

Sunday, July 31, 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.*

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.

Readings of the Day:

Is. 3:16-4:1. 1 Cor. 1:25-30. Mt. 18:10-14.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 18, vs. 10-14 and will be read by Susan Derderian.

From Today's Bible Reading

Isaiah 3:16-4:1 In God's judgment on Judah and Jerusalem, Isaiah has already sketched the breakdown of social order. He now focuses on the women, whose finery and beauty – representing a culture of luxury and pride – he describes in detail. All will be removed and defiled as punishment.

Reflection: Do you see this “haughty” (v. 16), self-centered attitude reflected in men and women today? In what ways does our consumer culture perpetuate the importance of outer beauty?

1 Corinthians 1:25-30 St. Paul reminds the faithful that it was not because of their superb qualities that they were called to faith, rather God calls people out of their foolishness, their unimportance, their weakness, to a strength and wisdom that can be found only in Jesus Christ. *Reflection: What do you think Paul meant when he says that the foolish and lowly things will shame the wise and strong (v. 27)? Have you seen this principle at work in the world?*

Matthew 18:10-14 In the preceding verses, Jesus has identified a child – a being without any legal status or rights – as an example to His disciples of the kind of open-hearted, unfettered faith that will be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. He continues with the story of the 100 sheep, confirming that the Father cares for them all fiercely and equally; He will leave the 99 and look for the one lost sheep, celebrating joyfully when it is found. *Reflection: With whom do you relate in the story of the lost sheep? Are you one of the 99, contentedly grazing with fellow believers? The one who wandered off? If the latter, what would bring you back?*

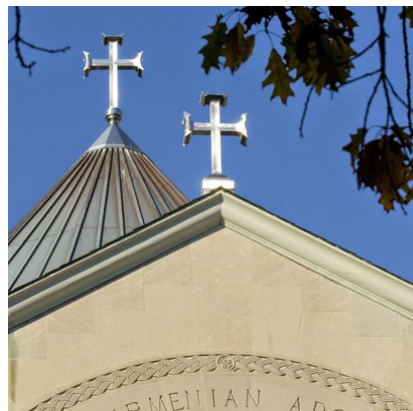
Monday, August 1, is the Feast of St. Cyprian the Bishop

St. Cyprian (c. 200-258) was a courageous leader at a time of terrifying oppression in the early church. Born to wealthy Roman-African parents, he was a lawyer and teacher of rhetoric before converting in middle age. He quickly rose through the ordained ranks to become Bishop of Carthage (near modern-day Tunis) in North Africa, eventually shepherding a scattered and desperate flock during the Decian persecutions. As a result of these and other attacks against Christians, a crisis developed concerning those (referred to as the “lapsed”) who had succumbed to Roman torture and sacrificed to pagan gods and now wanted to be received back. Taking a moderate stand, Cyprian wrote his renowned treatises *On the Fallen* (De Lapsis) and *On the Unity of the Catholic* [meaning universal] Church. He also bore heroic witness to his faith during a plague-induced famine, personally tending to the sick, burying the abandoned dead, and prompting wealthy locals to help the poor. He was eventually martyred. In his important *Treatise on the Lord's Prayer* Cyprian writes “My dear friends, in these few words there is great spiritual strength, for this summary of divine teaching contains all of our prayers and petitions.” *Reflection: It was once, and continues to be in some places in the world, a matter of life or death to freely express one's Christian faith. Is your faith in Jesus Christ worth dying for? How about simply living for?*

July 31, 2022 Hokehankisd

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

- **Ashod Hagopian, 40th Day:** Requested by Edward & Frances Hagopian, Gregory & Lois Hagopian, David & Roberta Hagopian, Carol & Bernard Gardner for uncle.
- **Peter Talanian, 3rd Anniversary:** Requested by Isabel Talanian, Joyce Talanian, Diane & Ron Krueger and Family for husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.
- **Gregory Hintlian, 19th Anniversary:** Requested by Nancy E. Hintlian, Jeff & Adrienne Hintlian and Aurora, Elissa & Scott Robertson and Elle and Georgie for husband, father and grandfather; Cynthia Kazanjian, Aram & Becky Hintlian, Rick Kazanjian, Andrea & Neil Krikorian and Vaughan and Cole, Ali Hintlian, Tori & Daniel Meyer and Christian and Charlotte for brother, uncle and great-uncle.
- **Aram Hintlian, 24th Anniversary & Anne Hintlian, 9th Anniversary:** Requested by Cynthia Kazanjian, Aram & Becky Hintlian, Nancy E. Hintlian for parents, father-in-law and mother-in-law; Rick Kazanjian, Andrea & Neil Krikorian and Vaughan and Cole, Jeff & Adrienne Hintlian and Aurora, Elissa & Scott Robertson and Elle and Georgie, Ali Hintlian, Tori & Daniel Meyer and Christian and Charlotte for grandparents and great-grandparents.
- **Ardemis, Arpy & Armenoohy Arsenian:** From Their Trust Fund.
- **Hagop Der Hagopian:** From the Hagop & Mary Der Hagopian Trust Fund, requested by Edward & Frances Hagopian, Michael & Mark and Bernard & Carol Gardner, Bernie & Andrew for father & grandfather.



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 **The Very Rev. Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan, Primate,**
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.



