

Sunday, August 22, 2021
Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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Celebrant: The Pastor

SUNDAY BULLETIN



During summer hours, masks are recommended 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.

Per latest CDC Guidance:

Infections happen in only a small proportion of people who are fully vaccinated, even with the Delta variant. However, preliminary evidence suggests that fully vaccinated people who do become infected with the Delta variant can spread the virus to others. To reduce their risk of becoming infected with the Delta variant and potentially spreading it to others: CDC recommends that fully vaccinated people wear a mask in public indoor settings if they are in an area of substantial or high transmission.

**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. **PLEASE NOTE:** Holy Communion is to be consumed in front of Der Vasken before walking away.
- **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

Luke 1: 39-56 Upon hearing from the angel Gabriel that her cousin Elizabeth is pregnant, Mary hastens to visit her. At the sound of Mary's voice, Elizabeth's baby, who will be John the Baptist, "leaps in her womb" and Elizabeth herself is filled with the Holy Spirit and calls out in the surprise and overwhelming emotion of the moment: "Blessed are you and the child you will bear!!" Mary then joyfully sings a song celebrating God's mercy, His exalting of the lowly, and His overturning of human pride.

Reflection: What quality of Mary's faith is described in verse 45? Perhaps this is the most important characteristic of an apostle, the very one that was the basis for God's calling Mary and the Twelve. Do you share in this quality?

Zechariah 2:10-13 Preaching after the Jews' return from their exile in Babylon (he himself was born in that exile), Zechariah is an apocalyptic visionary and his ministry hastened the rebuilding of the Temple. In these verses, he shares the Lord's promise to dwell again among them, uniting land and people in holiness. *Reflection: "Shout and be glad," the Lord proclaims (v.10) as He declares His return. In v.13, Zechariah asks us to "be still!" before God. Do both of these responses to His presence make sense to you? When and where do they figure in your life?*

2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 St. Paul quotes directly from the Old Testament laws of purification (Leviticus 26:12) and the prophets (Isaiah 52:11, Jeremiah 32:38, Ezekiel 37:27) in advising the faithful of Corinth: Since God has promised His return to dwell among us in a covenant of love and belonging, we need to purify ourselves in preparation for that day. *Reflection: What does it mean to you that you are the dwelling place of God, a temple of the living God (v.16)? How might this impact your behavior?*

Tuesday, August 24, is the Feast of Sts. Joachim & Anna

Never mentioned by name in the Gospels, Mary's parents' story comes to us chiefly from an apocryphal gospel, the Infancy Gospel of James, written c. 145 AD. According to James, Joachim and Anna were a righteous and wealthy couple who were childless. The beautifully told account of their ordeal of rites and prayers to gain God's favor and, finally, their daughter Mary, is one of passionate faith and touching human emotion. The couple promise her to the Temple out of gratitude, and turn her childhood bedroom into a "sanctuary" (Infancy Gospel of James 6:4) keeping her food, drink and habits faithful to ancient tradition. When Joachim advises they take her to the Temple when she is two, Anna convinces him (he promptly agrees) to wait a year so that they may be with her that much longer and their sweet girl not miss her parents. Theirs is a tender story, driven by love for and faith in God. *Reflection: Consider these two humbly faithful saints; pray for the difficult task of parents across the globe.*

Readings of the Day:

Prv. 11:30-12:4. Zec.2:10-13. 2 Cor. 6:16-7:1. Lk. 1:39-56.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, chapter 1, vs. 39-56 and will be read by Sona Tashjian.

