

Sunday, June 6, 2021
Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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Celebrant: The Pastor
SUNDAY BULLETIN



Feast of Holy Etchmiadzin

The CDC and the State of Massachusetts have recently communicated updated mask guidelines. Holy Trinity Church will slowly begin to adapt our practices, while facilitating a safe experience for all parishioners.

Beginning Sunday, June 27th, during summer hours, masks will be optional in the sanctuary and around the church complex. Those not fully vaccinated are encouraged to continue wearing masks. Pews will remain taped off to support distancing.

Please note:

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.

Whether attending services in-person, or visiting our Church office throughout the week, please help us keep our Holy Trinity family safe and stop the spread of COVID-19 by following guidelines at all times.

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.

From Today's Bible Reading

Proverbs 9:1-6 Wisdom has prepared a banquet, mixing the wine and preparing the food, even hewing the seven pillars with her own hands. This is a sacred space of abundance, leading to life (v 6). The bread (although some translations say ‘food,’ the Hebrew means ‘bread’) and wine invite comparison with the communion meal and the new covenant of Jesus. She welcomes all to share in the feast and leave behind their “simple ways” to live more fully in new understanding. These verses recall the Parables of the Wedding Feast (Matthew 22:1-14) and the Great Banquet (Luke 14:15-24) in which invitations are sent out for a great feast. *Reflection: Verses 7-9 have special meaning for our times. Where in today's headlines might Wisdom's call to “walk in the way of understanding” help heal our divisive politics and the social movements marked by harsh rhetoric, intolerance, and even hate? These proverbs were written over 2500 years ago. Do we still see instances of insult when “mockers” are confronted?*

Zec 3:7-4:9 In Zechariah's vision, the Lord tells the High Priest Joshua to walk in His ways, promising to provide a Branch, symbol of the Messiah and of fruitfulness, as well as a stone with seven eyes, symbol of perfect knowledge. There will be prosperity such that neighbors can sit together among healthy vines and fig trees. The prophet sees a vision of a seven-branched lampstand with a bowl, seven channels to the bowl, and two olive trees feeding oil into the channels – all symbols of abundance and light. But Zerubbabel, charged with rebuilding the tabernacle, will be able to accomplish it not through these physical props but through God's Spirit (just as the Church will one day be established). This was the Spirit – the breath – the reach of the Lord which worked in creation (Genesis 1:2), at the Red Sea (Exodus 15:8, 10), and that gave life to dead bones (Ezekiel 37:1-14). *Reflection: When told your strength and talents alone (v 6) won't give you your best life, the one that truly glorifies God, how do you respond?*

Hebrews 9:1-10 In an impressively detailed description of vessels and priests in the ancient tabernacle, the writer affirms that none of these Levitical rituals can restore the worshipper to spiritual wholeness. Rituals are external actions, and they cannot change the heart. The Holy Spirit, driving force of the New Covenant, had yet to show the way. *Reflection: Why were their “gifts and sacrifices not able to clear the conscience of the worshiper” (v 9)? See Amos 5:21-27 for further insight.*

John 10:22-30 During the Feast of Hanukkah, the Jews who have gathered in Jerusalem ask Jesus to tell them plainly whether He is the Christ. Jesus declares that He has told them this before, but they don't believe. “You are not My sheep; My sheep know My voice and follow Me” (vv 25-27). Jesus, the Good Shepherd, tells us that everything depends on belonging to Him. Never does our status before God depend on what we know, what we feel, or on what we accomplish. It depends on one thing only: that we are known by the Shepherd: Amidst all the other voices that evoke fear, make demands, or give advice, the voice of the Good Shepherd is a voice of promise — a voice that calls us by name and claims us as God's own.

Reflection: Do you honestly feel you belong to Jesus? If you did, His voice would be as comforting as a shepherd's to his flock. What might you do to feel this way?

Tuesday, June 8, commemorates Sts. Nuneh and Maneh (3rd-4th c)

Both of these nuns entered Armenia with Hripsimeh and Gayaneh and their companions. Nuneh (more widely known as St. Nina) is said to have seen a vision of Asvadzadzin, St. Mary, who exhorted her to go to Georgia and preach the Good News. When Nuneh expressed her fear of such a difficult task, St. Mary gifted her with a cross of grapevines to use as a shield against danger. She is often depicted in icons holding this cross. Escaping the persecutions that took the lives of Hripsimeh and Gayaneh at the hands of King Dtrad, Nuneh proceeded to Georgia where she healed and converted the Queen and her son, and eventually King Mihran. She received spiritual guidance and support from St. Gregory who had given her certain ecclesiastical authority until he could send clergy to Georgia. Nuneh is remembered for her holy works and saintly life and considered equal to the apostles as Enlightener of Georgia. Maneh chose another life – one of prayer, meditation and solitude in the Armenian mountains. Many years later, when St. Gregory passed the nun's place of retreat, he called to her, but found that she had passed away. He buried her with prayers and blessings and stayed there, according to some traditions, until his death. *Reflection: Sts. Nuneh and Maneh were called to very different Christian vocations. Which appeals to you? How do both contribute to the Body of Christ?*

Readings of the Day:

Prv 9:1-6. Zec 3:7-4:9. Herb 9:1-10. Jn. 10:22-30.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. John chapter 10, vs. 22-30 and will be read by Robert Dulgarian.

