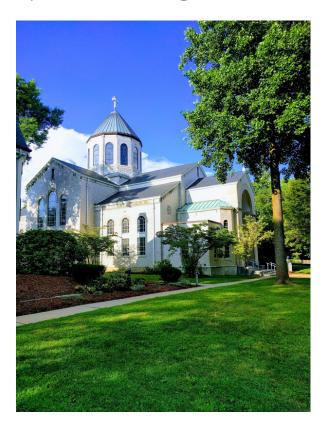
# Sunday, May 1, 2022 Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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Celebrant: The Pastor
SUNDAY BULLETIN



# Today is the Sunday of the World Church (Green Sunday)

Per the City of Cambridge's revised mask mandate, masks are optional in the sanctuary and in all church complex buildings.

\*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.\*

#### **Readings of the Day:**

Acts 9:23-31. 1 Pt 2:1-10. Jn 2:23-3:12. Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter 2, vs. 23- chapter 3, vs. 12 and will be read by Robert Dulgarian.

Last Sunday's Bible Reading was kindly read by Ann Danielson. Thank you so much, Ann.

## From Today's Bible Reading

**John 2:23-3:12** Nicodemus, a Jewish leader and teacher, is impressed with the "signs and wonders" Jesus has performed and wants to know more. Jesus tells him of a second, even more life-changing birth when we are born again "of water and the Spirit." *Reflection: The Armenian Church baptizes infants while godparents, parents, and community stand witness and pledge to nurture the child's faith. We are "born again" at baptism, but what are ways to continue this spiritual birthing throughout our lives?* 

Acts 9:23-31 The newly converted St. Paul is preaching in the synagogues of Damascus. When his life is threatened, followers lower him over a wall in a basket. Barnabus later introduces and defends him to the apostles in Jerusalem (who might have been wary since Paul was once a zealous persecutor of Christians). The church experiences peace and great growth. *Reflection: The church is described as "living in the fear of God."* (v.31) The Greek word "phobos" denotes reverential awe so (v.31) literally translates from the Greek as "[the churches] walked in awe of God, were comforted by the Holy Spirit and grew in numbers." What might this be telling us about what is needed for the church, the Body of Christ, to grow? Do you feel this awe? See Galatians 5:22-26 for the fruit that walking with the Spirit bears in us individually.

**1 Peter 2:1-10** The apostle Peter describes all believers as "living stones" who come to the Living Stone, Christ, to be built into the spiritual house that is the Church. He eloquently outlines the new status believers have with God. *Reflection: These images of Peter's (vv 9-10) are meant to describe each one of us. Rewrite them in your own words; elaborate as if you were explaining them to someone else. How might these qualities influence the way you live?* 

#### Today is Sunday of the World Church (Green Sunday).

The second Sunday after Easter is dedicated to the very first church in the world – established in Jerusalem by Christ. It was there in the Upper Room (Ver na-doon) that Jesus shared His Body and Blood in the bread and wine of the new Covenant with His disciples and where they in turn gathered with other followers before and after the Resurrection and at Pentecost. It was this nucleus of Christ's church that would one day become a church of millions. Although the site remains a place of pilgrimage, the original building itself no longer exists. In its place, we have a world church the entire earth which the Christian Church has taken under its roof. The name "green" conveys the idea of new life in Christ's resurrection as well as its glorious evidence in nature at this time of year. Reflection: As in the budding greenery of spring, what outer evidence would others see in you of your new life in Christ? In what ways can Sunday be renewed for you? How can it be a true "fulfillment and beginning"?

# April May 1, 2022 Hokehankisd

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

- Martin Dulgarian: Requested by Robert Dulgarian and Christina Maranci.
- Robert Tashjian, 10th Anniversary: Requested by Mary Tashjian and Family for husband, father and grandfather.
- Rose Tashjian: Requested by Mary Tashjian and Family for sister-in-law and aunt.
- Victoria & Nathan Basmajian: Requested by Alan Basmajian and Family Donald Basmajian and Family for parents and grandparents; Mary Tashjian and Family for sister-in-law and aunt & brother-in-law and uncle.
- Nishan Ketchoyian, 30th Anniversary: Requested by Barbara, Chris, Allison, Brian and Megan Jakob for father and grandfather.
- Stephen Azarian: From the Trust Fund established by Major Robert Zaven Zartarian.

