

Sunday, August 7, 2022  
**Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston**

**Father Vasken A. Kouzouian, Pastor**  
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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\***

Next 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. 7:1-9. 1 Cor. 13:11-14:5. Mk. 2:1-12.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Mark, chapter 2, vs. 1-12 and will be read by Robert Dulgarian.

### From Today's Bible Reading

**Isaiah 7: 1-9** Syria (Aram) and northern Israel (Ephraim) were poised to attack Judah over a disagreement concerning their enemy Assyria. The hearts of the people of Judah were filled with fear (v. 2). God instructs Isaiah to tell their king Ahaz to have courage and be firm in his faith for “Unless your faith is firm, you shall not be firm!” (v. 9) *Reflection: What situation are you facing that frightens you now? What makes it difficult for you to trust God for strength and guidance?*

**1 Corinthians 13:11-14:5** Previously, St. Paul had outlined the need for us to discern our spiritual gifts so that we might serve the common good and that without love none of these gifts are effective. Here he reminds us that we are like children until we mature spiritually: only then will we see that love outlasts even those things that endure forever such as faith and hope. In praising prophecy over the gift of tongues, he praises that gift which serves others rather than one's self. *Reflection: In what ways do you think you talk, think, and reason like a child (v. 11) when it comes to God?*

**Mark 2:1-12** In this beautiful story of the healing of a paralytic, four friends of a paralyzed man, unable to get through the crowds in a home where Jesus is teaching, lower him from a hole in the roof so that he might be healed. By first forgiving the man's sins, Jesus is boldly declaring His divinity since God alone can forgive sin; such forgiveness better reveals His identity as the Son of God than do the miracles He performs. This spiritual healing is immediately followed by a physical cure: the man rises up and walks. *Reflection: Even as we ask for all sorts of physical benefits in our prayers, perhaps God's greatest gift is the restoring of souls to health. In what ways, for example, is sin like paralysis? How might we be made free through forgiveness?*

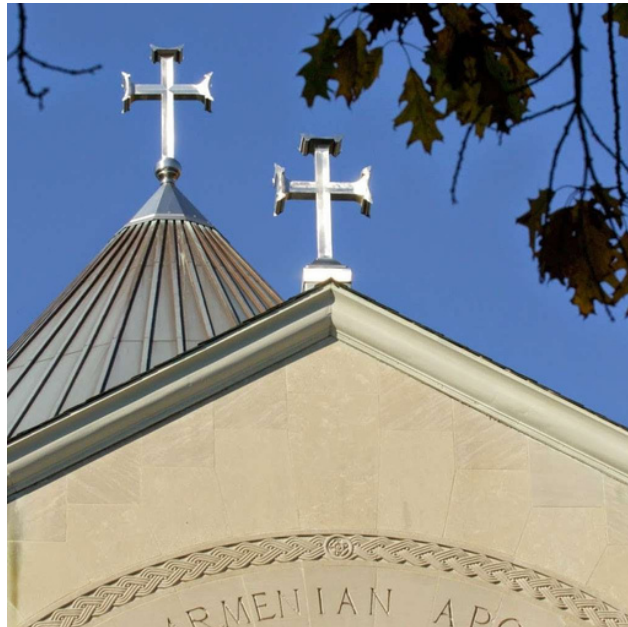
### Saturday, August 13, is the Feast of Shoghagat

Shoghagat might best be translated in a phrase: “rays of light came down as droplets from heaven.” The term and the Feast Day derive from St. Gregory's vision as recorded in the 5th century history by Agathangelos. In that account, we read how King Drtad and the nobles fasted and repented, listening attentively to St. Gregory's every word as he taught them the long history of God's plan of salvation for humankind. He shared a momentous vision he had seen: of light flowing to the earth, of Jesus striking the ground with a golden hammer, angels, thunderous sounds as the firmaments opened and springs gushed forth, columns of cloud and fire. It was on that site that he understood he was to build a Cathedral (Etchmiadzin, lit. “where the Only-Begotten descended”) and chapels to Sts. Hripsime, Gayane, and their sister nuns. Since the Mother Cathedral is dedicated to St. Mary, the feast is always observed on the Saturday preceding the Assumption.

