

Sunday, June 26, 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:

Is 1:1-15. Rom 6:12-23. Mt 12:1-8.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 12, vs. 1-8 and will be read by Susan Derderian.

### From Today's Bible Reading

**Matthew 12:1-8** When the Pharisees chastise Jesus for allowing His disciples to pick grain on the Sabbath, He cites many instances from their own history (King David) and tradition (practices of priests at the Jerusalem temple) to counter their accusations. Alluding to the prophet Hosea's words, He declares human need (hunger in this case) more important than rules. *Reflection: Prayerfully contemplate this lovely NLT version of Hosea 6:6 (to which Jesus refers): "I want you to show love, not offer sacrifices. I want you to know Me more than I want burnt offerings." What changes in your 'habits of faith' might these words prompt you to make?*

**Romans 6:12-23** St. Paul exhorts his listeners to reject sin as their master, since they now live under grace rather than the Law. God has freed us from enslavement to sin; obedience leads to righteousness. "The wages of sin are death;" but holiness leads to eternal life with Christ Jesus. *Reflection: If St. Paul were here today, what sins would he say enslave our society?*

**Isaiah 1:1-15** God despairs of a rebellious people who continue to turn from His ways. Since their hearts are not open to God, their worship and prayers are meaningless. "Your incense is detestable to me...I cannot bear your assemblies!"(v.13) *Reflection: Worship of God needs to spring from genuine faith and reverence to have meaning. How would you rate your worship?*

### **Tuesday, June 28, honors Sts. Constantine the Emperor & his mother Helena**

Constantine was the first Roman Emperor to convert to the Christian faith, most probably under the influence of his mother Helena, a convert herself, and a woman known for her deep faith and service to the poor. He is credited for the Edict of Milan in 313 which mandated tolerance for Christianity in the Empire. He convened the first Ecumenical Council (Nicaea) in 325 to address church controversies. And in his quest for the true cross of Christ, he dispatched his revered mother Helena to Jerusalem, where, in 326, she discovered three crosses at an excavation site. In order to determine which was the Cross of Christ, one source reports that St. Macarius, the Bishop of Jerusalem, alternately touched a corpse to each; the deceased came to life at the one deemed the True Cross. (The Discovery of the True Cross is an important feast in the Armenian Church, Kiud Khach, celebrated in October.) The Church of the Holy Sepulcher, over which the Armenian Church shares authority to this day, was then built at the site of the discovery, by order of Helena and Constantine. *Reflection: Just as Helena was for her son, women in the history of the Armenian Church have been important influencers. Without Sts. Santookht, Hripsime, Gayane, Ashkhen and Khosrovitookht, our conversion as a nation might have taken quite a detour. Who are the women who have inspired your faith?*

## **June 26, 2022 Hokehankisd**

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

- **Michael Boyajian:** Requested by Aline, Harry, Aram and Talia Kaplanian for brother and uncle.



### **Job Opportunity**

**Holy Trinity Armenian Church is looking for interested candidates for the position of Front Office Secretary / Stewardship Associate (part-time)**

**Please submit a cover letter and resume to Alison Ekizian at  
[executivedirector@htaac.org](mailto:executivedirector@htaac.org)**

## **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.\**

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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.



**The Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament of the Holy Trinity Armenian Church was held on Monday, June 20th. The weather was outstanding and the 116 golfers enjoyed a day of fun, fellowship and friendly competition. As always, we thank our Sponsors, Donors, Golfers, Volunteers and Committee Members!**

**Congratulations to our Winning Foursomes!**

**The Best Ball Winning Foursome:**

**David DerVartanian, Alex DerVartanian, Dave Devane, Dick Harlow**

**The Scramble Winning Foursome:**

**Dan Dorian, Casey Kazanjian, Marco Kazanjian, Richard Diranian**

**Women's Scramble Winning Foursome:**

**Joy Bethune, Jill Buck, Amanda Dorian Keller, Kim Tashjian**

**Closest to the Pin:**

**Women: Jill Buck - Men: Mark Ohanian**

**Longest Drive:**

**Women: Jill Buck - Men: Aram Soultanian**

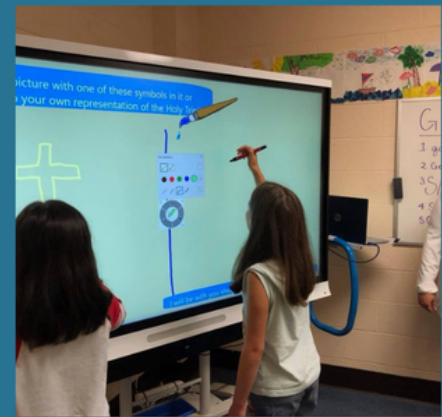


# 145 CAMPAIGN: *Maintaining our spiritual home*



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**

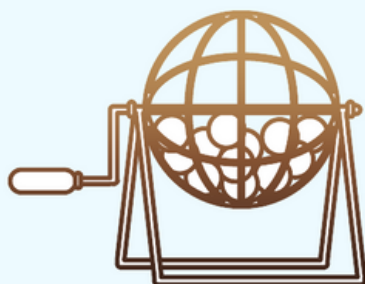
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**[HTAAC.ORG/GET-INVOLVED/DONATIONS/](http://HTAAC.ORG/GET-INVOLVED/DONATIONS/)**  
(Under general donation please select 145 campaign)

**OR**

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



# Holy Trinity Church's 1000 Club



The 1000 Club is a monthly cash raffle with proceeds supporting Holy Trinity Armenian Church.



A one year membership costs just \$60.00! As a 1000 Club member, you choose one available number from 000 to 999. Each month 12 numbers are drawn to award prizes from \$50 to \$1,000 with a total of \$2,000 awarded in cash prizes to the 12 winners.

You can also give a 1000 Club Membership as a gift for graduations, birthdays, and much more!

Interested in learning more  
about the 1000 Club?  
Contact the church office at  
617.354.0632 for information!



**\*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.***

## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Morning Service - 9 a.m.

Divine Liturgy - 9:45 a.m.

Services conclude - 11:30 a.m.

We urge our faithful to attend Church Services on time.

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# **HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR**

- Tues, June 28**      **P.C. Meeting; Johnson Hall, 6pm**
- Mon-Fri, Aug 8- 12**   **Trinity Kids' Place; 9am- 1:30pm**
- Mon, Sept 5**      **Labor Day (Church office closed)**
- Sun, Sept 18**      **First day of classes for the Sunday School and Armenian School.  
Annual Church Picnic- ALL WELCOME.**
- Sun, Sept 25**      **Annual Requiem**

