oo-tiun ee ve-ra se-gha-nooys an-had yev an-nu-vaz a-ra-stzeh Kris-dos Asd-vadz mer Vor uz-mez ge-ra-gri-atz yev li-a-tzooytz. Nu-ma park, ha-vi-dians. Amen.

(May the abundance of this table be made endless and inexhaustible through Christ our God, To him who nourished and filled us, Glory, forever. Amen.)

### **DER EEM ASDVADZ (At bedtime)**

Der eem Asd-vadz, der pa-re-rar Too bah-ba-neh zees ays kee-sheer Door ho-rus yev mo-rus gyank yer-gar Yev yer-cha-neeg han-keesd o-rer. Koo soorp hresh-da-gut mer mo-den Chee he-rra-na a-me-ne-veen Ayl ba-heh meeshd por-tzank-ne-reh Ar-tun-tzu-neh zu-var-ta-keen. Amen.

(Lord my God, good Lord, keep me safe this night. Give my parents a long life and happy, peaceful days. Keep your holy angel nearby, let him never leave me. And keep me from wrongdoings. Awaken me with happiness in my heart. Amen.)



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 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		