## Sunday, May 29, 2022 **Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston**

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> **Celebrant: The Pastor** SUNDAY BULLETIN



A Prayer for Memorial Day

Lord God of Hosts in whom our fathers trusted, we give You thanks for those servants who have laid down their lives in the service of our country. We ask that through Your presence, unite all the people of this nation in a holy purpose to defend the freedom and brotherhood for which our valiant soldiers, marines, sailors and airmen lived and died. Grant that the liberty they bequeathed unto us may be continued to our children and our children's children, and that the power of the Holy Gospel may here abound to the blessing of all nations of this earth and to Thy eternal glory through

Jesus Christ Your Son and Our Lord, Amen.

Masks are now 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 23: 12-35. 1 Jn. 5:13-21. Jn. 12:12-23. Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 28, vs. 16-20 and will be read by Sona Tashjian.

## From Today's Bible Reading

John 12:12-23 Great crowds welcome Jesus into Jerusalem and wave palms and sing songs of praise. Although the disciples were present, it was only after Jesus rose from the dead that they truly understood the meaning of this day. Some Gentiles – surprisingly -- ask the disciple Philip if they might be able to meet Jesus. Perhaps now, at a symbolic moment when all people are beginning to seek Him – and not just the Jews who were initially and exclusively welcome, Jesus declares that the hour had come for Him to be glorified, that His march to the cross had begun. *Reflection: The Greeks seeking Jesus clearly unsettled the disciples; this was an unusual request in the religious landscape of that moment. Philip and Andrew conferred about these newcomers. Is there a "screening process," i.e. certain requirements, for who can draw closer to your community (and therefore Jesus)? If so, what are the criteria?* 

Acts 23:12-35 A group of Jews were conspiring to kill Paul while he was in Jerusalem. Overhearing their plot, Paul's nephew reports it to his uncle and then to the Roman commander who has Paul immediately transferred to Caesarea under heavy guard and with an explanatory letter to Felix, the Governor of Judea and Samaria. *Reflection: Both St. Paul's nephew and the Roman commander took risks in acting boldly against a popular movement. Has your faith every guided you to go "against the tide" even if it meant taking an unpopular stand?* 

**1 John 5:13-21** The writer assures the faithful of the truth of eternal life and that everything asked of God according to His will is heard and provided. Evil is real and everywhere; therefore, God's children need to remember all they have come to know about the Lord and keep themselves and one another from sin. *Reflection: The last line of this epistle starkly exhorts: "Keep yourselves from idols." It seems this has always been a problem worth warning people about. What "idols" of the world today tempt you away from following Jesus?* 

#### **Today is Second Palm Sunday**

Falling on the 4th day after Ascension, this Sunday is given its name based on the lection reading of the day, which is about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Beginning with New Sunday (directly after Easter), the Armenian church lectionary prescribes daily readings from the Gospel of John in sequential order arriving on this Sunday at the Palm Sunday story. *Reflection: This is a perfect time to reread and relive Jesus' triumphant entry. Think of the people welcoming Jesus that day with palms and hosannas. Now reflect on your experience in church worship: Do you feel the awe and joy of that day as if you are celebrating a true hero's victory? The reign of a King and Savior? If not, why not?* 

## May 29, 2022 Hokehankisd

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

- The 19 children and 2 teachers who perished as a result of Tuesday's school shooting at Robb Elementary in Uvalde, Texas: Requested by the Holy Trinity Armenian Church; Diana Dermenjian Ekizian from Texas.
- Markar & Sylvia Markarian, Haig & Varsenig Takvorian, Gregory Takvorian: Requested by Michael & Elaine Markarian and Family for parents and grandparents, nephew and cousin.
- Stephen & Nevart Pauline Azarian: From the Trust Fund established by Major Robert Zaven Zartarian.
- George, Takoohi, Vahan, Sooren & Mary Daniels: From the Trust Fund established by Sooren & Mary Daniels.
- Mardiros Kasabian, Khanum (Bohigian) Harrison, Genevieve (Jean) Harrison, Victoria (Harrison) Davidian, Rose Harrison, and Harry Harrison: From the Trust Fund established by Rose and Elise Harrison.
- Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Levon, Louise Aznev & Virginia Louise Zartarian: From the Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Rose M. Chacran Zartarian Trust Fund.

#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Today's Altar Flowers are donated for the glory of God on the occasion of Memorial Day from the:

Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Rose M. Chacran Zartarian Trust in memory of Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Levon, Louise Aznev & Virginia Louise Zartarian.

### **Congratulations**

\*Congratulations to Tyler and Julie (Derderian) Singletary who baptized their daughter, Lyla Rose Singletary, yesterday in our Church. We welcome Lyla 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 **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 (held outside in the courtyard under the tent).

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

Renovations to the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall and the Foyer have 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.

## 145 CAMPAIGN: Maintaining our spiritual home

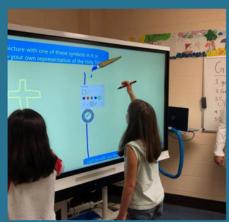




Utility expenses are on the rise. The cost of maintaining everyday parish life and activities at Holy Trinity Church has gone up nearly 30% in the past year - or about \$145 per day.

From the lights in our
Sanctuary and Sunday
School classrooms, to the
gas that powers our
kitchen stoves, to the water
that keeps our beautiful
complex lush - these
utilities enable Holy Trinity
to deliver on our mission by
providing a welcome home
for each of us.









The 145 Campaign has been established to give our Holy Trinity parishioners and friends the opportunity to help offset rising utility costs. One day of utility cost sponsorship is \$145 - or you can sponsor the entire week for \$1,000

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## TRINITY MEN'S UNION MEETING

All Welcome

**GUEST SPEAKER** 

Greg Diffarce

## MASTER SOMMELIER OF OLIVE OIL

"Olive Oil Truths: How Olive Oil Went Bad & How to Buy Good Olive Oil"

Includes a tasting of fine olive oil produced by Greg from his family's estate in Greece!

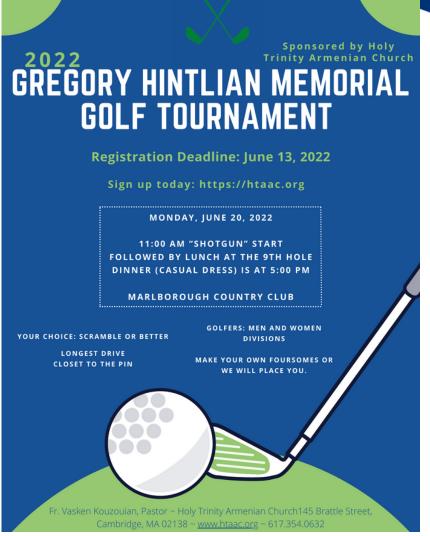
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2022
HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH
SOCIAL HOUR - 6:15 PM - 7:00 PM
DINNER - 7:00 PM

TRADITIONAL LOSH AND KHEYMA MEAL

**DONATION: \$20** 

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OR TO THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 617-354-0632





#### **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 29 Memorial Day Weekend \*NO SUNDAY SCHOOL\*

  Families are encouraged to attend Church services together on this day.
- Mon, May 30 Memorial Day (office closed)
- 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 13 Trinity Men's Union Dinner Meeting (TMU); Johnson Hall, 6:15pm Speaker: Master Sommelier of Olive Oil, Greg DiHarce, "Olive Oil Truths".
- Mon, June 20 The 2022 Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament
- **Tues, June 28 P.C. Meeting;** Johnson Hall, 6pm

