

Sunday, August 14, 2022  
**Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston**

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**Celebrant: The Pastor**  
**SUNDAY BULLETIN**



*The picture above is of the stained glass window in our Church depicting the Feast of the Assumption of St. Mary.*

**Today is the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God  
& the Blessing of the Grapes.**

*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. 7:10-16. Gal. 3:29-4:7. Lk. 1:26-38.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, chapter 1, vs. 26-38 and will be read by Ann Danielson.

### From Today's Bible Reading

**Isaiah 7:10-16** In His ongoing communication with Ahaz, King of Judah (under attack from Syria and northern Israel), God suggests that he now ask Him for a sign regarding his fate. Ahaz refuses, thinking this would blasphemously test God. Exasperated, Isaiah shares that very sign: that a young woman will bear a child, that He would be called Immanuel (God with us) and that even before He grew to maturity, those attacking Judah would have ceased to exist. *Reflection: Verse 14 is an unmistakable and significant prophecy for all humankind: the announcement of God's unfolding plan of salvation through the appearance in human history of Jesus, God the Son. When facing a challenging crisis, how have you experienced Jesus as "God with us?"*

**Gal 3:29-4:7** In these verses, beautifully linked by the word "heir" in the first and last lines of the textual unit, St. Paul declares that now that we belong to Christ, we are His rightful heirs. As children, we were once no better than the slaves on any estate, tethered to the world's ways. But "when the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law..." (v. 4:4) that we might receive the "full rights of sons." *Reflection: Read v. 4:6, a renowned verse on the veritable invasion of our hearts that God carries out. "Abba" is an intimate term for "Father" meaning we have been granted the unthinkable privilege of looking upon the Creator of the Universe as our "dad." How was being an heir under the Law (vv. 4:1-3) like being an heir who is still a minor? How affectionate is your relationship with God?*

**Luke 1:26-38** The angel Gabriel visits Mary with the news of her impending role as mother of Jesus (Asdvadzadzin, lit. "bearer" of God). In one of the most famous encounters in the Gospels, depicted in countless works of art and literature, Mary responds humbly but immediately to God's call to a miraculous service. This has made many consider Mary to be the first of the apostles, the first to be "called and sent out" on God's behalf. *Reflection: Verse 37 is one of the most quoted New Testament verses "For nothing is impossible with God." In what area of your life right now do you need to believe this is so? What keeps you from believing it?*

### Today is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, the Mother of God

The oldest of feasts associated with St. Mary, Assumption is celebrated on the Sunday nearest August 15, and commemorates the taking up into heaven ("assumption") of the Holy Mother at her death. Tradition relates that Mary lived another 15 years after our Lord's crucifixion. St. Bartholomew, the only apostle absent from Jerusalem when St. Mary died, asked to visit her tomb upon his return a short while after she was buried. When the tomb was unsealed, her body was gone and angels were heard singing for three days and three nights. The blessing of grapes is associated with this feast day. Grapes are the "first fruit" of the harvest, a reference to Jesus Himself and to St. Mary as the first apostle and witness to the new covenant. Grapes are also made into the wine of Communion.

*Requiem Service (Hokehankisd) will not be held.  
Requests will be conducted next Sunday, August 21.*

## **\*FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION/BLESSING OF GRAPES\***

Today 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.

### **DONORS OF GRAPES**

- Richard & Karen Diranian and Family
- Gayane Faniants and Family
- Armen & Susan Skenderian
- Teager Family

### **NAME DAY CELEBRATION**

As we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption, we honor those women whose names are celebrated in honor of the blessed virgin Mary:

Mariam, Mary, Marie, Mayreni, Maritza, Antaram, Azniv, Dirouhi, Diramayr, Shoghik, Arpi, Keghouhi, Hamesdouhi, Kovel, Nazeli, Aghavni, Dzagheeg, Kohar, Vosgi, Sultan, Shooshan, Papeon, Hamaspuir, Surpoohi, Sirapie, Imasdouhi, Markareet, Baydzar, Arousiag, Pergroohi, Yeranouhi, Yerchanig, Tackouhi, Isgouhi, Loosaper, Dawn, Goosine, Berjouhi, Gloria, Makrouhi, Vergin, Verkin, Verkine, Zavar and Loosine.

