

Sunday, September 18, 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.*

Annual Requiem will take place on Sunday, September 25, 2022

Readings of the Day:

Is. 14:3-17. 2 Cor. 10:18-11-10. Mk. 10:1-12.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, chapter 9, vs. 21-27 and will be read by Kasper Torosian.

From Today's Bible Reading

Mark 10:1-12 Since divorce was easily obtainable by Jewish men in 1st century Palestine, Jesus had a particular point to make when He spoke about the sanctity of the marriage vow. *Reflection: Deuteronomy 24:1 confirms that a husband could simply write his own certificate of divorce and dismiss his wife from the marriage. Jesus reminds the Pharisees that when God created men and women, He created them to be together and that what He intended for them should be honored. The Armenian Church takes the importance of marriage so seriously that while it acknowledges that there might be compelling reasons for a marriage to be dissolved, it is a sad event that calls for thoughtful reflection. Second marriage rituals have a penitential character.*

2 Corinthians 10:18-11:10 St. Paul defends his teaching against those who preach a different “gospel;” his witness is always focused on Jesus Christ. He humbly does what he can to support himself in his work, thus avoiding being a burden. *Reflection: St. Paul proposes a metaphor of marriage when he says (v. 2), “I promised you to one husband, to Christ...” What does this suggest about our relationship with our Lord? What forces, if any, draw you away from Jesus (vv. 3-4)?*

Isaiah 14: 3-17 These verses refer to the fall of Babylon (Babylon had taken the Hebrews into captivity in a catastrophic episode known as the Babylonian Exile, c 587-537 BC) and eloquently sing of how the mightiest, the most terrible rulers are eventually in their graves, defeated by death. *Reflection: What might the “pomp” and the “noise of harps”(v. 11) be for us in our lives; meaning, what do we take pride in that might actually be distracting us from God? What’s an example of a powerful country, personality, or trend that no longer has influence?*

Tuesday, September 20, commemorates St. Shushan

Shushan was the daughter of the Armenian national hero and saint Vartan Mamigonian and wife of Varsken, a nobleman of Armenian/ Iranian descent who renounced Christianity in favor of Mazdeism to secure his position with the ruling Persians. Varsken demanded the same from his wife and when she refused, he had her imprisoned and tortured for seven years. To her last breath, she proclaimed Jesus as her Lord and Savior. Strengthening her in her resolve were a relic of Christ's cross and a gospel that she had received as a gift from her grandfather, the renowned Catholicos Sahag Barteved. She died in 458 AD at the age of 45. She is honored as well in the Georgian Orthodox Church; the account of her martyrdom is the oldest extant work of Georgian literature. *Reflection: Describe your relationship with the Lord. Would it be easily abandoned in the face of adversity?*

September 18, 2022 Hokehankisd

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

- **Armenian Volunteer Soldiers (Gamavors).**
- **Bishop Hovsep Ziver Garabedian, 70th Anniversary:** Requested by Arthur H. Panosian.
- **Hermine Hatzikian, 40th Day:** Requested by Margo Demirjian, Dr. Aram & Alexis Demirjian and Family, Talinn Demirjian for aunt; Zita and Elizabeth Butler, Nathalie Yaghoobian.
- **Zaven Giragosian, 1st Anniversary:** Requested by Linda Giragosian and Family for husband, father and grandfather.
- **Lucy Torosian, 1st Anniversary:** Requested by Himayak Torosian, Susan Torosian, Kaspar Torosian, Gregory Torosian, Haig Torosian, Mark & Mengting Torosian, Marie Torosian for wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother; Ara & June Hollisian and Family for friend; Hanzatian & Karaoglu Families.
- **Louise Baitzar Panosian, 2nd Anniversary:** Requested by Arthur H. Panosian for wife; Steven Panosian and Zachary, Victoria and Slater Panosian; Jennifer & John Esserian and John A. and Robert Esserian; David & Linda Panosian and Alexandria Panosian; Arthur Panosian, Jr. for mother and grandmother.
- **Crosby Goshgarian, Sr., 7th Anniversary and Meline (Marge) Goshgarian, 13th Anniversary:** Requested by Crosby & Flo Goshgarian and Family for parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents.
- **Grace Torosian, 9th Anniversary:** Requested by Kaspar Torosian, Gregory Torosian, Haig Torosian, Mark & Mengting Torosian, Marie Torosian, Himayak Torosian, Susan Torosian for wife, mother, grandmother, daughter-in-law and sister-in-law; Ara & June Hollisian and Family for friend.
- **Queenie Delanjian, 10th Anniversary and Andre Delanjian, 19th Anniversary:** Requested by the Ekchian, TabEEK, Hennessey, Austin, Delanjian, and Jones Families for parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents.
- **Dr. Zaveh Demirjian, 10th Anniversary:** Requested by Margo Demirjian, Dr. Aram & Alexis Demirjian and Family, Talinn Demirjian, Meline, Charles and Aram Demirjian for husband, father and grandfather; Zita and Elizabeth Butler, Nathalie Yaghoobian.
- **Fr. Haroutiune (Randy) Dagley, 20th Anniversary, Yn. Patricia Dagley, Wallace Dagley, Hortense Dagley, Walter Sarges:** Requested by Becky & Robert Megerdichian; Greg & Julie Megerdichian; Eddie Megerdichian & Jason LaCertosa; Armine Sarges; Sharke DerApkarian.
- **Albert G. Talanian, 20th Anniversary:** Requested by Deborah Talanian, Nancy Talanian & Fran Fortino, Anthony & Laurie Travia for father.
- **Alice Bournazian:** Requested by Flo & Crosby Goshgarian and Family; Peter & Stephanie Bournazian and Family; Nancy & Craig Derderian and Family; Amy & George Pelagio and Family; Dr. Dianne Quibell for mother grandmother and great-grandmother.
- **Nazaret & Meline Demirjian, Albert & Naomi Balukjian:** Requested by Margo Demirjian, Dr. Aram & Alexis Demirjian and Family, Talinn Demirjian, Meline, Charles and Aram Demirjian for parents, grandparents and great-grandparents; Zita and Elizabeth Butler, Nathalie Yaghoobian.
- **Mr. and Mrs. Mark (Max) and Agnes Kalustian, Alice Kalustian, Armenouhi Kalustian, Nuvart Shaghaghian, Mr. and Mrs. Souren and Haigouhi Shaghaghian, Mr. and Mrs. Derenig and Marie Dilbarian, Mr. and Mrs. Mihran and Marie Kavoukjian, Dr. John and Ruth Bichajian, Abraham Abrahamian, Mr. and Mrs. Martin and Lillian Kurkjian, Mr. and Mrs. Leo and Armenouhi Kurkjian:** Requested by James M. Kalustian for godparents, aunts and uncles, and great aunts and uncles.

