

Sunday, June 12, 2022  
**Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston**

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**Celebrant: The Pastor**  
**SUNDAY BULLETIN**



**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:

1 Kgs. 18:29-46. 2 Kgs. 2:1-15. Jas. 5:16-20. Lk. 4:25-30.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 7, vs. 24-27 and will be read by Sona Tashjian.

### From Today's Bible Reading

**1 Kings 18:29-46** Elijah's prayer to God brings rain after a long drought, whereas the prayers of Baal's prophets prove futile. This 'contest' is spectacular: 850 pagan prophets against the one prophet Elijah of the one God Yahweh. *Reflection: Where is the one true God competing with the false gods in your life?*

**2 Kings 2:1-15** The prophet Elijah continues to remind his protégé Elisha that God would soon be taking his master from him. When Elijah is taken up to heaven in a fiery chariot, he drops his cloak to the ground. Elisha picks it up, taps the nearby Jordan river with it, and the water parts for him. God's spirit had descended now upon Elijah's pupil. *Reflection: Have you ever had the mantle of leadership passed on to you? What quality of your mentor did you value most?*

**James 5:16-20** In these concluding verses of James' epistle, he advises his listeners to confess to and pray for each other, as the "prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." He cites Elijah as a man whose prayers were indeed effective. *Reflection: Have you ever helped someone make a better, more God-pleasing decision? Consider the far-reaching consequences!*

**Luke 4: 25-30** Jesus is in a synagogue in His hometown of Nazareth. To the congregation's amazement, He famously declares that no prophet is accepted in His hometown. He cites the examples of the prophets Elijah and Elisha whose healings were more readily accepted by non-Jews. So angered by this, the people drive Him to the edge of a cliff to throw Him down; but Jesus manages to leave them peacefully. *Reflection: Perhaps we have more in common with this congregation of two thousand years ago than we think. Is there anything about what Jesus teaches that makes you so uncomfortable you would rather drive Him out of your life?*

### **Today is the Remembrance of the Prophet Elijah**

#### **Tomorrow, St. Hripsime and her companions**

St. Hripsime and the community of nuns traveling with her (led by St. Gayane) are the unsung heroines of the Christianization of Armenia. Fleeing persecution from the Emperor Diocletian in the late 3rd century AD, they escaped to Armenia and settled in Vagharshapat. King Drtad himself then pursued the beautiful Hripsime only to be rebuffed by the devout young woman. The 5th century historian Agathangelos recorded her story along with St. Gregory's, vividly describing the physical battle between her and the king. In his new book, *Women Too Were Blessed: The Portrayal of Women in Early Armenian Christian Texts*, scholar David Zakarian speaks of the fight as significant on two levels: Christian virtue and faith overpowering paganism and a powerless young woman physically defeating a tyrannical king. In the renowned icon (a copy of which adorns a side altar in the St. Nersess Seminary chapel), Hripsime is depicted as triumphant and glorified. What one rarely notices is how she tramples upon the head of King Drtad who brandishes a useless sword. One of the first things St. Gregory did was build shrines over the relics of the fallen Hripsime and Gayane and their fellow nuns. Two churches in their names stand near Holy Etchmiadzin to this day. *Reflection: Pray for these beloved saints, grateful for the heroic martyrdom that inspired a nation's faith.*

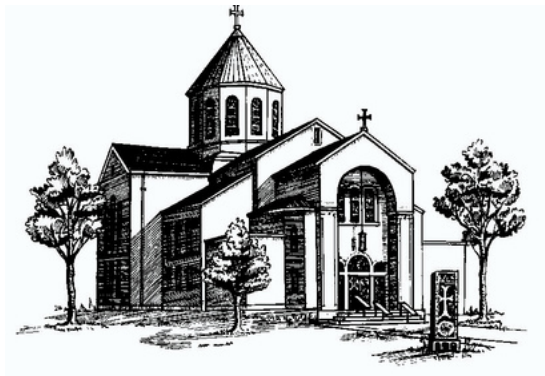
## **June 12, 2022 Hokehankisd**

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

- **For all the victims, students and teachers, of the shooting at the school in Uvalde, Texas:** Requested by Diana Dermenjian Ekizian.
  - **Jano Hagopian, 4th Anniversary:** Requested by Araxie Poladian for brother.
  - **Dr. Michael & Joyce Kolligian:** Requested by Harvey & Valerie Kolligian Thayer, Caroline and Olivia Thayer and Michael Kolligian for parents and grandparents.
  - **Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Levon, Louise Aznev & Virginia Louise Zartarian:** From the Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Rose M. Chacran Zartarian Trust Fund.
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**\*Holy Trinity Church's Annual Requiem will take place in the fall instead of this month.\***