SAVE THE DATE

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HOLY TRINITY ANNUAL PICNIC

Join us on **September 18, 2022**, for an
afternoon of food, fellowship, music,
and fun

Details coming soon



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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!
More pinchers = more manti!

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 Armenian Church
invites you to an

International Food Festival

SUNDAY | OCT 2, 2022 | 12 NOON - 3PM

Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall | 145 Brattle Street, Cambridge, MA

SAMPLE AUTHENTIC CUISINE FROM

Armenia Brazil China France Greece
India Italy Persia Spain

Adults \$20
Children
(12 or younger) \$12



• International wine
and beer will be sold •



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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

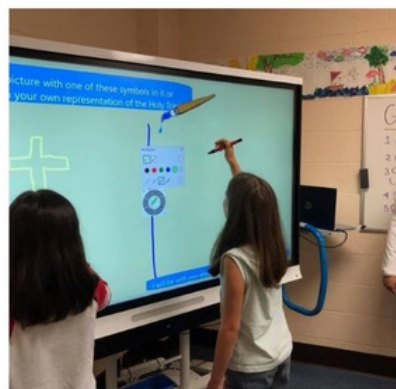
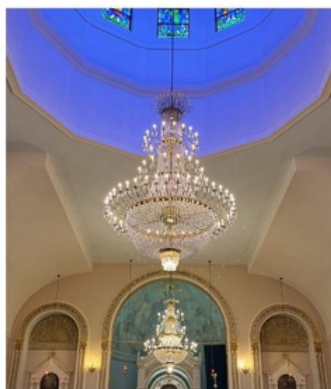
10:00 - 10:30 AM	Coffee and choreg reception
10:30 - 10:45 AM	Opening blessing and Symposium intro
10:45 - 12:00 PM	Keynote speaker
12:00 - 12:45 PM	Focus group/breakout session
12:45 - 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 - 2:00 PM	Presentation of an Armenian female Saint
2:00 - 3:15 PM	Keynote speaker
3:15 - 4:00 PM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

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

TO DONATE ONLINE GO TO HTAAC.ORG/GET-INVOLVED/DONATIONS/
(Under general donation please select 145 campaign)



PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TODAY

Name: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Email: _____

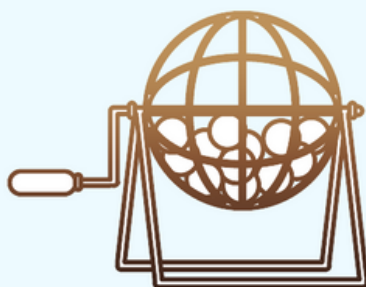
Address: _____

Telephone: _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECK 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!



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. If anyone seeks more information they may ask, Fr. Vasken, Greg Kolligian, or Bill Melkonian. Updates will be provided as more becomes evident.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Senior Volunteering in Armenia | Armenian Volunteer Corps

Good morning, and greetings from Armenia!

I am contacting you to explore collaboration opportunities that will allow your community to know about AVC and the amazing opportunities we provide here in Armenia.

First, let me introduce the Armenian Volunteer Corps (AVC). We provide Diasporans aged 32+ (absolutely no maximum) to volunteer and contribute to Armenia, experiencing the country like never before. We focus on seniors as they bring a lot more experience, expertise, skills, and (we hope) time to share with Armenia. We believe it's the best time for retirees to take a step into volunteering for their homeland, as the pandemic hopefully leads them to realize how impactful they can be.

Currently, the average age of our volunteers is 40 with our eldest being 68 years old. The opportunities are endless.

Since 2001, thanks to our growing list of 1,200+ local partner organizations on the ground, we have enabled professionals in different spheres to contribute to various private, public and international organizations in Armenia.

Professionals in the medical sphere contribute their know-how in hospitals, art therapists teach soldiers how to express their emotions, former engineers offer consulting missions to Armenian research centers or universities, teachers give language courses, former entertainers contribute to film projects with Armenian production companies, historians give lectures in museums, and much more. We customize placements for each volunteer, considering their experience, skills, and also their interests. Participants receive full logistical support from AVC including homestay options, Armenian language classes, excursions, and much more to ensure they seamlessly integrate and uniquely discover Armenia.

We accept applications on a rolling basis throughout the year.

Very recently, volunteer Raffi Hekimyan (a 59 year old volunteer from France) wrote "25 years ago, my dream was to come and settle in Armenia. It didn't occur for different reasons. My experience with AVC brings back this dream and also makes it seem possible". Another volunteer, Paulette who is 81 years old, said "I wish I knew about AVC five years earlier, I would have come more often to be useful in Armenia."

Kindly let us know how we can collaborate to ensure that your community is aware of AVC's opportunities, hopefully engaging many to come and help move mountains in Armenia. Ideas may include having an entry in your newsletter, organizing a virtual presentation, or any other ideas you think may work.

PS: while AVC caters to Diasporans 32+ and non-Armenians 21+, our sister organization Birthright Armenia (Depi Hayk) provides the same program for young Diasporans aged 21 - 32.

We look forward to hearing from you and collaborating in the near future.

Sincerely, Merry Artinian
Communications Coordinator
Armenian Volunteer Corps

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

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.
Holy Trinity Annual Church Picnic- ALL WELCOME**

Sun, Sept 25 **Primate visits Holy Trinity**

Sun, Oct 2 **International Food Festival; Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall,
12pm- 3pm**

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**