

Sunday, May 23, 2021
Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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Celebrant: The Pastor
SUNDAY BULLETIN



Today is the Feast of Pentecost which is the commemoration of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on the fiftieth day following the Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 2: 1-21. 1 Jn. 14:25-31.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ from the Book of Acts, chapter 2, vs. 1-21 and will be read by Sona Tashjian.

From Today's Bible Reading

Acts 2:1-21 While the disciples are gathered in one place, the Holy Spirit comes to them in a great wind and in tongues of fire which appear above each disciple, empowering them to speak different languages. Addressing the crowd's rumor that the disciples seem to be drunk, Peter recalls the prophetic words of Joel: the "Holy Spirit would be poured out over the people, gifting them with dreams and visions" and filling the world with a flurry of signs in anticipation of the coming of the Lord. *Reflection: vv 1-4 is the renowned description of a notable event. Prayerfully imagine you were there with the disciples. Experience a howling wind that filled the house. What did it sound and feel like? What do you make of these tongues of fire? Why fire? How do you picture them coming "to rest" on the disciples?*

John 14:25-31 In preceding verses we read about Jesus washing the disciples' feet in the Upper Room where he predicts Judas' betrayal and Peter's heart-breaking denial. Here, He promises the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, whom the Father will send to remind them of all they had learned and continue to teach them. He assures them that He will return, leaving them with a peace that transcends the world's understanding. *Reflection: Does your faith in Jesus Christ provide you inner peace, no matter what shape your personal life or the world may be in? If not, what is keeping you from the peace Jesus promised?*

Today is Pentecost (Hokekaloost)

Falling 50 days after Easter, Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, empowering them to go out into the world and share Jesus' message of salvation. (*See Acts 2:1-21 and above for full account.*) Armenians are especially grateful for the gift of language received by the disciples Thaddeus and Bartholomew who were then able to journey to Armenia (each at a different time) to convert and baptize many. These First Enlighteners planted the seeds that St. Gregory would cultivate and bring to full bloom a few centuries later when Armenia became the "first Christian nation" under his mentorship. This coming of the Holy Spirit took place at the time of the Feast of Weeks, a harvest feast of pilgrimage, so Jews from everywhere were gathered in Jerusalem to give thanks for the first fruits of nature. Similarly, Christian Pentecost is a festival of thanksgiving for the first fruits of the Holy Spirit. *Reflection: The Holy Spirit descended on a group of Jesus' followers whose hearts were open to His coming. How ready are you to receiving the Spirit's guidance and power?*

May 23, 2021 Hokehankisd

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

- **Martyrs of the Battle of Sartarabad Who Gave Their Lives in 1918 for Their Faith and the Motherland.**
- **Aram Hintlian, Sr., 23rd Anniversary:** Requested by Cynthia Kazanjian and Family, Aram & Becky Hintlian and Family for father, grandfather and great-grandfather.
- **Haiganoush Agnes Yazijian and Haig R. Yazijian:** From the Trust Fund established by Haig R. Yazijian.
- **Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Levon, Louise Aznev & Virginia Louise Zartarian:** From the Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Rose M. Chacran Zartarian Trust Fund.

Congratulations

Congratulations to William & Danielle Faro Bacon who are baptizing their son, William Anthony Bacon, today in our Church. We welcome William into our Christian family of the Holy Trinity Church and pray that Almighty God may keep him under His loving care.

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, 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 Der 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.



Sunday, May 23, 2021 – BIBLE SUNDAY



Today is Bible Sunday. At the conclusion of Church services, students in Grade 3, and those in Grades 4 or higher that are new to our Sunday School, will be presented with their own Holy Bible, the key to our spiritual heritage.

The following students will be presented with Bibles today:

***Mya Bethune, Remi Hajjar, Elise Tarpinian and Matthew Tarpinian (Grade 3);
Juliette Bené (Grade 5);
Alen Iosef Grigorian (Grade 7);
and Van Teager (Grade 9)***

We look forward to having our parishioners and friends join us to witness the passing on of this Good Book to our newest generation, so that they too can begin a lifelong journey of reading, learning from and living the Word of God.

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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GETTING BACK INTO THE SWING OF THINGS...

**THE 2021
GREGORY HINTLIAN
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TOURNAMENT**

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Remembering Jerry Boghosian and Dick Kazanjian

Holy Trinity's Annual Assembly

A big thank you to all the volunteers and those who participated in Holy Trinity's Annual Assembly - whether in person or remotely. The past fourteen months have demonstrated our resilience, our collective commitment to this community and our ability to adapt and find new ways of doing things. This year's Annual Assembly was no exception.

Huge thanks to Greg Ekchian and the entire Nominating Committee, along with Ani Ross-Grubb, for innovating and seeing us through a very different type of voting process. Your leadership stands out to us all! Thank you also to our Chairman of the Day, Dean Soultanian and Secretary, Cathy Minassian. And again, to all volunteers, we are grateful for your contributions to making the day run smoothly.

To those who agreed to be candidates on this year's ballots, thank you for your willingness to serve your church. Congratulations to all those who will assume roles on our Parish Council, Nominating Committee and Audit Committee. Names will be officially announced once they are approved by the Diocese.

All dues-paying members are welcome to pick up their 2020 Annual Reports.

Please contact the office 617.354.0632 to arrange a day and time to pick up during business hours.

A colorful poster for Trinity Kids' Place. At the top, it says "REGISTRATION NOW OPEN" in blue. Below that, "REGISTER ONLINE AT: tiny.cc/TKP2021-Register" in blue. The title "Trinity Kids' Place" is written in a red, stylized font. Below the title is a graphic of five children in colorful shirts (orange, yellow, red, purple, blue) holding hands in a circle, with a sun in the background. The dates "August 9-13, 2021" are written in large red letters. Below the dates, it says "Holy Trinity Church's annual summer program for children ages 3-9". At the bottom, it says "9:00 am-1:30 pm daily with optional extended day to 3 pm" and "Please direct all inquiries to youth@htaac.org".

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| General Guidelines | Arrival at Church | During Divine Liturgy |
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| <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 | | |