

Sunday, July 25, 2021
Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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Celebrant: The Pastor
SUNDAY BULLETIN



Following the directives from the CDC and State of Massachusetts, the Holy Trinity Church will slowly begin to adapt our practices, while facilitating a safe experience for all parishioners.

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.

As we gather more regularly, it's important to stay familiar with Holy Trinity Church's latest guidelines.

When attending services in-person, please remember:

- ‘Contact-free’ Kiss of Peace: We should remain 3 feet away from those around us at all times, including during the Kiss of Peace.**
- Holy Communion Holy Communion is now offered weekly to our faithful following strict safety protocols.**
- Hand sanitizer is always available at the entrance to the sanctuary and at each votive candle station.**

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

Isaiah 5:1-10 The Song of the Vineyard is a famous parable of disobedience and disappointed love. The song tells of a man who lovingly plants and tends to a vineyard, building a watchtower and a winepress and waiting for the bounty of wine-worthy grapes. Yet he finds only wild grapes, symbols of a willful Israel and Judah, and warns of the ruin that will come to pass. *Reflection: God asks His people what more He could have possibly done (v. 4) for them to bear worthy fruit. How would you assess the spiritual fruit in your life?*

1 Corinthians 6:18-7:11 St. Paul exhorts his listeners to shun sexual immorality and respect their bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit. He reminds husbands and wives that their bodies belong to each other and that where there are difficulties, reconciliation should be sought. *Reflection: We are not our own – we are God's, bought at a price! (6:19-20) How does this faith fact change how you look at your body? At the ways you might be abusing it with excess?*

Matthew 19:3-12 The Pharisees challenge Jesus with the question of divorce. He responds by referring them to the creation of marriage as recounted in Genesis where “two become one” – an indissoluble sum. Speaking against the ease with which men legally terminated their marriages at the time, Jesus preached the importance of the marriage covenant. *Reflection: The Armenian Church acknowledges divorce and remarriage although a second wedding ceremony carries a penitential message. As He so often did, Jesus was posing a radically different approach to covenants –honor them! And while marriages where there is abuse, addiction, chronic infidelity, etc., require serious intervention, many marriages might be redeemed with committed effort. What do you think? Could the high divorce rates of today's world benefit from Jesus' hope?*

Tuesday, July 27 Honors Twelve Prophets

The 12 “minor” prophets are hardly unimportant (minor being a reference only to the shorter length of their books). Written between the 8th and 5th centuries BC, their work teams with powerful metaphors, all pointing us to the arrogance and hypocrisy of human behavior which God endures with patient love and, at times, angry frustration. In Hosea, God's love for the wayward Israel is compared with that of a husband for a straying wife as He promises to restore His people to covenant faithfulness. In Jonah, a smugly self-confident prophet learns, to his dismay, that God's mercy extends to all repentant sinners, even His enemies. In Amos, we are reminded that worship and reverence for God are meaningless without justice for the poor and oppressed; social justice is the foundation for true piety. *Reflection: Read Amos 5:21-24. If Amos were preaching in your church, how would he assess your efforts on behalf of the poor and needy? What can you do personally and as a parishioner to be God's merciful hands in the world?*

Readings of the Day:

Is 5:1-10. 1 Cor 6:18- 7:11. Mt 19:3-12.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to
St. Matthew, chapter 9, vs. 37- chapter 10, vs. 15
and will be read by Ann Danielson.

July 25, 2021 Hokehankisd

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

- **Peter Talanian:** Requested by Isabel Talanian, Joyce Talanian, Diane & Ron Krueger & Family for husband, father, grandfather & great-grandfather.
- **Ardemis, Arpy & Armenoohy Arsenian:** From the Ardemis, Arpy & Armenoohy Arsenian Memorial Fund established from the estate of Ardemis Arsenian.
- **Hagop Der Hagopian:** From the Hagop and Mary Der Hagopian Trust Fund, requested by Edward & Francis Hagopian, Michael & Mark and Bernard & Carol Gardner, Bernie and Andrew for father and grandfather.



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 **Nishan Tikijian**;
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.

Prayers of thanksgiving and praise for the healing of **Ruegg Quibell**.

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.*

SOORP ASDVADZ

for Badarak on Sunday, June 20, 2021

*Soorp Asdvadz, soorp yev huzor,
soorp yev anmah, vor haryar ee merelots,
voghormya mez.*

*Մուրք Աստուած, մուրք եւ հօր,
մուրք եւ անմահ, որ յարեալք ի մեռելոց,
ողորմեա՛ մեզ:*

Sacred Music Council

Fellowship Hour is Back!

You are all welcome to join us in Johnson Hall following Church Services for Fellowship Hour hosted by the Parish Council.



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.**



Save
the
Date!

Holy Trinity Annual Picnic

Armenian
Food

Music

Family &
Friends

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER

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Holy Trinity Picnic

Back together in person for this
favorite Holy Trinity Tradition!

Introducing...

New Ways to Engage with Holy Trinity Church through Social Media

We are excited to share some new ways for our Parishioners and Friends to engage, learn and reflect.

Parishioner Spotlight

This is a social media series on the Holy Trinity Church Facebook and Instagram that showcases the people of our church. Oftentimes, we pass by people at church on Sunday and do not know the amazing things they have done or are doing in their life. We hope to inspire you as we showcase many the talented, kind, and fascinating people in our church community.

Texting with God Series

This is a monthly social media series on the Holy Trinity Church Facebook and Instagram stories. It shows a text that would represent something that we think or say often and how God would answer us. It is a reminder that we can always turn to God for help in our daily lives and that He is always with us, especially when motivation is low or we are feeling down.



Don't miss out on this new and upcoming content! Follow us on Instagram @htaac and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/HolyTrinityArmenianChurch/>

If you know someone who you'd like to see featured in the Parishioner Spotlight, please let us know! Send email to Lori Dorian at inern@htaac.org.

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



Christ as Hope

Gain a deeper understanding of **Hope** in the tradition of the Armenian Church through Vemkar's online module!



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