

Sunday, May 9, 2021  
**Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston**

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



**Parents' Day**

On the occasion of Mother's Day, the Pastor and Parish Council extend warm greetings to all our mothers and fathers for all they do in raising their children, wishing God's blessings upon them.

**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 20: 17-38. 1 Jn. 3:2-6. Jn. 9:39-10:10.

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 9:39-10:10** Jesus describes Himself as the Gate through which His sheep pass, following the voice of the One they know. Whoever enters by this Gate, will “find pasture..and be saved.” (v.9) *Reflection: Jesus describing Himself as the Gate is one of the famous “I am’s” of the Gospel of John, in which Jesus provides a number of images which express His character. In verse 11, He is “the good shepherd.” What do the images of “gate” and “good shepherd” tell you about Jesus? What images could you add that would describe who He is to you?*

**Acts 20:17-38** St. Paul touches the hearts of the church elders in Ephesus with his eloquent farewell. Predicting an uncertain fate, Paul declares his life meaningless save for the task of witnessing to God's power and grace. He asks these leaders to be good shepherds to their flock, as “wolves” will surely be on the prowl. He exhorts them to always work hard for the less fortunate. *Reflection: St. Paul asks the Ephesians to think back on his time with them as a testimony to God's grace (vv 18, 24). If someone watched you in action, what would they assume a Christian lifestyle is like? How would you like to change so they can get a better picture?*

**1 John 3:2-6** John relates that Christians are not fully who they will become with God's grace. And yet only those who truly know Christ can come close to living a life without sin. If we continue to sin, how can we say we know Jesus? *Reflection: In what ways do you habitually “keep on sinning” (v. 6)? Thoughtless anger? Envy? Lack of charity? Unforgiving spirit? What might these habits be saying about your walk with Jesus?*

### Thursday, May 13, is the Feast of the Ascension of Jesus

**In Acts 1:1-11**, we read a full account of Jesus' ascension (see **Mark 16:19** and **Luke 24:50-51 as well**). After having appeared to the disciples frequently during a forty-day period, Jesus told them to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the gift He had promised: the Holy Spirit. When asked by His devoted followers when He would return to “restore the kingdom to Israel” (still thinking of an earthly one), Jesus told them it was not known, but that they should continue to witness to Him “in Jerusalem... and to the ends of the earth.” He was then taken up before their eyes. Two angelic figures appeared nearby as they watched their Lord disappear into the clouds. They assured the disciples that He would indeed return in the very same way.

*Reflection: Read Acts 1:1-11 and imagine yourself one of Jesus' followers. You have heard Him promise the power of the Holy Spirit and ask you to be His witness to the ends of the earth. Now you watch as He ascends to heaven. What are you feeling? Hoping? What are your fears?*

## **May 9, 2021 Hokehankisd**

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

- **Sylvia Markarian, 1st Anniversary:** Requested by Michael & Elaine Markarian and Family for mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.
- **Martin Dulgarian:** Requested by Robert Dulgarian & Christina Maranci.
- **Varsenig Takvorian:** Requested by Michael & Elaine Markarian and Family for mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.
- **George, Takoohi, Vahan, Sooren & Mary Daniels:** From the Trust Fund established by Sooren & Mary Daniels.
- **Vartanoosh Harpootian:** From the Trust Fund established by Rosalie Harpootian for mother.
- **Avedis, Paris, Alice, and Catherine (Zakarian) & Niyam Mano:** From the Trust Fund established by Alice Mano and Niyam Mano.
- **Haiganoush Terzian Minassian and Rose O. Minassian:** From the Trust Fund established by Rose O. Minassian.
- **Nerses, Lucia, and Alice Ohanasion:** From the Trust Fund established by Alice Ohanasion.
- **Haig & Victoria Panosian and Missak & Veronica Berberian:** From the Trust Fund established by Arthur H. & Louise B. Panosian for parents.
- **Aghavni Toomajian:** From the Trust Fund established by Elizabeth and Isabel Toomajian.
- **Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Levon, Louise Aznev & Virginia Louise Zartarian:** From the Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Rose M. Chacran Zartarian.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

*Today's Altar flowers are donated for the glory of God on the occasion of Mother's Day:*

- From the Trust Fund established by Sara Hovenanian and daughters, Alice and Phyllis, in memory of Sara Hovenanian, Mary Ouzoonian, Ashjian & Elizabeth Sarkis Minasian.
- From the Trust Fund established by Elizabeth and Isabel Toomajian in memory of Aghavni Toomajian.
- From the Trust Fund established by Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Rose M. Chacran Zartarian Trust Fund in memory of Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Levon, Louise Aznev & Virginia Louise Zartarian.
- Carnations in honor of Mother's Day from the Trust Fund established by Rose O. Minassian in memory of mother.

