

Sunday, July 17, 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. 3:1-11. Rom. 11:13-24. Mt. 14:13-21.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 14, vs. 13-21 and will be read by Sona Tashjian.

From Today's Bible Reading

Isaiah 3:1-11 Isaiah continues to convey God's displeasure with the prideful people of Judah and Jerusalem; He vows to remove His support and warns of disorder and even chaos because "their words and deeds are against the Lord, defying His glorious presence..." (v. 8). *Reflection: Do the images of disrupted order in these verses bring to mind aspects of life today? What words and habits of your own might be said to defy God's 'glorious presence'?*

Romans 11: 13-24 St. Paul addresses the Gentiles whom he has helped bring to Christ, admitting that he had hoped to prompt envy in the Jews that they might also follow Jesus. Gentiles who count themselves among the faithful must remember that they have been grafted on to an ancient tree (Judaic roots) from which unbelievers have been trimmed. Rather than be arrogant, these new believers should realize that they can just as easily be cut from the tree because of unbelief. *Reflection: Paul warns believers against thinking they have a better, stronger faith than others. Do churches and individuals exhibit this judgmental behavior today?*

Matthew 14:13-21 Hearing of John's execution, Jesus withdraws in solitude but becomes immediately compassionate towards the crowds that follow Him. He heals the sick and when the disciples tell Him it is late and they must be sent away to find food, He exhorts them to feed the crowd themselves. With just two fish and five loaves of bread, Jesus feeds more than 5,000, giving thanks and breaking the bread in a moment that foreshadows the Last Supper. The 12 baskets of leftovers point to the banquet of the Messiah in the final coming of the Kingdom. *Reflection: Have you ever felt that with the help of God your personal resources have been stretched beyond what you could imagine?*

Today is the Paregentan of the Fast of Transfiguration

The Church prepares to celebrate one of the five major feasts next Sunday, July 24, with a week of fasting preceded by a "paregentan" or day of celebration (lit: 'good-living'). Fasting before a major feast is a lost practice for most Christians. How unfortunate since this signifies that the feast itself has lost both its historic and timeless impact on our lives! With prayer and other spiritual disciplines, fasting is a way of getting the entire body and soul ready for an important Church event. Paregentan days precede fasts throughout the Church year; the greatest season of fasting – Great Lent – is launched by the greatest Paregentan: "Poon Paregentan." *Reflection: How can I spend the coming week preparing to celebrate my Lord's transfiguration on Mt. Tabor, at which time He was made radiant in the presence of His closest disciples, Peter, James, and John, flanked by Moses the Lawgiver and Elijah the Prophet, and affirmed again by the Father and the Holy Spirit?*

July 17, 2022 Hokehankisd

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

- **Hrant Arslanian, 40th Day:** Requested by Armen & Araz Arslanian, Rose and Lily, Maral & Sarkis Baliozian, Patil and Puzant, Salpi & Armen Lousararian, Ani, Kevork and Hrant for father and grandfather.
- **James Antranig Ashjian, 40th Day:** Requested by Gary Ashjian, Arleen Ashjian & David James, Olivia Ashjian James and Donald Martin for father and grandfather.
- **Regina Anne Najarian, 40th Day:** Requested by Berj Najarian, Sebu and Avi, Walter Vartanian, Gregory & Sonia Vartanian and Family, Carol & Alex Khalarian and Family for wife, mother, daughter, sister and aunt.
- **Joseph Poladian, 45th Anniversary:** Requested by Araxie Poladian, Mark & Maral Ayanian, Lori, Joseph, Nayiri and Shant for husband, father and grandfather.
- **Kachig Daniels & Nuvert Daniels:** From the Trust Fund established by Zaven & Arsen Daniels for brother and mother.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND CANDLES

Today's Altar flowers and candles are donated for the glory of God and the edification of our Altar from the Trust Fund established by Arsen and Zaven Daniels in memory of their brother and mother Kachig Daniels & Nuvert Daniels.



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 hosted by Holy Trinity Church and the Ashjian Family.

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

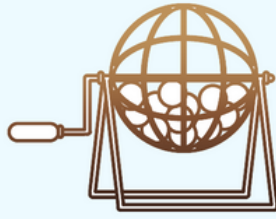
The more pinchers we have, the more manti we can make!

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!



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 will continue to learn more about the City's plans, its effects on our Church and parishioners, and our options in response. If anyone seeks more information they may ask, Fr. Vasken, Greg Kolligian, or Bill Melkonian. Updates will be provided as more becomes evident.

Holy Trinity Church's Annual Requiem will take place in the fall.

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

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

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**