#### **Congratulations**

\*Congratulations to Layla Paige Boghigian, daughter of Brett & Colleen Boghigian, who will be baptized today in our Church.

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



# **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 are located on the table in the Narthex (the Church Sanctuary lobby).\*

\*Please contact the church office with any questions.

\*Requests submitted after 11 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 am on Thursday to ensure Der Vasken has the name of your loved one.\*

# **Fellowship Hour**

You are all welcome to join us following Church Services for Fellowship Hour hosted by the Trinity Men's Union.

## ADDITIONAL EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

The Easter flowers were donated for the glory of God and the edification of our Altar by:

Grace Araxie Boyajian in memory of Hagop & Kohar Alyanakian



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.

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Imagine a world without love

#### November 3, 2021

Prayer is like a knock on the door

#### December 8, 2021\*

How Can We Experience God's Guidance?

\*Second Wednesday

#### January 12, 2022\*

The Seed That Bears Fruit

\*Second Wednesday

#### February 2, 2022

Celebrate Human Rights
Everyday

#### March 2, 2022

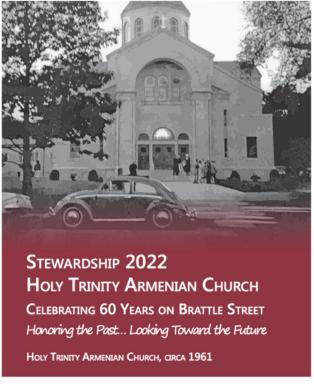
Is Life Unfair?

#### April 6, 2022

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

#### May 4, 2022

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



If you have any questions about becoming a Member or Steward, please call the church office at 617.354.0632





# **COMMUNITY NEWS**



# MOTHER'S DAY GIFT BOX

#### Daughters of Vartan - Arpie Otyag Fundraiser

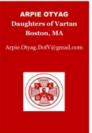
A special gift box for Mother's Day which will also support our charitable projects. The box contains an assortment of Armenian products to delight your mother, aunt, grandmother or sister on Mother's Day Sunday, May 8, 2022.

Items in the box are from Armenian vendors and include: Armenian coffee, Armenian jam, Armenian dried fruit, gata nazooks, honey, mixed nuts, and note cards. All come in a beautifully packaged box that is sure to please, for only \$45. You can order by email to Arpie.Otyag.DofV@gmail.com. Payments can be made by eash or check at pick-up.

Boxes can be picked up on Saturday, April  $30^{th}$  and Saturday, May  $7^{th}$ . Some limited delivery available in the Belmont, Watertown, Cambridge, Lexington area by prior arrangement.

There are a limited number of boxes, so order early!





## Summer Camp Registration NOW OPEN!





#### **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**

- Wed, May 4 First Wednesdays; "Even In the Hills & Valleys...We Are Not Alone" Johnson Hall, 6:45-7:30pm
- Sun, May 15 ACYOA Jr. General Membership Gathering; Peter Adamian Hall, 12:15pm
- Sun, May 22 Sunday School Graduation
- Sun, June 5 ACYOA Jr. General Membership Gathering; Peter Adamian Hall, 12:15pm
- Sun, June 12 Sunday School/Armenian School Year End Cookout
- Mon, June 20 <u>SAVE THE DATE- Details to follow</u>

  The 2022 Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament







#### **CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN!**

Renovations to the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall and the Foyer commenced this week. For the next several months, both Talanian Hall and foyer will be closed to the public while under construction. Signage has been placed throughout the complex to direct parishioners.

Please note, there will be absolutely no entry to Talanian Hall via the parking lot or Sparks Street entrance. The foyer restrooms will not be usable. The Sunday school can be accessed by the stairway behind the kitchen or through the choir room.

Johnson Hall will be accessible from downstairs or the sanctuary.