

Sunday, Sept 26, 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.

Beginning September 3, 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

Matthew 24:30-36 Jesus gives this description of His Second Coming alongside warnings not to be deceived as to when it will happen: it will be sudden, like a lightning bolt, but unmistakable. (The fig tree is one of the few trees in Palestine that sheds its leaves annually, making it the perfect symbol for a reliable sign of things to come.) He will appear in the sky with power and great glory; angels will trumpet a call to the elect from the four corners of the world. *Reflection: Explain verse 35 (“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away”) in your own words. How might this change your priorities?*

Galatians 6:14-18 St. Paul declares that all his praises are reserved for the Cross; through it, the world was crucified to him. Traditions are not as important as being part of the “new creation.” *Reflection: What do you think St. Paul meant when he said the “world had been crucified to him” (v.14)? What are some of the ways this might be true for you as you grow closer to Jesus?*

Isaiah 65:22-25 A vision of God’s ultimate restoration of creation, in which joy, peace and blessing will prevail. Unlike other apocalyptic visions, life goes on here on earth but it will be free from grief and oppression, and God will be immediately present.

Reflection: “Children will not be doomed to misfortune” (v.23). What misfortunes have we left our children to face and resolve? What might we do for them and these issues right now to see God’s vision realized?

Proverbs 3:18-26 An ode to wisdom, with which God laid the foundations of creation; and a call to all to live by “sound judgment and discernment,” which will lead to fearlessness, honor and even a good night’s sleep. *Reflection: Define wisdom. In what ways might wisdom, understanding & sound judgment “keep you safe” (v23)? Ask God for those qualities in prayer.*

Today is the Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak

the late 3rd century, the nun Hripsime – the same St. Hripsime so important to the story of Armenia’s conversion -- was fleeing from her Roman persecutors. In desperate flight, she buried a piece of Christ’s cross, her most precious possession, on Mt. Varak (near Van). After her martyrdom by King Drtad, the sacred relic she had buried was forgotten for centuries. Then, in 660, Totig, a hermit monk who lived on Mt. Varak, saw a vision of a church with twelve pillars on the top of the mountain. In the center of these pillars was a radiant cross. This luminous vision descended over the altar of the monastery of Varak. When Totig and his student Hovel rushed to the church and knelt at the altar, they discovered the holy relic. He joyously shared the news with Catholicos Nersess (the Builder) who verified the authenticity of the relic, proclaiming the Sunday nearest September 28 to be the Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak. *Reflection: Close your eyes and dare to imagine you are Hripsime desperately scratching at the earth to hide your precious relic of the Lord’s cross, knowing you will probably die for your faith. Why does this matter to you? Why does He matter to you?*

Readings of the Day:

Prv. 3:18-26. Is. 65:22-25. Gal. 6:14-18. Mt. 24:30-36.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 24, vs. 30-36 and will be read by Ann Danielson.

September 26, 2021 Hokehankisd

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

- **Lucy Torosian, 40th Day:** Requested by Himayak Torosian, Susan Torosian and Kaspar Torosian, Gregory Torosian, Haig Torosian, Mark & Mengting Torosian, Marie Torosian for wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother; Marilyn & Robert Takvorian, Margaret & Nishan Mootafian for longtime friend.
- **Grace Torosian, 8th Anniversary:** Requested by Kaspar Torosian, Gregory Torosian, Haig Torosian, Mark & Mengting Torosian, Marie Torosian, Himayak Torosian, Susan Torosian for wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, daughter-in-law, sister-in law.
- **Rose G. Samourian, 17th Anniversary:** Requested by Daniel & Lisa Kolligian Dorian, Janice Dorian, Lois & Ron Malconian for aunt; Ashley, Amanda, Sarah, Ronnie and Danielle for great-aunt.
- **Albert G. Talanian, 19th Anniversary:** Requested by Nancy Talanian and Fran Fortino, Laurie & Tony Travia for father.
- **Margarita Tsugunyan:** Requested by Gayane Faniants and Family, Haig Fanyants and Family for mother and grandmother.
- **George & Peggy Srabian:** From the Trust Fund established by Donald A. Srabian for parents.

**Thank you to those that made a Madagh offering at
our Holy Trinity Annual Picnic held on September 12, 2021.**

Gregory & Fahti Kechejian in memory of Nishan, Rita, Mark, Araxy, and Nazareth Kechejian; Charles, Virgin and Diran Basmajian

Nancy R. Kolligian in memory of Gregory Archie & Rose Kolligian

Armen & Susan Skenderian in memory of Noubar Skenderian

Joe Bozoyan in memory of Hagop Bozoyan

Ruth Falletti in memory of Jack Medzorian, Robert Falletti

James M. Kalustian in memory of Martin & Mimi Kalustian

Joan E. Kolligian in memory of Zadig Keljikian

Michael & Elaine Markarian in memory of the Takvorian & Markarian Families

Anoush O'Connor in memory of Anoush Delcore & Paul Delcore

Albert Oskoian in memory of Anne Oskoian

Albert Zouranjian in memory of Virginia Zouranjian

Anita Arsenault in memory of Mary Tashjian Arsenault

Anna Demurjian in memory of Hovagim & Khanum Demurjian

Ann Simon in memory of Vehanag & Zakar Yakupoglu

June H. Yacubian in memory of Sarah H. & A. Richard Goolkasian

Bertha Demirjian in memory of Queenie & Donabed Donabedian

Deacon Gregory & Carol Krikorian in memory of Deacon Khugas & Sirahoush Krikorian

Margaret Atamian in memory of Zarouhi Berberian

David & Araxie Aznavourian in memory of Vahan Aznavourian

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.*

Congratulations

***Congratulations to Vahe Markosian & Karine Vann who will baptize their son, Tigran, today in our Church.**

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

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



Welcome HOME Sunday

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING DAY
OCTOBER 3, 2021

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS
SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

REGISTRATION LINK
tiny.cc/sundayschool2021

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 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



Classes are taught in Eastern Armenian in
three grade levels for students ages 4-16.
Classes include Armenian literature,
history, singing, painting, and more.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
PLEASE CALL: (617) 842-6552





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





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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 Women of Holy Trinity.

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

- 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
- 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