*Exact date will be communicated in the weeks to come.*



## 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.\**

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## Fellowship Hour

You are all welcome to join us following Church Services  
for Fellowship Hour hosted by  
Holy Trinity's Parish Council and Diocesan Delegates.

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## 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.





**Please join us on Sunday, June 12, 2022  
as our Church Schools celebrate  
the end of a fruitful school year.**

Students and families of our Sunday and Armenian Schools will attend a Special Assembly Program in the Peter Adamian Hall at 10:30 a.m., followed by a Special Awards Ceremony in the Church sanctuary at the end of services.



Following Church services, the congregation is invited to join our Church School families for an **End of Year outdoor picnic** (weather permitting)

sponsored by

**Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr, Parish Council Chairman**

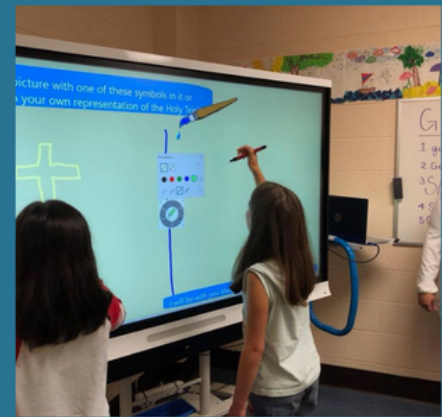
**Complimentary lunch will be provided**

# 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 Church 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

**PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TODAY**

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**[HTAAC.ORG/GET-INVOLVED/DONATIONS/](https://HTAAC.ORG/GET-INVOLVED/DONATIONS/)**  
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**OR**

**DONATE BY CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO**  
**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**  
(Write 145 campaign on the memo line)







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# 2022 GREGORY HINTLIAN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Registration Deadline: June 13, 2022

Sign up today: <https://htaac.org>

MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2022

11:00 AM "SHOTGUN" START  
FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AT THE 9TH HOLE  
DINNER (CASUAL DRESS) IS AT 5:00 PM

MARLBOROUGH COUNTRY CLUB

YOUR CHOICE: SCRAMBLE OR BETTER

LONGEST DRIVE  
CLOSEST TO THE PIN

GOLFERS: MEN AND WOMEN  
DIVISIONS

MAKE YOUR OWN FOURSOMES OR  
WE WILL PLACE YOU.



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## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Morning Service - 9:15 a.m.

Divine Liturgy - 10 a.m.

Services conclude - 12 Noon.

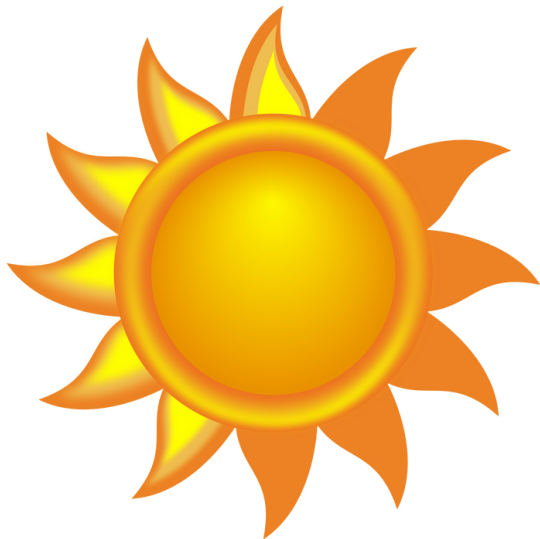
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# **HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR**

- TODAY**                      **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**
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## **\*SUMMER SCHEDULE\***



*Our summer schedule will begin on  
Sunday, June 26.*

**Morning Service - 9:00 a.m.**

**Divine Liturgy - 9:45 a.m.; Services  
conclude - 11:30 a.m.**

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