These names are descriptions of the blessed Mother-of-God found in the hymns and prayers of today's feast.



### **Congratulations**

\*Congratulations to Kennedy Ani Manghis, daughter of David & Sarah (Aiello) Manghis, who was baptized yesterday in our Church. We welcome Kennedy into our Christian family of the Holy Trinity Church and pray that Almighty God may keep her 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 **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.\**

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## **Fellowship Hour**

You are all welcome to join us following Church Services for Fellowship Hour.

***\*If you are interested in hosting Fellowship hour during August,  
please contact the church office.\****

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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.



2022

# Holy Trinity Annual Picnic

Sunday,  
September 18th

🕒 Noon - 5:00pm  
(Madagh blessing at 3pm)

📍 Church Courtyard

## Delicious Armenian Food

Lamb Kebab \$21 • Losh Kebab \$20

Chicken Kebab \$20

Combo Meal \$20 • Eetch \$15

Vegetarian Mezze Platter \$20

We welcome the return of Kevork's Doener Kebab!

(with pilaf, salad, and pita bread)

## The Shack and More Featuring Armenian Delicacies

Paklava, Cream khadeif, Gatnabour,  
Spinach Boreg, Tourshi, Ice Cream Treats  
& more!

\*Frozen Losh Available for Sale\*

## Live Armenian Music

Greg Krikorian Ensemble

## 50/50 Raffle

Tickets: \$5 each; 6 for \$25

Pre-purchase raffle tickets with mail-in  
form or by calling the church office

Tickets will also be available for  
purchase at the picnic.

Lamb Kebab Sponsorship - \$100

Losh Kebab Sponsorship - \$100

Chicken Kebab Sponsorship - \$100

Gourmet Shack Sponsorship - \$100

To be a Sponsor call the Church office at 617-354-0632  
or send a check- Please write "Picnic Sponsor" on the memo line.

Your donation will truly be appreciated!

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# 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](http://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](http://WWW.FAITHBUILDINGWOMEN.COM)**  
Limited spaces  
Contact Rhonda Boyajian  
[faithbuildingwomen@gmail.com](mailto:faithbuildingwomen@gmail.com) or [www.faithbuildingwomen.com](http://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**

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

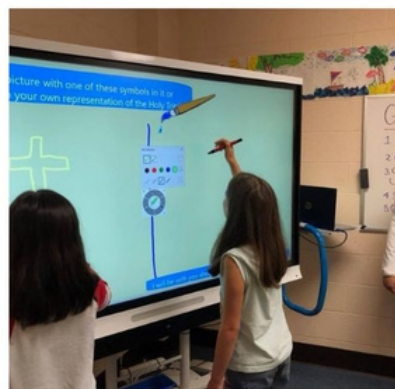
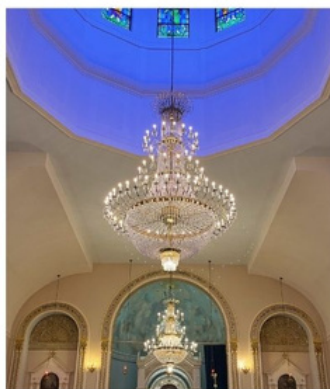


## 145 CAMPAIGN: *Maintaining our spiritual home*



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



PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TODAY

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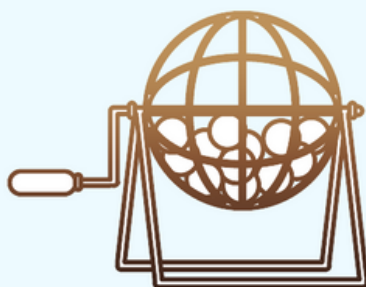
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PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
(Write 145 campaign on the memo line)



