

Sunday, August 29, 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

Isaiah 9:8-19 God's warnings through His prophet are unequivocal: even though the people of Israel confidently plan to rebuild after an attack by enemies, their evil and neglect of God will render all they do futile. His punishment will continue because of Israel's prideful arrogance. *Reflection: Evil is referred to (v. 18) as a raging forest fire that consumes all in its path. This image is particularly vivid today as we consider the horrendous fires consuming California and other parts of the world. As you look at current events, where do you see this engulfing effect of evil? How can it be stopped? (Gods has concrete suggestions in chapter 10!)*

2 Corinthians 1:1-11 Often personal and passionate in the opening lines of his epistles, here St. Paul stresses the compassion of a God who comforts the suffering, enabling us, in turn, to comfort others. This is particularly meaningful to Paul who has just endured unimaginable hardships in his travels and realized that relying entirely on God's love and mercy was the only way to survive. *Reflection: Paul found that troubles and hardship led him to rely on God all the more (v.9) How do you respond when life gets difficult? Can you recall a difficult time during which you experienced God's comforting presence?*

Mark 4:35-41 Chapter 4 begins and ends with Jesus in a boat, as He teaches about the nature and power of God. Here, the disciples fear for their lives as a storm develops on the Sea of Galilee and Jesus, no doubt exhausted, is asleep. After stilling the waves and winds, Jesus asks the disciples (and all of us!) why they are lacking in faith. For even now, after all the disciples had seen and heard, they ask in awe: "Who can this be?" *Reflection: In Scripture, God addresses fear more than any other emotion, repeatedly asking us not to be afraid. What fears do you have? In what ways might this story be instructive in handling them?*

Saturday, September 4, celebrates the 318 Fathers of the Council of Nicaea

The word "ecumenical" means "universal" and comes from the Greek oikoumene, which means "the inhabited world." An ecumenical council was the meeting of the entire Church as represented by Her bishops and other leaders. Following research and debate, decisions in these councils were arrived at through the grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Council of Nicaea in 325 AD was the first of the three Ecumenical Councils recognized by the Armenian Church and was called by the Emperor Constantine to address a specific controversy. In opposition to the heresy espoused by the priest Arius, namely that the Son of God was created by the Father, the Council decreed that Son of God, Jesus Christ, is uncreated and divine, of one essence with the Father (homoousios) and not made or created by Him. Among other important results, the Council began the formulation of the Nicene Creed (ergo its name) which was finalized at the Second Ecumenical Council of Constantinople in 381. *Reflection: Diocesan and Parish Assemblies are church councils. Knowing that God is especially present when we gather in His name, how might we focus ourselves better on His will for us as we elect officials and deliberate budgets and policies?*

Readings of the Day:

Is. 9:8-19. 2 Cor. 1:1-11. Mk. 4:35-41.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Mark, chapter 4, vs. 35-41 and will be read by Ann Danielson.

August 29, 2021 Hokehankisd

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

- **Al Ross, 5th Anniversary:** Requested by Shoghig (Sunny) Ross, Michael & Ani Ross Grubb, Taline and Zaven Grubb, Kristian Moxley, Araxee Ross, Zabelle and Anitza Ross Moxley for husband, 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.
- **Kenneth & Rose Minasian:** From the Trust Fund established by Kenneth Minasian.

Congratulations

*Congratulations to Stephen & Nicole Garabedian
who will be baptizing their son, Cole Garabedian, today 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 Zara Manuelyan & Goncalo Maia
who received the sacrament of matrimony yesterday, August 28, in our Church.
We pray that Almighty God may bless and keep them under
the protection of the Holy Cross.*

Congratulations

*Congratulations to Jamie Lynn Bogosian & Benjamin James Findlay
who received the sacrament of matrimony yesterday, August 28, in our Church.
We pray that Almighty God may bless and keep them under
the protection of the Holy Cross.*

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**.

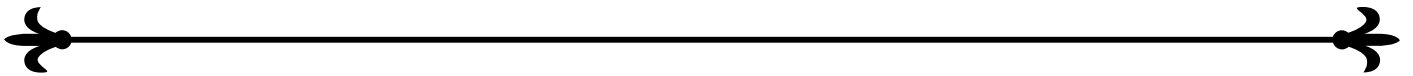
Der Vasken offers a weekly Hokehankisd Service.

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!



Welcome HOME Sunday

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING DAY OCTOBER 3, 2021

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS
SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

REGISTRATION LINK
tiny.cc/sundayschool2022

CLASSES WILL MEET **IN PERSON**
BEGINNING **OCTOBER 3, 2021**

CLASSES WILL MEET WEEKLY FROM
10:30 A.M. TO NOON.

STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH & SAFETY
PRECAUTIONS WILL BE IN EFFECT

- WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR CDC, STATE AND LOCAL GUIDELINES FOR UP-TO-DATE RECOMMENDATIONS
- HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY SCHOOL PROTOCOLS WILL REFLECT CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS
- HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS WILL BE PROVIDED IN DETAIL IN THE ONLINE REGISTRATION MATERIALS, AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING BACK OUR STUDENTS AND RECONNECTING WITH OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILIES!

"We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT YN. ARPI KOUZOUIAN, SUPERINTENDENT
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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 \$10
(12 or younger)



International wine
and beer will be sold



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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 Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
(Khatchveratz) Blessing of Basil

Holy Trinity Annual Picnic;

Church Courtyard, Noon- 5pm

Sunday School Online Registration Opens;

Please see flyer for details

Sun, Sept 21 Armenian Independence Day

Sun, Oct 3 Sunday School Opening Day;

Peter Adamian Hall, 10:30am- 12 noon

Armenian School Opening Day;

Peter Adamian Hall, 9:30am- 10:30am

International Food Festival;

Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 12 noon- 3pm



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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