

Sunday, July 24, 2022
Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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Celebrant: The Pastor
SUNDAY BULLETIN



Today is the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

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:

Wis. 7:25-8:4. Zec. 14:16-21. 1 Jn. 1:1-7. Mt. 16:13-17:13.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 17, vs. 1-9 and will be read by Ann Danielson.

From Today's Bible Reading

Wisdom 7:25-8:4 Solomon extols the virtues of wisdom, having sought her from his youth: she is a powerful source of renewal, prevails against evil, and draws us to friendship with God since "God loves nothing so much as the person who loves wisdom" (v. 28). *Reflection: In 1 Kings 3: 1-15, God asks Solomon what he wants most. Rather than long life or wealth, he asks for wisdom. What do you want most? How might "wisdom" be the best answer to that question?*

Zechariah 14: 16-21 Declaring that a day is coming when the Lord will be king over the whole earth, the prophet foresees that all -- even former enemies of the faith -- will be called to Jerusalem on the Feast of the Tabernacles to celebrate and worship Him as the Lord Almighty. *Reflection: "Holy to the Lord" will be inscribed on the horses' bells and on cooking pots (v. 20) on that day of the Lord. What parts of your life do you feel are inscribed to the Lord?*

1 John 1:1-7 John proclaims the truth of Jesus Christ based on all he has seen, heard, and touched so that others "may have fellowship with us" (v. 3) and in turn with God. God is light and walking in that light means living by the truth and loving God and one another. *Reflection: In what ways have you, like John, "seen," "heard," and "touched" Jesus?*

Matthew 16:13-17:13 This rich account, worthy of a long summation, begins with the important conversation at Caesarea Philippi when Jesus asks "Who do people say I am?" After hearing the answers (John the Baptist, a prophet), He asks "and who do you say I am?" To which Peter famously replies "You are the Christ, the Son of God." In the next account, Jesus predicts His death and counsels that anyone who follows Him must take up His cross as well for "those who want to save their life will lose it." Finally, we read the account of Jesus' (see below). *Reflection: Jesus asked His disciples a question that was meant for all His followers and for all time: Who do you say He is? Who is He in your life?*

Today is the Feast of the Transfiguration

The Transfiguration, one of the five major feasts of the Armenian Church, marks the extraordinary occasion Jesus took His three closest disciples, Peter, James, and John, up to Mt. Tabor where He was "transfigured," appearing radiant. The prophet Elijah and the patriarch Moses appeared at His side, symbols of the Law and Prophecy which Jesus had come to fulfill. A voice from heaven was heard saying: "This is my beloved Son." Some customs of an ancient Armenian pagan festival for the goddess Asdghig are still associated with this feast, such as decorating the Church with roses or flowers (and therefore the Feast's name Vartavar; it is more formally called Aylagerbootyoon or Baydzaragerbootyoon) and spraying one another with water.

**Today is the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord,
a major Feast Day of the Armenian Church;
therefore, Requiem Service (Hokehankisd) will not be held.
*Requests for Requiem Service will be conducted next Sunday, July 31.***

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION/BLESSING OF GRAPES

Sunday, August 14, is the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God, “Asdvadzadzin,” one of the major Feast Days of the Armenian Church. On this occasion, a solemn Divine Liturgy will be celebrated in our Church, beginning at 9:45 a.m. Following the Divine Liturgy, the traditional Blessing of the Grapes will take place in the Church. All those wishing to donate grapes or contribute in lieu of grapes may call the Church office.



Congratulations

*Congratulations to Benjamin Ryan McNena, son of Christina Buchter & Daniel McNena, who was baptized yesterday in our Church.

We welcome Benjamin into our Christian family of the Holy Trinity Church and pray that Almighty God may keep him under His loving care.*

Congratulations to Benjamin Cibotti III and Julia Manghis who received the sacrament of matrimony yesterday, July 23, in our Church. We pray that Almighty God may bless and keep them under the protection of the Holy Cross.

