

Sunday, Sept 5, 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 takes 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**

**Isaiah 13:1-11** This oracle against Babylon points to its destruction on “the day of the Lord,” the day of God’s judgment. The sound of advancing armies and genuine human terror is vividly described. The cosmos shares in the agony as the heavens darken. *Reflection: Throughout Scripture, Babylon stands for arrogant pride (Isaiah 47:8: “I am and there is none besides me.”) and godlessness. God musters an army from the “ends of heaven” against this – a terrifying image! What 21st century phenomena speak of arrogant human pride?*

**2 Corinthians 7: 4-16** Paul’s spirit is comforted by the fact that rather than being distressed by a letter he had sent them, the Corinthians were prompted to repent. They embrace Titus and feel only concern and love for Paul. “I rejoice...!” exclaims a relieved and encouraged apostle. “Godly sorrow,” he declares, brings an eager desire to be better; worldly sorrow leads only to fruitless regret. *Reflection: The literal phrase in Greek for “Godly sorrow” is “what God sees as sorrowful.” Can you think of a time when godly sorrow motivated you to make a real change in your life?*

**Mark 7:31-37** A deaf mute from Decapolis, the predominantly Greek region of 1st century Palestine, is brought to Jesus by caring people who seek His healing. Jesus takes him away from the crowd and first touches his ear and then, using His own saliva, touches his tongue, looking heavenward as He heals the man. *Reflection: As in other healing stories, here we see again how people are brought to Jesus by others who are convinced that He can change lives. Think of a time someone brought you closer to God’s healing touch. Thank them in prayer.*

### **Wednesday, September 8: Feast of the Nativity of the Holy Mother of God**

Although not recorded in Scripture, Mary’s birth and upbringing are mentioned in early Christian sources such as the Infancy Gospel of James. James recounts the longing of Sts. Joachim and Anne for a child; they find comfort in the story of Isaac’s birth to the elderly Abraham and Sarah. Joachim fasts for 40 days and nights; Anna wraps herself in mourning clothes and sits in her garden praying fervently. After angels appear to them both assuring them of a child, Anna runs up to Joachim and, filled with emotion, “hung on his neck” exulting “The Lord has blessed me abundantly!” In joy and gratitude, they promise the child to the Lord and when Anna gives birth and learns it’s a girl, she names her Mary. So fervent was their desire for holiness, that as Mary took her first steps, they vowed not to let her walk on anything impure until she was dedicated to the Temple and so created a ritually sacred space for their beloved daughter. *Reflection: James describes Sts. Joachim and Anne as a very human couple who loved God, one another, and their daughter with tenderness and devotion. How might their example be instructive for us in learning how to hear God’s plan for our lives?*

## **Readings of the Day:**

Is. 13:1-11. 2 Cor. 7:4-16. Mk. 7:31-37.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Mark, chapter 7, vs. 31-37 and will be read by Susan Derderian.

## **September 5, 2021 Hokehankisd**

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

- **Bishop Hovsep Ziver Garabedian, 69th Anniversary:** Requested by Arthur H. Panosian for mentor.
- **Very Rev. Fr. Maghakia Amiryan:** Requested by The Diocese of the Armenian Church.
- **Louise Baitzar Panosian, 1st Anniversary:** Requested by Arthur H. Panosian for wife; Steven Panosian and Zachary, Victoria and Slater Panosian; Jennifer & John Esserian and John A. and Robert Esserian; David & Linda Panosian and Alexandria Panosian; Arthur Panosian, Jr. for mother and grandmother.
- **Kevork (Karnig) & Anahid Der Marderosian:** From their Trust Fund.

Today's Altar Flowers are donated in memory of Louise Panosian  
by Jennifer Esserian and Family for mother and grandmother.



## **Congratulations**

\*Congratulations to Armine Helena Afeyan & John Nicholas Ringer who received the sacrament of matrimony yesterday, September 4th.

We pray that Almighty God may bless and keep them under  
the protection of the Holy Cross.\*

**\*Please contact the Church office if you have basil you can donate for next Sunday's Feast Day  
or if you would like to make a monetary donation.\***

# **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**.

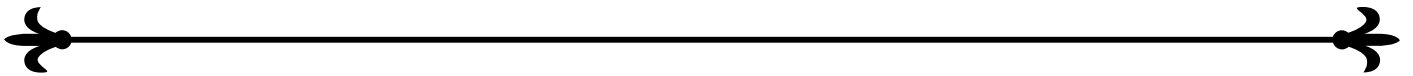
*\*Der Vasken offers a weekly Hokehankisd Service.\**

*\*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/sundayschool2021](https://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 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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ARMENIAN AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:

## ANNUAL FALL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

COME MINGLE WITH YOUR FELLOW AAMA COLLEAGUES AND SEE WHAT WE'RE UP TO!

**INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SPACE!**

TICKETS ARE \$30 AND INCLUDE PASSED APPETIZERS  
CASH BAR AVAILABLE

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2021, 6PM-9PM**

WALTHAM CRAFT FOODS  
200 FIFTH AVENUE  
WALTHAM, MA 02451

**GUESTS WELCOME!**

CLICK HERE TO RSVP BY 9/7/21!

A LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

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EMAIL: [INFO@AAMABOSTON.ORG](mailto:INFO@AAMABOSTON.ORG)

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)



### **Fellowship Hour is Back!**

You are all welcome to join us in the Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall following Church Services for Fellowship Hour.

### **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.

**Please note: Our regular worship schedule will resume on Sunday, September 12.**

# **HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR**

**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

**Tues, 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



Vemkar is very excited to announce the launch of our Adult Christian Education program! This 12-part online live session series aims to shepherd the faithful of the Armenian Church into mature disciples of Christ. Every Tuesday from September 21 to December 14, a session will be held by an expert member of our Diocesan body concerning all aspects of adult Christian life. Bring your Bible, a prayerful attitude, and let us all build in our knowledge of Christ!

Areas of study include:

- Scripture
- Liturgical tradition
- Armenian Church history and teachings (History, Saints, Church Fathers, Music, Art etc.)
- Prayer

Visit the program page on Vemkar's website to register for live sessions!

<https://vemkar.us/adult-christian-education>