June 6, 2021 Hokehankisd

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

- **Sedik Babaian of Julfa, Iran:** Requested by Shushan Teager.
- **Alice Nahabedian:** From the Charles & Alice Nahabedian Trust Fund requested by Christine Sahagian and Rob Nahabedian for mother.
- **Hamayag & Varvar Takvorian and Dickranouhie, Ephraim & Dzovinar Takvorian:** From the Trust Fund established by George & Peggy Srabian for parents, brother & sisters.
- **Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Levon, Louise Aznev & Virginia Louise Zartarian:** From the Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Rose M. Chacran Zartarian Trust Fund.

SOORP ASDVADZ

for Badarak on Sunday, June 6, 2021

*Soorp Asdvadz, soorp yev huzor,
soorp yev annah, vor khachetsar vasun mer,
voghormya mez.*

*Մուրք Աստուած, մուրք եւ հօր,
մուրք եւ անմահ, որ խաչեցար վասն մեր,
ողորմեա՛ւ մեզ:*

Sacred Music Council

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 and Ruegg Quibell;**
and 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 11:30 am on Thursday will not be printed in the Sunday Bulletin but will be read from the altar by Der Vasken.**

Please alert a Parish Council member on Sunday if you requested a Hokehankisd after 11:30 am on Thursday to ensure Der Vasken has the name of your loved one.*

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Our summer schedule will begin on Sunday, June 27.

Morning Service - 9:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy - 9:45 a.m.; Services conclude - 11:30 a.m.

We urge our faithful to attend Church Services on time.

TMU IS BACK!

FRIDAY

JUNE 11, 2021



Masks
Required

Open
To All

TMU WELCOME BACK COOKOUT



Holy Trinity Courtyard

Social Hour - 6:15pm

Dinner - 7:00pm

Donation
\$17

Losh Kebab
Kheyma
Shish Kebab
Pilaf
Salad
Dessert

RSVP ONLY

By June 9 to
tmuhtaac@gmail.com

or call 617-354-0632

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2021 GREGORY HINTLIAN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER!

Registration Deadline: June 14, 2021

To be listed as a sponsor on the banner or for a new tee sign
registration deadline is **June 9, 2021**

MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2021

**10:30 AM "SHOTGUN" START
FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AT THE 9TH HOLE
DINNER (CASUAL DRESS) IS AT 4:30 PM**

MARLBOROUGH COUNTRY CLUB

**YOUR CHOICE: SCRAMBLE OR BETTER
BALL OF FOUR
LOW GROSS AND LOW NET DIVISIONS.**

**LONGEST DRIVE
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Sign up today:

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

**MAKE YOUR OWN FOURSOMES OR WE WILL
PLACE YOU.**

**Getting Back
Into the Swing
of Things!**



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Remembering Jerry Boghosian and Dick Kazanjian



Holy Trinity's *Losh Summer Stock-Up Sale!*

Frozen Losh Kebab (6/bag) for \$18.00

Stock up for those Cape weekends or keep them in your freezer for something quick to throw on the grill! There is nothing tastier than Holy Trinity's Losh Kebab!

To Place Your Order:

Call or e-mail the church office at 617-354-0632 or office@htaac.org

Walk-up orders are also welcome!

Pick ups will be every Sunday after Church Services
in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall.

Swing by, say hello and let's get ready for summer!

Credit cards accepted for pre-orders

Checks only will be accepted for walk-up orders

15th ANNUAL TRINITY KIDS' PLACE PROGRAM

August 9-13, 2021

Our annual summer program for children ages 3-9 is back in person this summer. TKP program staff, Der Vasken, Yn. Arpi, and Ann Danielson have been busy planning for this year's program, based on the theme:

"Love One Another".

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

Please direct all inquiries to youth@htaac.org

Register online by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, July 23.

REGISTRATION LINK: <http://tiny.cc/TKP2021-Register>

Joint Armenian and Sunday Schools' End of Year **Closing Day Program this morning!**

10:30 a.m. – Special Assembly Program for students, parents and staff in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall

– Certificates of Achievement will be presented to all students

11:20 a.m. – Special Awards Ceremony in the Church sanctuary (following Holy Communion)

– The following awards will be presented:

“Exceptional Attendance”, "One Absence", "Perfect Attendance",

"The Florence Cirino Achievement Award",

“The Arsha Sarkisian Student of the Year Award",

and "The Sara Goolkasian Award" for Teacher of the Year.

Following Church services, all are invited to join our Church School families for a complimentary “End of Year” outdoor picnic in the courtyard.



**Please join us on Sunday, June 6, 2021
as our Church Schools celebrate
the end of a fruitful school year.**

Students and families of our Sunday and Armenian Schools will attend a Special Assembly Program in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Hall at 10:30 a.m., followed by a Special Awards Ceremony in the Church sanctuary at the end of services.



Following Church services, the congregation is invited to join our Church School families for an **End of Year outdoor picnic** (weather permitting)

Complimentary lunch will be provided