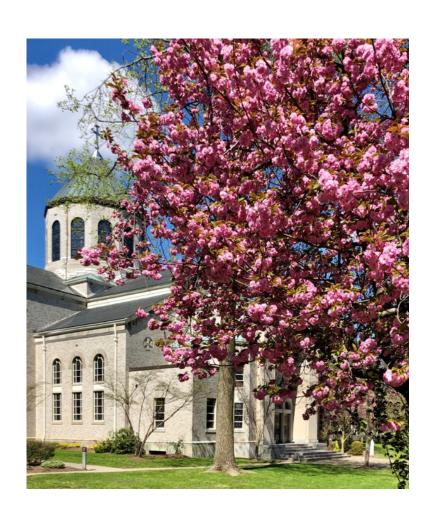
Sunday, May 15, 2022 Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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Celebrant: The Pastor SUNDAY BULLETIN



Per the City of Cambridge's revised mask mandate, masks are optional in the sanctuary and in all church complex buildings. Holy Communion will be distributed using enhanced safety practices.

Approach the altar, make sign of the cross, present the back of your hand,

Holy Communion will be placed on the back of your hand,

consume at the altar.

Readings of the Day:

Acts 17: 1-15. 1 Jn 1: 1-10. Jn. 7: 14-23. Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 16, vs. 21-28 and will be read by Bruce Newell.

From Today's Bible Reading

John 7:14-23 Preaching in the temple courts, Jesus told those amazed at His knowledge that all He taught was from the One who sent Him. He exhorts them to see that healing on the Sabbath is more proper than their strict adherence to Mosaic Law. *Reflection: Jesus taught a humane flexibility about "tradition" and asks people to scrutinize their own behavior: "Has not Moses given you the law? And yet not one of you keeps the law" (v 19) When it comes to your Christian faith, do you 'walk the walk' or just 'talk the talk' (as so many of Jesus' critics did)?*

Acts 17:1-15 Accompanied by Silas, St. Paul preached in the synagogues at Thessalonica and Berea. Although many Jews jealously opposed Him - even inciting mobs to riot - Paul converted a large number. *Reflection: The Bereans were eager students of the Bible and "examined the Scriptures every day"* (v.11). How often do you read the Bible? If not often, how could you increase your time spent with the Word of God, so that you, too, might be able to "reason from the Scriptures" like St. Paul (v. 2)?

1 John 1:1-10 John shares his joy in all he has experienced and witnessed. God is light; those who claim fellowship with Him can no longer walk in the darkness. He exhorts believers to be honest about their shortcomings since Jesus forgives our sins if we confess them. Ultimately, fellowship with God leads to fellowship with one another. *Reflection: The epistle writer shares his experience of the Lord "to make [his] joy complete." (v.4) How important it is that he considers his faith complete only when proclaimed to others! Do you witness to your faith? By example? By invitation? In conversation?*

Today is the Feast of the Apparition of the Holy Cross

The 4th Sunday after Easter, this important feast of the cross recalls a miracle occurring in 351 A.D. when a huge cross appeared in the sky over Mt. Zion in Jerusalem. It was seen stretching from the Mount of Olives to Golgotha (a distance of approx. 1½ miles). The miracle affected everyone: Christians were strengthened in their faith and many non-believers were converted as a result. There is historical proof of this event. The presiding Archbishop of Jerusalem, Guregh (St. Cyril), wrote to the Christian Emperor Constantine of Constantinople telling him of this great miracle; the letter has been preserved by the Armenian Church. At the time, Constantine was still defending the teachings of the heretic Arius and thereby promoting division in the church. But the letter renewed his faith and fortified his resolve to adhere to orthodox doctrine.

May 15, 2022 Hokehankisd

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

- Harry Haytayan, 1st Anniversary: Requested by Karen, Scott and Geoffrey Tuthill.
- Juliet Joan "Joanie" Tashjian, 1st Anniversary: Requested by Samara and Michael Gallagher, Michael Gallagher, and Ava Gallagher for mother and grandmother.
- Haig Hedison, 4th Anniversary: Requested by Harry & Amy Hedison and Family, Leslie Hedison & Michael Jenkins, Rick & Karen Hedison Hopwood and Family for beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather.
- Joseph Barberian: Requested by Requested by John Barberian, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Barberian and Family, Mr. & Mrs. Norine Pasquarello and Family, Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Barberian and Family, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Oliveira and Family, Mr. & Mrs. Steven Foley, Kevin Barberian for father, grandfather and great-grandfather.
- Mary S. Boghosian, Julia Boghosian and Esther McQuaid: From the Trust Fund established by Esther McQuaid and Julia Boghosian.
- Krikor Ermonian and Simon & Satenig Ermonian: From the Trust Fund established by Krikor Ermonian.
- Nerses, Lucia, and Alice Ohanasian: From the Trust Fund established by Alice Ohanasian.



The Eastern Diocese has elected the Very Rev. Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan as its 13th Primate.

The election took place on Friday, May 6, during the first general session of the 120th Diocesan Assembly, meeting in New York at the St. Vartan Cathedral complex. Please pray for Fr. Mesrop in this new chapter in his ministry.

Pray too for the continuing distinguished ministry of our outgoing Primate Bishop Daniel Findikyan, and all our clergy.

God bless them and all the faithful of our Diocese.

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 **Monica Edwards**, **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.



2022 GREGORY HINTLIAN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Registration Deadline: June 13, 2022

Sign up today: https://htaac.org

MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2022

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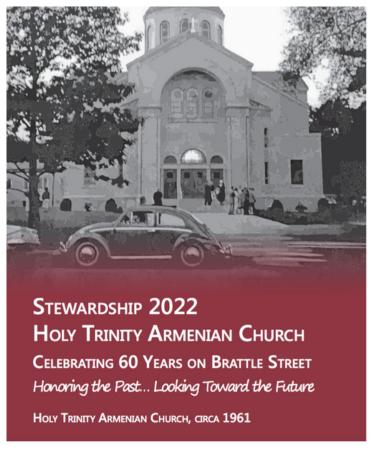
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COMMUNITY NEWS



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



Summer Camp Registration



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, May 22 Sunday School Graduation
- Sun, May 29 Memorial Day Weekend *NO SUNDAY SCHOOL*

 Families are encouraged to attend Church services together on this day.
- Sun, June 5 ACYOA Jr. General Membership Gathering; Peter Adamian Hall, 12:15pm
- Sun, June 12 Sunday School/Armenian School Last Day of Classes and Year End Cookout

Mon, June 20 The 2022 Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament







CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN!

Renovations to the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall and the Foyer has commenced. 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.