Sunday, July 4, 2021 Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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Celebrant: The Pastor SUNDAY BULLETIN



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.

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:

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

Matthew 14:13-21 Hearing of His cousin John's execution, Jesus withdraws in solitude but becomes immediately compassionate towards the crowds that follow Him. He heals the sick and when the disciples tell Him it is late and the people must be sent away to find food, He asks them to feed the crowd themselves. With just two fish and five loaves of bread, Jesus feeds more than 5,000, giving thanks and breaking the bread in a moment that foreshadows the Last Supper. The twelve baskets of leftovers point to the Messianic banquet in the final coming of the Kingdom. *Reflection: Prayerfully read and then retell in your own words the miracle recounted in today's Gospel reading. What does this story tell you about Jesus' power in our lives?*

Romans 11: 13-24 St. Paul addresses the Gentiles whom he has helped bring to Christ, admitting that he had hoped to prompt envy in the Jews that they might also follow Jesus. Gentiles who count themselves among the faithful must remember that they have been grafted on to an ancient tree (Judaic roots) from which unbelievers have been trimmed. Rather than be arrogant, these new believers should realize that they can just as easily be cut from the tree because of unbelief. Reflection: Paul warns believers against thinking they have a better, stronger faith than others. Do churches and individuals exhibit this judgmental behavior today?

Isaiah 3: 1-11 Isaiah continues to convey God's displeasure with the prideful people of Judah and Jerusalem; He warns of disorder and even chaos because "their words and deeds are against the Lord, defying His glorious presence..." (v 8) *Reflection: What things make up Judah's "supply and support" that the Lord is taking away? (3:1) What people, what things bolster your life? Do any of them keep you from God?*

Today is the Paregentan of the Fast of Transfiguration

The church prepares to celebrate one of the five major feasts next Sunday, July 28, with a week of fasting preceded by a "paregentan" or day of celebration (lit: 'good-living'). Fasting before a major feast is a lost practice for most Christians. How unfortunate since this signifies that the feast itself has lost both its historic and timeless impact on our lives. With prayer and other spiritual disciplines, fasting is a way of getting the entire body and soul ready for an important church event. Paregentan days precede fasts throughout the church year; the greatest season of fasting – Great Lent – is launched by the greatest Paregentan: "Poon Paregentan." *Reflection: In preparation for the Feast of the Transfiguration prayerfully read about it as recounted in Matthew 17:1–8, Mark 9:2–8, Luke 9:28–36. What unique detail appears in Luke 9:28-29 (compare with opening verses in the other Gospels)? What might this tell us about prayer?*



Readings of the Day:

Is 3:1-11. Rom 11:13-24. Mt 14:13-21.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 14, vs. 13-21 and will be read by Susan Derderian.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND CANDLES

Today's Altar flowers and candles are donated from the Trust Fund established by Sooren & Mary Daniels in memory of their parents and brother George, Takoohi, Vahan, Sooren & Mary Daniels.



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 for recovery for **John Davagian II** from his family.

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.*





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



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

During church service this morning, we will ask you to join us in the singing of

God Bless America.

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Arrangement By John Michoian