# 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 **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.\*



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### CANDLE OF GRATITUDE

Today is a day to remember and honor both our mothers and fathers.

Take a moment to light a candle and offer a prayer to thank God for your parents - for without their love, nurture, and compassion, your life would be so empty. Candles are available in the Vestibule.

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

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

**All dues-paying members are welcome to pick up their 2020 Annual Reports this Sunday, May 9 after services beginning at 12:15 pm. If you are not joining us for church services 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 on Sunday, May 16, 2021.**

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:**

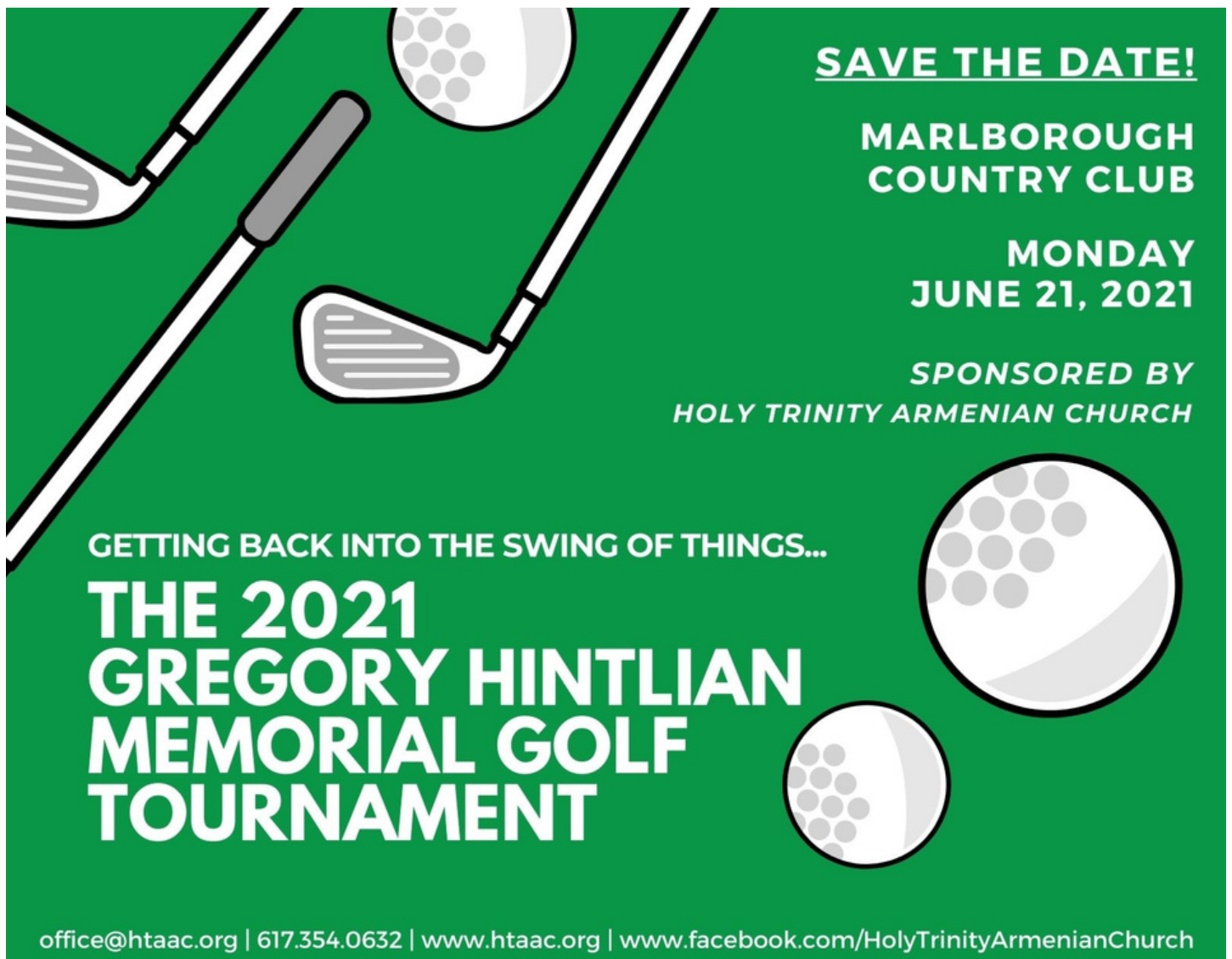
- The final day to request a mail ballot was April 29th
- All ballots must be received by the church office no later than Thursday May 13th at 2 pm
- Ballots can be returned by mail or in person in the church office between the hours of 10 am and 2 pm, Monday to Thursday. Ballots cannot be returned to 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 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-hintlian-memorial-golf-tournament-2021>**



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JUNE 21, 2021**

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## **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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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		