

Sunday, August 1, 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

John 3:13-21 Jesus is teaching the Pharisee Nicodemus and has just given His famous explanation of being born again. He now declares the equally renowned words: “For God so loved the world, He gave his only begotten Son.” (3:16) Through the Son the world is saved, and through His light and truth, people are redeemed. Sadly, many prefer the darkness (19-20). *Reflection: Imagine Jesus before you, exuding a warm, inviting light, a light that leaves nothing unexposed, nothing in shadow, shining so brightly on you that you have to shade your eyes. What about such a light might make you recoil? What might you need to do to draw closer and bask in this life-giving light?*

1 Timothy 4:12-5:10 Placed in charge of the church founded in Ephesus by St. Paul, Timothy is encouraged to be confident in his teaching and leadership, even though he is a young man. He is advised to be an example in every way and to treat others with love and respect, always helping those in need. Many verses are devoted to the care of widows, as these women were extremely vulnerable in a time when men were the legal and familial protectors of their families. *Reflection: How might paying attention to your own faith and witness help others (4:16)?*

Isaiah 58:13-59:7 These two chapters address the attitudes of the Jewish community upon their return from exile. Following in a long tradition of prophetic criticism, the writer exhorts people to honor God’s holy day with joy and hearts of faith. Social justice is essential to holiness and honoring God; pious practices are meaningless if they are engaged in by a sinful, unjust society. *Discuss/reflect: Is there a way you can change your Sunday habits that might please God more and lead to deeper happiness for you (58:13-14)?*

Monday, August 2, is the Feast of St. Vahan of Goghtn (703-737 AD).

The story of St. Vahan of Goghtn is one of the most poignant among Armenian saints. He was born in the eighth century of a princely family in the Goghtn region of the province of Siunik. After persecution of the Armenians by the Arabs in 707 (during which Vahan’s father, Prince Khosrov, was killed), four-year-old Vahan was taken to Damascus where he was raised in the royal court as a Muslim. He was eventually appointed chancellor to the Emir. Some years later, he was allowed to go back to Armenia with the promise that he would eventually return. Vahan converted to Christianity, married an Armenian princess, and lived a peaceful life for about a decade. With a change of Arab rule, Vahan was sought after, so he left his home and family to escape recapture. While in exile, he became a monk. In 736, Vahan went to the new Arab Emir in despair. The Emir offered him a high position, authority, and wealth, but Vahan refused, preferring his faith in Christ to personal comfort and glory. He was martyred in 737 A.D. His last words were a bold declaration: “I choose death for the sake of Christ rather than earthly life.” *Reflection: Would you be prepared to make such a choice?*

Readings of the Day:

Is 58:13-59:7. 1 Tim 4:12-5:10. John 3:13-21.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter 3, vs. 13-21 and will be read by Kasper Torosian.

August 1, 2021 Hokehankisd

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

- Annahid Anne Arabian: From the Annahid Anne Arabian Trust Fund.

Congratulations

*Congratulations to Stephen & Nicole Garabedian who baptized their son, Cole Stephen Garabedian, yesterday in our Church.

We welcome Cole into our Christian family of the Holy Trinity Church and pray that Almighty God may keep him under His loving care.*

Congratulations

*Congratulations to Joseph & Junjira Oliveira who baptized their daughter, Bianca Sue Oliveira, yesterday in our Church.

We welcome Bianca into our Christian family of the Holy Trinity Church and pray that Almighty God may keep her under His loving care.*

Congratulations

*Congratulations to Christine Mary Sargavakian & Thomas Austin Warren III who received the sacrament of matrimony yesterday, July 31, in our Church.

We pray that Almighty God may bless and keep them under the protection of the Holy Cross.*

Congratulations

*Congratulations to Mark & Mengting Torosian who will be baptizing their daughter, Marie Grace Torosian, today in our Church.

We welcome Marie into our Christian family of the Holy Trinity Church and pray that Almighty God may keep her 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 **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.*



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.



The Holy Trinity Church has received requests for information about part time help for elderly Armenians in and outside of Cambridge area.

- An elderly Armenian man, former MIT engineer, living in Cambridge, Massachusetts needs help in shopping, cleaning, driving to doctor appointments, etc.
- An elderly woman, living in Cape Cod, needs help and companionship of an Armenian woman.

If you are able to provide such help and for more information, please call the Holy Trinity Armenian church office at 617-354-0632.

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 intern@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 Nevert 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



**REGISTRATION NOW
CLOSED**

Trinity Kids' Place

August 9-13, 2021

Holy Trinity Church's annual summer program
for children ages 3-9

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

Please direct all inquiries to youth@htaac.org

The poster features a colorful background with a sun and five children holding hands in a circle. The text is in various colors and fonts, including red, blue, and black.

Fellowship Hour is Back!

You are all welcome to join us in the Charles and Nevert Talanian Cultural Hall following Church Services for Fellowship Hour hosted by the Parish Council.

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

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| Aug 9-13 | Trinity Kids' Place |
| Aug 15 | Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God (Asdvadzadzin) Blessing of the Grapes Service |
| Sun, Sep 12 | Holy Trinity Annual Picnic
Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Khatchveratz) Blessing of Basil |
| Sun, Oct 3 | International Food Festival |



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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