

Sunday, August 8, 2021  
**Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston**

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**Celebrant: The Pastor**

**Sermon: His Grace Bishop Daniel Findikyan, Primate**

## **SUNDAY BULLETIN**



**Following the directives from the CDC and State of Massachusetts, the Holy Trinity Church has adapted our practices, to facilitate a safe experience for all parishioners.**

**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.**

**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

**Mark 2:1-12** Four friends of a paralyzed man, unable to get through the crowds in a home where Jesus is teaching, lower him from a hole in the roof so that he might be healed. By first forgiving the man's sins, Jesus is boldly declaring His divinity since God alone can forgive sin; such forgiveness better reveals His identity as the Son of God than do the miracles He performs. This spiritual healing is immediately followed by a physical cure: the man rises up and walks. *Reflection: Notable in this story is the determined action of four men to bring their friend to Jesus for healing. No obstacle deterred them. Has the strong faith of others ever helped you grow closer to God? How might your committed faith help someone else experience spiritual healing?*

**1 Corinthians 13:11-14:5** St. Paul has already outlined the need for us to discern our spiritual gifts so that we might serve the common good and affirmed that without love none of these gifts are effective. Here he reminds us that we are like children until we mature spiritually; only then will we see that love outlasts even those things that seemingly endure forever such as faith and hope. In praising prophecy over the gift of tongues, he praises that gift which serves others rather than one's self. *Reflection: In what ways do you think you talk, think, and reason like a child (v.11) when it comes to God?*

**Isaiah 7:1-9** Facing an impending attack from their enemies, the people of Judah were filled with fear (v.2). God instructs Isaiah to tell their king Ahaz to have courage and be firm in his faith for "Unless your faith is firm, you shall not be firm!" (v. 9) *Reflection: What situation are you facing that frightens you now? What makes it difficult for you to trust God for strength and guidance?*

### Saturday, August 14, is the Feast of Shoghagat

*Shoghagat* might best be translated in a phrase: "rays of light came down as droplets from heaven." The term and the Feast Day derive from St. Gregory's vision as recorded in the 5th century history by Agathangelos. In that account, we read how King Drtad and the nobles fasted and repented, listening attentively to St. Gregory's every word as he taught them the long history of God's plan of salvation for humankind. He shared a momentous vision he had seen: of light flowing to the earth, of Jesus striking the ground with a golden hammer, angels, thunderous sounds as the firmaments opened and springs gushed forth, columns of cloud and fire. It was on that site that he understood he was to build a Cathedral (Etchmiadzin, lit. "where the Only-Begotten descended") and chapels to Sts. Hripsime, Gayane, and their sister nuns. Since the Mother Cathedral is dedicated to St. Mary, the feast is always observed on the Saturday preceding the Assumption.

# Welcome

On behalf of the Holy Trinity Armenian Church, we wish to welcome in our midst  
His Grace Bishop Daniel Findikyan, Primate.

His Grace will offer the Sermon of the day.

## Readings of the Day:

Is 7:1-9. 1 Cor 13:11-14:5. John 3:1-12.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to  
St. Mark, chapter 2, vs. 1-12 and will be read by Robert Dulgarian.

## August 8, 2021 Hokehankisd

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

- **Martin Kalustian, 40th Day; Mary Mimi Kalustian, 2nd Anniversary:** Requested by James Kalustian and Drs. Albert & Anita Kalustian for parents; Rosita Georgiades for khenamee; Aracsi Kurkjian and Family for cousin; Karen & William Martin; Ruth Boghosian.

- **Queenie Samourian, 1st Anniversary:** Requested by Martha & Ken Bedrosian and Dianna Bedrosian, June & Ara Hollisian and Christopher, Stephen and Ani Hollisian for mother and grandmother; Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Noorigian for aunt; Anna Zaniboni for cousin.

## **FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION/BLESSING OF GRAPES**

Next Sunday, August 15, is the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God, "Asdvadzadzin," one of the major Feast Days of the Armenian Church.

On this occasion, a solemn Divine Liturgy will be celebrated in our Church,  
beginning at 9:45 a.m.

Following the Divine Liturgy, the traditional Blessing of the Grapes will take place in the Church. All those wishing to donate grapes or contribute in lieu of grapes may call the Church office at 617.354.0632.

# 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.\***

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**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.

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### **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.



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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](mailto:intern@htaac.org)**

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# 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](mailto: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

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**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](mailto: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 Johnson Hall following Church Services for Fellowship Hour hosted by the Parish Council.

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## HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

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



## 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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