August 22, 2021 Hokehankisd

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

- **Barbara V. Dorian, 40th Day:** Requested by Janice Dorian, Dan & Lisa Kolligian Dorian for sister; Lois & Ron Malconian and Family for sister and aunt; Ashley & Scott Martin, Amanda, Matt, Matty and Danny Keller for aunt and great-aunt; Nancy R. and Michele M. Kolligian & Bob Khederian for khenamee; Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr. for khenamee; Gregory A. III and Jack Avedis Kolligian for aunt; Karen & Bill Martin for khenamee.
- **Roxie Hedison, 40th Day:** Requested by Harry & Amy Hedison; Leslie Hedison & Michael Jenkins; Karen & Rick Hopwood; Ann Hedison; Maureen Romanik and Paul Hedison; Nancy R. and Michele M. Kolligian; Lisa Kolligian & Dan Dorian for aunt.
- **Irina Grigoryeva, 40th Day**
- **Vivian Mosgofian, 10th Anniversary:** Requested by Catherine Mosgofian for sister.
- **Adrushan Musluyan, 15th Anniversary; Sasnayk Musluyan; The Musluyan and Sarafian Families:** Requested by Fr. Vasken, Yn. Arpi and Alina Kouzouian for father and grandfather, brother and uncle; Fr. Mampre Kouzouian, Susan Derderian, Arpie Kouzouian, and Oscar Derderian III for khenamee.
- **Gregory Archie Kolligian, 33rd Anniversary:** Requested by Nancy R. Kolligian and Michele M. Kolligian for father; Lisa Kolligian & Dan Dorian for father; Ashley & Scott Martin, Amanda, Matt, Matty and Danny Keller for grandfather and great-grandfather; Henry Gostanian for uncle and cousin; Janice Dorian for khenamee.
- **Gregory Archie Kolligian, 33rd Anniversary:** Requested by Gregory A. Jr., Gregory A. III, and Jack Avedis Kolligian for father and grandfather.
- **Bedros & Julia Hagopian:** Requested by Elizabeth Sargavakian and Family for parents and grandparents.
- **Marie Mardirosian, Eve Akillian, Vera Konjoian, Barbara Yergatian:** Requested by Elizabeth Sargavakian and Family for sister and aunt.
- **Kohar Alyanakian:** From the Trust Fund established by Grace Araxie Boyajian and Family; Arthur & Victoria Alyanakian and Family for mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great great-grandmother.
- **Anna Aprizian and Rosemary Aprizian:** From the Trust Fund established by Rosemary Aprizian for sister.
- **Annahid Anne Arabian:** From her Trust Fund.
- **Araxie M. Kolligian:** From the Trust Fund established by Dr. Michael & Joyce Kolligian, Jr.

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**.

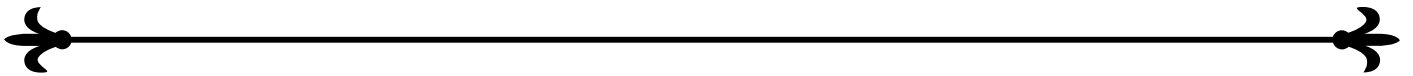
Der Vasken offers a weekly Hokehankisd Service.

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.*



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*

2021 Holy Trinity Annual Picnic

Sunday,
September 12th

Noon - 5:00pm



Church Courtyard

Madagh blessing at 3pm

Delicious Armenian Food

Shish Kebab • Losh Kebab • Chicken Kebab
Combo Meal • Eetch • Vegetarian Mezze Platter
(with pilaf, salad, and pita bread)

The Return of Donner Kebab by Kevork Atinizian

The Shack • Featuring Armenian Delicacies

Paklava, khadeif, Choreg, Spinach Boreg, Tourshi, & more!

Live Armenian Music

Greg Krikorian Ensemble

50/50 Raffle

Tickets: \$5 each; 6 for \$25

Pre-purchase raffle tickets with mail-in form or by
calling the church office

Tickets will also be available for purchase at the picnic

Shish Kebab Sponsorship - \$100
Losh Kebab Sponsorship - \$100
Chicken Kebab Sponsorship - \$100
Gourmet Shack Sponsorship - \$100

Please indicate your sponsorship(s) while ordering by phone or
using the mail-in order form
Your donation will truly be appreciated!



HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO AN

2021 International Food Festival

SUNDAY | OCT 3 | 12 NOON - 3PM

Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall | 145 Brattle Street, Cambridge, MA

SAMPLE AUTHENTIC CUISINE FROM
Armenia Brazil China France Greece
India Italy Persia Spain

Adults \$15
Children (12 or younger) \$10



• International wine and beer will be sold •



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

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

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.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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.

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

Tues, Aug 31 Parish Council Meeting; Johnson Hall, 6:45pm

Mon, Sept 6 Labor Day; Church Office is closed

Sun, Sep 12 Holy Trinity Annual Picnic;
Church Courtyard, Noon- 5pm
Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
(Khatchveratz) Blessing of Basil

Sun, Sept 21 Armenian Independence Day

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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