

Sunday, October 3, 2021
Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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Celebrant: The Pastor

SUNDAY BULLETIN



The City of Cambridge has issued an emergency order requiring that face masks or coverings be worn in indoor public places - this includes Houses of Worship.

The order took effect at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, September 3, 2021. Holy Trinity Church and it's members and friends will be required to abide by these new safety measures.

**Masks will be required
in the sanctuary and in all church complex buildings.**

When attending services in-person, please remember:

- **Safety measures that will continue**
- **Pews will remain taped off to support distancing**
- **Masks will be made available if you need one**
- **Our cleaning protocols will remain in place**
- **Hand sanitizer will continue to be made available at the entrance of church and at the side altars**
- **Kiss of Peace will be conducted by bowing the head toward others without approaching or touching on another**
- **Confession will be done in place at your pew**
- **Holy Communion will continue to be distributed using safe practices**

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 11:27-33 Having overturned the tables of the money changers a day before, Jesus is in the temple courts again and hostilely questioned by the chief priests, elders, and teachers of the law: by what authority does He do what He does? Jesus wisely deflects their question. *Reflection: In what ways do you question and perhaps even undermine Jesus' authority?*

2 Corinthians 13:5-13 Paul asks the Corinthians to test their faith, knowing that if Christ is indeed in their hearts, they cannot fail. His humble prayer is “for their perfection.” (v.9) Memorable verse (12): “Greet one another with a holy kiss” (a foundational verse for our kiss of peace during Badarak). *Reflection: In what area of your spiritual life will you aim “for perfection” this week?*

Isaiah 17:7-14 Isaiah announces God's judgment against Syria and Israel who were aligned against Judah. Having turned away from God, none of their endeavors can be fruitful: they might plant the finest imported vines, but there will be no harvest, only pain. Enemies will rage like surging waters; it is God's rebuke alone that sends them fleeing. *Reflection: How might the story of Jesus' stilling the storm (Mark 4:35-41) together with the image of verse 13 affect you as you face today's precarious world? Form a prayer out of your answer.*

Saturday, October 9, is the Feast of the Holy Translators

Mesrob, Yeghishe, Moses, David the Philosopher, Gregory of Narek, Nersess the Grace-filled These well-known saints are remembered on other days of the church calendar year, but the Armenian Church remembers them here specifically as “translators,” those who enlighten others about our faith through prayers, hymns, poetry, philosophy and even history. Translation goes beyond rendering one language into another. It is the sharing of the experience of Christ with His people. St. Gregory of Narek (c 945-1003) was a beloved teacher, churchman and prolific writer. Born in Narek (near Lake Van) he entered the monastery there and wrote Bible commentaries, history and deeply affecting prayers. His renowned collection *Speaking with God from the Depths of My Heart* was so treasured that it was thought to have healing powers. *Reflection: Consider Gregory's Prayer 24: “Dear Lord, I pray that I might be honored with clothing of light, from which I have been stripped/that I might touch the hand of Him, from whom I am separated/that I might receive my daily bread, for which I have not worked/that I might be showered with rewards, which I have not earned/that I might remember all my blessings, which I always forget. What are some of the blessings in your life you need to remember?”*

Readings of the Day:

Is. 17:7-14. 2 Cor. 13:5-13. Mk. 11:27-33.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Mark, chapter 11, vs. 27-33 and will be read by Kasper Torosian.

October 3, 2021 Hokehankisd

- **Rose Arslanian, 40th Day:** Requested by Hrant Arslanian and Family for wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt.
- **Dikran Adkarian, 40th Day, Hagop Adkarian, Khatun Dakesian, Levon Dakesian and Nuvar Gresse:** Requested by Veronica Adkarian for son, husband, mother, brother and sister.
- **Charles A. Shagoury, 2nd Anniversary:** Requested by Judy Talanian Shagoury for husband.
- **Elizabeth & George Kolligian:** Requested by Joan E. Kolligian for parents.
- **Michael & Virginia Ohanian:** Requested by Bruce & LuAnn Ohanian & Family for parents, grandparents and great-grandparents.
- **Martin & Mimi Kalustian, Arakel Kalustian, Youghaper (Kalustian) Abrahamian, and Hagop & Garineh Toomajian:** From the Martin & Mimi Kalustian Trust Fund established by James M. Kalustian in memory of his parents and grandparents.
- **Harry Kaprelian, Mihran, Elizabeth & Edward Berberian, Alyce Leister, and Karl Kaprelian:** From the Trust Fund established by Harry & Grace Kaprelian.
- **Jack H. Kolligian:** From his Trust Fund.