Congratulations to Maximilian Malakai Gross, son of Stephan & Jacqueline Papazian Gross, who will be baptized in our Church today. We welcome Maximilian into our Christian family of the Holy Trinity Church and pray that Almighty God may keep him 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 **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.



Write a Note to Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan

People across the Eastern Diocese have been deeply concerned by the news that our Primate, Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan, was seriously injured in a car accident on July 16.

Since the initial announcement, the outpouring of goodwill, affection and prayer from our faithful has been beautiful to behold. At present, Hayr Sourp is hospitalized, but alert and in stable condition. We ask that you continue to pray for our Primate as undergoes surgery on his legs, enters the rehabilitation process, and proceeds with our Lord's help to a complete recovery.

If it is in your heart, please use the form below to write a note to Fr. Mesrop. We will print your submissions and deliver them to him in the hospital. Your prayers and words of encouragement will mean so much at this time! Thank you for your thoughtful kindness. May our Lord bring healing to Hayr Sourp, and to all who endure physical and spiritual injuries in our world.

SUBMIT YOUR NOTE

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeVZugIs3LZrIQXkIDuFP306uQdGaPxS7q5XhhMVeyr4gL1gg/viewform>

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

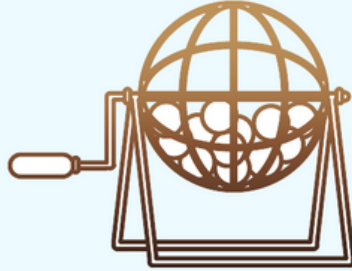
The more pinchers we have, the more manti we can make!

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!





2022 SYMPOSIUM

FAITH BUILDING WOMEN

A daylong conference created for women, by women.

**OCTOBER 15, 2022 | CHECK IN 10AM
HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH
CAMBRIDGE, MA**

Keynote speakers Dr. Roberta Ervine & Arpi Nakashian
Lunch included
Daycare available

**REGISTRATION BEGINS AUGUST 15
REGISTER AT WWW.FAITHBUILDINGWOMEN.COM**

Limited spaces
Contact Rhonda Boyajian
faithbuildingwomen@gmail.com or www.faithbuildingwomen.com

Group rates available at Freeport Hotel | Book by **9/14**

This event is done under the auspices of Adult Christian Education
at St. Peter Armenian Church Watervliet, NY.



The 2022 Faith-Building Women Symposium is a daylong conference created for women by women. Let's explore our sisters in the Bible and develop an understanding of their place, purpose in Biblical history, and in our church liturgy. Events will include two keynote presentations, two focus groups/breakout sessions, lunch with a presentation of an Armenian female Saint and an inspirational closing activity.

SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

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| 10:00 - 10:30 AM | Coffee and choreg reception |
| 10:30 - 10:45 AM | Opening blessing and Symposium intro |
| 10:45 - 12:00 PM | Keynote speaker |
| 12:00 - 12:45 PM | Focus group/breakout session |
| 12:45 - 1:30 PM | Lunch |
| 1:30 - 2:00 PM | Presentation of an Armenian female Saint |
| 2:00 - 3:15 PM | Keynote speaker |
| 3:15 - 4:00 PM | Focus group/breakout session |
| 4:15 - 4:45 PM | Guided meditation and closing prayer |



Hurry up!

July 29 is the last day of the fieldwork for the Armenian Diaspora Survey. If you live in the United States and Ontario, Canada, hurry up and complete the survey.

Your views and opinions on being Armenian in the 21st century matter.

www.armeniandiasporasurvey.com



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Յուլիս 29-ը Հայկական Ափիւմի Հարցախոյզին մասնակցելու վերջին օրն է:

Եթէ Միացեալ Նահանգներ կամ Օնթարիո, Գանատա կ'ապրիք, ապա շտապեցէք և ձեր կարծիքներն ու տեսակետները կիսեցէք:

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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**