

Sunday, July 10, 2022
Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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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 2:5-11. Rom 8:31- 10:4. Mt 13:24-30.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 13, vs. 24-30 and will be read by Kasper Torosian.

From Today's Bible Reading

Isaiah 2:5-11 Isaiah continues to unfold God's warning that the people of Judah and Jerusalem have abandoned Him for meaningless abundance and idols. Their treasure is no longer their Lord, but rather gold and silver, horses and chariots. God, however, will bring down the arrogant. In the last days "the Lord alone will be exalted." (v.11) *Reflection: What are your precious treasures and idols (2:7-8)? Use your answers to pray a confessional prayer and ask to be freed from materialism and idolatry that you might "walk in the light of the Lord." (2:5)*

Romans 8:31-10:4 St. Paul outlines the unambiguous nature of God's sovereignty. His fierce love, a love that took His own Son to the cross, calls us to a relationship where neither persecution, nor famine, nor any danger, in fact nothing, "in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus." (8:39) Paul expresses compassion for the Israelites who still believe the Law is the way to God rather than faith in His love and mercy. *Reflection: In what ways do we establish our own rules of righteousness rather than submitting to God's (10:3)? Do you do this? Do religious institutions do this?*

Matthew 13:24-30 In the Parable of the Weeds, one of a number of "Kingdom" parables in this theologically-rich chapter, Jesus uses the harvest as a common symbol for the final judgment. The weeds are brought into being by Evil itself and will prosper side by side in the world. Only in the fullness and end of time and only with God's discernment and not our own limited understanding, will the weeds be burned (an agricultural image well understood in Jesus' time). God's judgment may take many of us by surprise as we think – often in ignorance and intolerance -- about who we feel is "in" and who is "out"! Jesus explains the parable to His disciples in vv 36-43. *Reflection: Have you had a season in your own life where a person could have looked at you and judged you harshly?*

Saturday, July 9, is the Feast of the 12 Apostles and St. Paul

Apostle is a Greek word meaning "one who is sent forth" having been entrusted with a special mission. So it was that Jesus called 12 men to be with Him, learn from Him, and ultimately bring the world to Him. In Matthew 4:19, Jesus gave the fishermen Peter, Andrew, James and John a simple invitation: "Come, follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." In this way he asked them to leave where they were (their fishing boats and business), journey with Him daily, open their hearts to being changed by God, and call others to the same journey. Many other men and women followed Him as well. In the same spirit, the disciples (Acts 1:21-22) chose Matthias to replace Judas because he had "journeyed with Jesus daily and was ready to witness to Him." St. Paul, in turn, became the apostle to the Gentiles, transformed by his faith from a persecutor of Christians to the greatest of Christian missionaries. *Reflection: Going from disciple to apostle is the spiritual journey from student to eager witness (although one continues to learn and grow, even in that transition). Where are you on this journey?*

July 10, 2022 Hokehankisd

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

- Lucille R. Diranian, 40th Day: Requested by Richard, Karen, Alexa, Melissa and Lindsey Diranian, Michael, Nancy, Andrea and Adam Paloian, Kenneth & Charles Diranian, Margaret Dakesian, for mother, grandmother and sister-in-law.

- Roxie Hedison, 1st Anniversary: Requested by Harry & Amy Hedison, Leslie Hedison & Michael Jenkins, Karen & Rick Hopwood, Ann Hedison, Maureen Romanik and Paul Hedison for beloved aunt.

-Sarkis Toomajian, 5th Anniversary: Requested by Kenneth & Gail Toomajian for father.



Father Vasken and the Parish Council have been alerted to a City of Cambridge road project, which has the potential to restrict parking and access to Holy Trinity and its grounds. Our current understanding is that the project's focus is on the installation of physically separated bicycle lanes on Brattle Street and Sparks Street. We continue to learn more about the City's plans, its effects on our Church and parishioners, and our options in response and will provide updates as further information becomes available to us. If anyone seeks more information they may ask, Fr. Vasken, Greg Kolligian, or Bill Melkonian. Updates will be provided as more becomes evident

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.

If you are interested in hosting Fellowship hour during the months of July and August, please contact the church office.

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.

VOLUNTEER AT HOLY TRINITY!

As the saying goes
“Many hands make light work”

There are many volunteering opportunities to help sustain and grow our parish and community. We encourage you to participate and lend a helping hand in the various projects and events we undertake. Volunteering is also an excellent opportunity to get to know other members of our church community or learn a recipe or two while working together to help out.

To join our list of volunteers go to htaac.org > Get involved > Volunteering



Join us for Manti Making



The Trinity Bazaar will be here before you know it!

We need volunteers to help us make manti on the following dates:

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

Wednesday, August 31, 2022

From 10 am to 3 pm in Johnson Hall

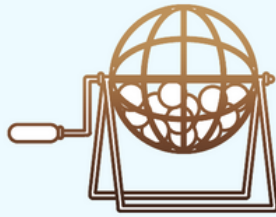
The more pinchers we have, the more manti we can make!

No experience necessary.

We hope you can join us, for any time you can give.

If you can help us, email Becky Hintlian,

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!



Job Opportunity

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

For Job Description please visit:

<https://htaac.org/jobs/>

**Please submit a cover letter and resume to
Alison Ekizian at executivedirector@htaac.org**

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.

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

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| Wed, July 13 | Manti- Making; Johnson Hall, 10am-3pm |
| Wed, July 27 | Manti- Making; Johnson Hall, 10am-3pm |
| Mon-Fri, Aug 8- 12 | Trinity Kids' Place; 9am- 1:30pm |
| Wed, Aug 31 | Manti- Making; Johnson Hall, 10am-3pm |
| 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 | Primate visits Holy Trinity |

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Armenian Woman's Fellowship

Thursday July 14, 2022 7:00pm

First Armenian Church Belmont, MA

Singing, a Speaker, Discussion Groups, Prayer time and Fellowship

Coffee and desert to follow