Today's Altar candles are donated for the edification of our Altar by Joan E. Kolligian in memory of her parents, Elizabeth & George Kolligian.

Today's Altar candles are donated for the edification of our Altar by the Sunday School Staff and Students in memory of all the deceased members of the Sunday School teaching & administrative Staff.

Today's Altar candles are donated for the edification of our Altar from the Trust Fund established by Harry and Grace Kaprelian in memory of Harry Kaprelian, Mihran, Elizabeth & Edward Berberian, Alyce Leister, and Karl Kaprelian.

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 Ara Hollisian**; 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.*



Christ as Hope

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EASTERN DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA

We wish to welcome back our Sunday School and Armenian School children, their teachers, parents, and all those who were away for the summer.

The beginning of October offers us the chance to look toward the fall and contemplate our hopes and plans moving forward. How do you want to spend the beautiful fall season? During this Divine Liturgy, take time to do an inventory of your personal life and think about what you expect to experience in the months ahead.

Do you feel ready?

Are you keeping room in your schedule for family?

For God? For prayer on Sunday mornings - our Sabbath day?

Are you going into the fall alone or have you asked God to walk with you so that regardless of what we encounter, He is near?

We are always stronger when we place our lives in His hands. God values each one of us. He wishes to have a personal relationship with each one of us. May we spend time asking Him to bless our lives by walking with us in the season ahead.



**HOLY TRINITY
ARMENIAN
SCHOOL**

145 Brattle St, Cambridge MA 02138

Cordially invites all children
and youth to participate in its Armenian School Program
for the 2021-2022 academic year

First day of classes: Sunday October 3, 2021
9:30am





Don't forget to stop by after church service today.

We know a lot of travel plans have been cancelled over the past year, so we are excited to welcome you to take your tastebuds on a trip at our
International Food Festival
from 12-3pm in the
Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall

Holy Trinity's 2021 Christmas Bazaar Sponsorship Opportunities

Please help support our annual Trinity Christmas Bazaar by becoming a sponsor.

Bazaar Meals - \$1,000
Goal \$10,000

The Gourmet Booth - \$1,000
Goal \$10,000

Pastry Booth - \$500
Goal \$8,000

Printing Postage & Ads - \$500
Goal \$3,000

In Memory Of / General Donation

The 2021 Bazaar will take place on the weekend of December 4th

General donations are also welcome with much appreciation

Thank you for helping to make this year's bazaar a success!

If you would like to be a sponsor of the
2021 Holy Trinity Annual Christmas Bazaar:

Please make checks payable to Holy Trinity Armenian Church

To pay by credit card please call the church office at 617-354-0632

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Throughout the day, life hands us questions for which we seek answers. Each month, we discuss one of these life questions through the lens of our Christian Faith.

Below are the topics for this year. We warmly welcome you to join our ongoing conversation.

October 6, 2021

Imagine a world
without love

February 2, 2022

Celebrate Human Rights
Everyday

November 3, 2021

Prayer is like a knock on
the door

March 2, 2022

Is Life Unfair?

December 8, 2021*

How Can We Experience
God's Guidance?

*Second Wednesday

April 6, 2022

The Chalice of: Life, Hope of
Resurrection, & Forgiveness . . .

January 12, 2022*

The Seed That Bears Fruit

*Second Wednesday

May 4, 2022

Even In the Hills & Valleys
. . .We Are Not Alone

Fellowship Hour is Back!

You are all welcome to join us in the Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall following Church Services for Fellowship Hour hosted by the Trinity Men's Union (TMU).

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Morning Service - 9:15 a.m.

Divine Liturgy - 10 a.m.

Services conclude - 12 Noon.

We urge our faithful to attend Church Services on time.

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

TODAY

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

Wed, Oct 6

First Wednesdays Series Returns;

October's theme is "Imagine a world without love;"

Johnson Hall, 6:45pm -7:30pm

Tues, Oct 26

Father Vasken offering services;

Armenian Nursing Home; 10:30am

Sat, Nov 6

ACYOA Seniors New England Regional Fall Retreat

Sun, Nov 21

ACYOA Thanksgiving Luncheon



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**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