

Sunday, October 17, 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

Luke 4:14-23 Jesus is teaching in Nazareth following His victory over the devil in the wilderness. In a way, this is the Jesus story in miniature: He is first met with praise and acclaim but this response sours through jealousy, suspicion, and ignorance. *Reflection: When Jesus spoke to his “hometown crowd” in Nazareth, they first marveled at His “gracious words.” Later, what He told them made them so angry they wanted to drive Him over a cliff (vv 28-30). What teachings of Jesus are the hardest for you to hear? Love your enemy? Give all you have to the poor? Do good works without seeking public credit? Or?*

Galatians 4:3-18 St. Paul reminds the Galatians that Christ offers the possibility of being God’s sons and daughters and therefore not slaves to pagan philosophies. He calls on their friendship and open-hearted spirit to turn from wrong influences. *Discuss/reflect: To fully understand the intimate relationship we can now have with God, consider the difference between being a paid ‘servant’ (cook, housekeeper, driver) to a family and being one of the children in the family. Itemize qualities that distinguish each relationship.*

Isaiah 20:2-21:6 The Judeans were looking to Egypt and Cush for protection, but these powers would be shamefully toppled. *Reflection: Such a timely story, as true today as it was so many centuries ago! After the last year and a half of pandemic and seismic social and economic changes, what things (people, values, goals, material items, etc.) do you no longer think are important to your happiness and security? Identify what really matters. Do this all in the form of a conversation with the Person who matters most!*

Saturday, October 23 Commemorates Twelve Church Fathers: St. Athanasius

St. Athanasius (c.298-373 AD) was born in the cosmopolitan city of Alexandria where he spent most of his life. Present at the Council of Nicaea in 325 as the Bishop of Alexandria’s attendant, the young deacon spoke eloquently against the heretic Arius who denied Christ’s eternal divinity (suggesting there was a time when God the Son did not exist). He was later appointed as the Bishop’s successor and despite repeated exiles due to religious persecution and politics, he became a prolific apologist of the Christian faith and a revered church leader. He wrote the popular and influential Life of St. Antony. Of additional note, Bishop Athanasius’ Easter Letter of 367 is the earliest reference to the canon of New Testament books as we have them today. Athanasius’ masterpiece, On the Incarnation, is a celebrated defense of the full humanity and full divinity of Jesus. It likens fallen humanity to a painting that had been spoiled from its original splendor by “external stains” (sin), requiring a new person – Jesus Christ -- to sit again for the master painter. (“In this way the Image of the Father might be restored.”) *Reflection: Prayerfully think of your heart and soul as an Old Masters painting. Where do you think you need God’s loving restoration?*

Readings of the Day:

Is. 20:2-21:6. Gal. 4:3-18. Lk. 4:14-23.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, chapter 14, vs. 1-13 and will be read by Sona Tashjian.

October 17, 2021 Hokehankisd

- **Seta Buchter, 2nd Anniversary:** Requested by Christina Buchter, Dan McNena, Emily and Benjamin McNena, Sona & Richard Davidian, Deana Davidian, Alyssa & Rob Berryman and Family, Alexis & Stephen Capezza and Family for mother, grandmother, sister and aunt; Dn. Gregory & Carol Krikorian, Dr. Parnag and Nancy Kasarjian for dear friend; Holy Trinity Sunday School Staff and Families for beloved Superintendent.
- **Nvart & Andranik Vartanian:** Requested by Susan Barba for grandparents.
- **Mardiros & Mary Yacubian, Agavni Goshdigian:** Requested by Rotondi Family and Harry Yacubian for parents and grandmother.

Congratulations

*Congratulations to Hakop & Sandra Grigorian
who baptized their daughter, Aneesa Lyanna, yesterday in our Church.
We welcome Aneesa into our Christian family of the Holy Trinity Church
and pray that Almighty God may keep her under His loving care.*



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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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.

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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Send email to Lori Dorian at intern@htaac.org**



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



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



Love singing?

Come join Holy Trinity's recently founded

MEN'S CHORAL GROUP

Men of all ages are welcome

No experience necessary

Relaxed and fun atmosphere

Just bring your positive attitude and passion for harmony

Rehearsals on Sundays at 12:30

For more information contact Crosby Goshgarian (781) 799-7899



Vemkar is 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!

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.

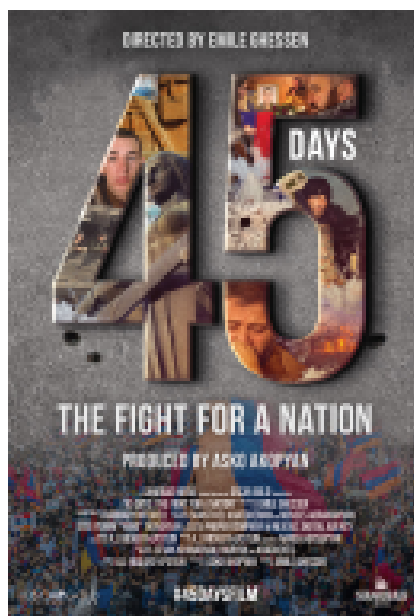
Divine Liturgy - 10 a.m.

Services conclude - 12 Noon.

We urge our faithful to attend Church Services on time.

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

- TODAY** **ACYOA Juniors Kick-Off Gathering;**
Peter Adamian Hall, 12:15pm- 1:30pm
– *All pre-registered youth ages 12 and up welcome.*
- Wed, Oct 20** **Manti-Making;** Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 10am-3pm
PC Meeting; Johnson Hall, 6:45pm
- Sat, Oct 23** **ACYOA Juniors CT/MA Fall Retreat,**
Hosted by Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection,
New Britain, CT
- Tues, Oct 26** **Father Vasken offering services;** Armenian Nursing Home; 10:30am
- Wed, Nov 3** **Manti-Making;** Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 10am-3pm
- Sat, Nov 6** **ACYOA Seniors National Fall Retreat,**
Hosted by Holy Trinity ACYOA Seniors
- Sun, Nov 21** **ACYOA Thanksgiving Luncheon**
- Sun, Nov 28** **Timeless Classics Concert**



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WHERE: CAPITOL THEATRE
204 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE
ARLINGTON, MA 02474

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