# 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!



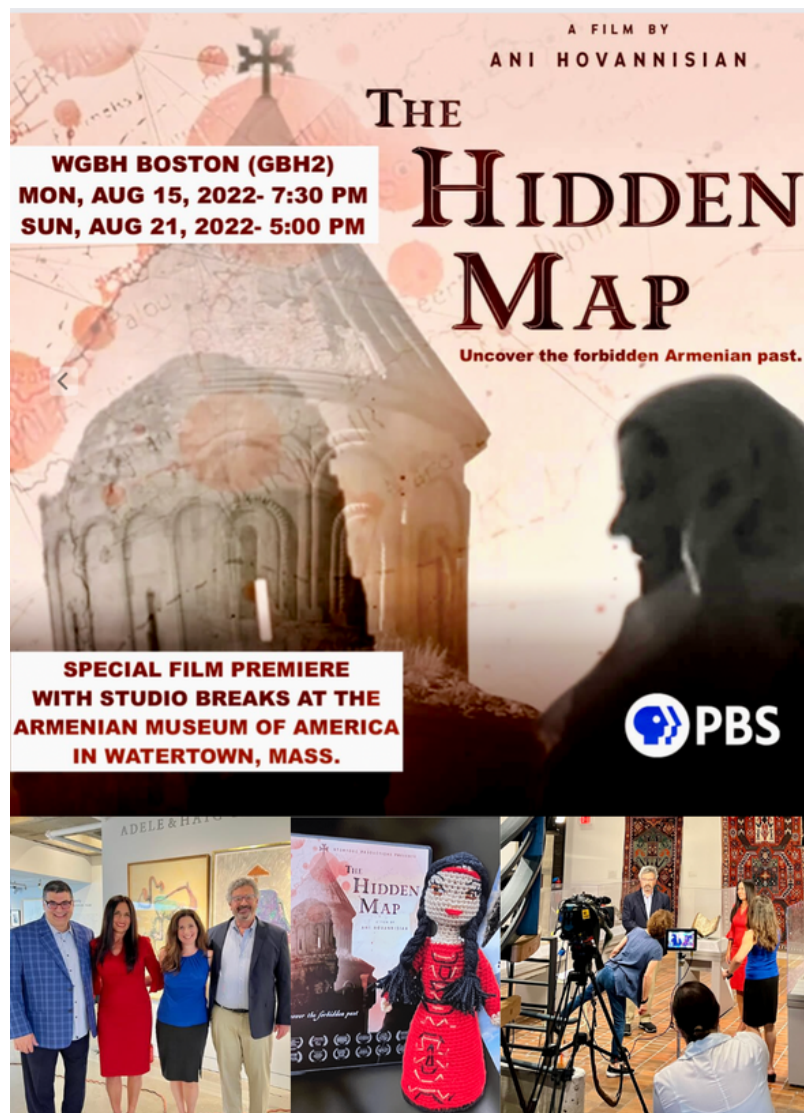


Father Vasken and the Parish Council have been alerted to a City of Cambridge road project, which has the potential to restrict parking and access to Holy Trinity and its grounds. Our current understanding is that the project's focus is on the installation of physically separated bicycle lanes on Brattle 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.

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## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

Ani Hovannisian's documentary, The Hidden Map, which tells the story of the Armenian people, will premiere on the main Boston PBS station GBH2 on Monday, August 15 at 7:30 pm, and then be shown a few more times next week. Please tune in to celebrate Armenian heritage and history.



**\*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.

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# **HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God and Blessing of Grapes Service</b>
<b>Wed, Aug 31</b>	<b>Manti- Making; Johnson Hall, 10am-3pm</b>
<b>Mon, Sept 5</b>	<b>Labor Day (Church Office Closed)</b>
<b>Sun, Sept 18</b>	<b>First day of classes for the Sunday School and Armenian School. Holy Trinity Annual Church Picnic- ALL WELCOME</b>
<b>Sun, Oct 2</b>	<b>International Food Festival; Charles &amp; Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 12pm- 3pm</b>
<b>Sat, Oct 15</b>	<b>Faith Building Women, A day long conference created by women, for women (See flyer for details on registration); Holy Trinity Armenian Church, check in at 10am.</b>

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## **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](mailto:executivedirector@htaac.org)**