## **August 7, 2022 Hokehankisd**

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

- **Mimi Kalustian, 3rd Anniversary & Martin Kalustian:** Requested by James M. Kalustian, Drs. Albert & Anita Kalustian for parents; Rosita Georgiades for khenamee; Karen & Bill Martin.
- **Siranoush Krikorian, 19th Anniversary:** Requested by Dn. Gregory & Carol Krikorian, Anne Krikorian Capizzi, Lisa, Scott and Scotty Wentzell, Gregory, Lisa, Ella, Luke, Ruby and Blake for mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.
- **Araxie M. Kolligian, 37th Anniversary:** Requested by Nancy R. Kolligian, Dan & Lisa Kolligian Dorian and Michele M. Kolligian for grandmother; Ashley Dorian Martin and Amanda Dorian Keller for great-grandmother.
- **Annahid Anne Arabian:** From her Trust Fund.
- **Araxie M. Kolligian:** From the Trust Fund established by Dr. Michael & Joyce Kolligian, Jr.



## **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 the months of July and 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.

Holy Trinity Armenian Church  
Welcomes

Raffi Chilingirian  
Sunday, August 7, 2022



Following the Divine Liturgy at 11:30am on August 7, Raffi Chilingirian will perform selections playing the ancient Armenian double reed woodwind instrument, made of apricot wood and indigenous to Armenia.

All are invited to Coffee Hour in Johnson Hall following to welcome and meet Raffi.

Living in Beirut, Lebanon, Raffi will share the reason for his visit to Boston and how he was selected to participate in the highly regarded Silkroad initiative at NE Conservatory.

Raffi will be joining other distinguished musicians from around the world. Silkroad was founded by Yo Yo Ma.

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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  
(12 or younger)

International wine and beer will be sold

A taste of  
the world

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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

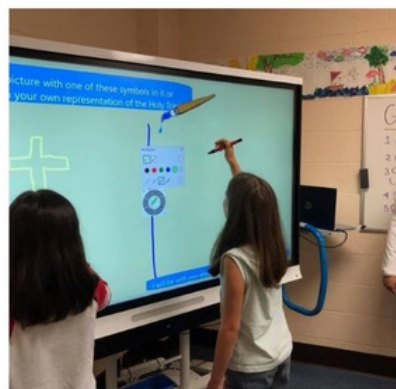
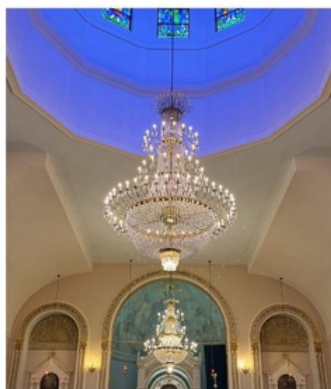


## 145 CAMPAIGN: *Maintaining our spiritual home*



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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

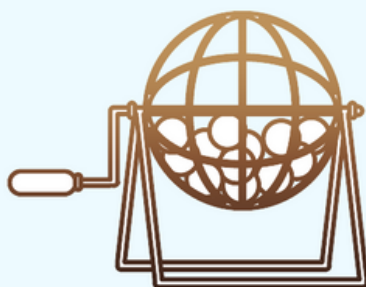
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PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
(Write 145 campaign on the memo line)



# 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

### 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.

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## **HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>Raffi Chilingirian performs for Holy Trinity; Church Sanctuary,</b> following the Divine Liturgy at 11:30am
<b>Mon-Fri, Aug 8- 12</b>	<b>Trinity Kids' Place; 9am- 1:30pm</b>
<b>Sun, Aug 14</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>

### **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)