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- **Dn. John, Rose, Nerses & Jack Haroutunian:** From the Dn. John, Rose, Nerses, Jack and George Haroutunian Trust Fund.
- **Haroutun Harry Kezarjian and Virgine Mazmanian:** From the Trust Fund established by Virgine Mazmanian.
- **Charles & Virginia Manick:** From their Trust Fund.
- **Krikor, Margaret (Berjouhi), Elizabeth & Krikor Roopenian:** From the Trust Fund established by Elizabeth & Krikor Roopenian.
- **Martin & Mimi Kalustian, Arakel Kalustian, Youghaper (Kalustian) Abrahamian, Hagop & Garineh Toomajian:** From the Martin & Mimi Kalustian Trust established by James M. Kalustian in memory of his parents and grandparents.
- **Florence Pepi, Arsha Sarkisian, Dickran & Elmas Sarkisian, Hripsime Sarkisian, and Mariam Sarkisian:** From the Trust Fund established by Florence Pepi.
- **George & Peggy Srabian:** From the Trust Fund established by Donald A. Srabian in memory of parents.



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 Sooren & Mary Daniels
for parents and brother George, Takoohi, Vahan, Sooren & Mary Daniels

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's Altar candles are donated for the edification of our Altar by the Sunday School Staff and Students
in memory of all the deceased members of the Sunday School teaching & administrative Staff.

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Today's Altar flowers are donated for the edification of our Altar in memory of Louise Panosian by
Jennifer & John Esserian and Family for mother and grandmother.

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Margo Demirjian and Family for husband, father and 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,**
John Armen Demirjian, 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.

FIRST WEDNESDAYS...A Breath of God

Fr. Vasken invites you to join him for the sixth year of this well-received program, beginning on Wednesday, October 5, from 6:45 pm to 7:30pm, in Johnson Hall. October's theme is "What Kinds of Seed Do We Sow in Life?" Our Christian Faith has much to say about the issues we deal with every day in the modern world. Join us as we look at many of these issues from the lens of our time- tested faith.



WELCOME

We wish to welcome back our Sunday School and Armenian School children, their teachers, parents, and all those who were away for the summer.

Mid-September offers us the chance to look toward the fall and contemplate our hopes and plans moving forward. How do you want to spend the beautiful fall season? During this Divine Liturgy, take time to do an inventory of your personal life and think about what you expect to experience in the months ahead. Do you feel ready? Are you keeping room in your schedule for family? For God? For prayer on Sunday mornings - our Sabbath day? Are you going into the fall alone or have you asked God to walk with you so that regardless of what we encounter, He is near?

We are always stronger when we place our lives in His hands.

God values each one of us. He wishes to have a personal relationship with each one of us.

May we spend time asking Him to bless our lives by walking with us in the season ahead.

FOLLOWING CHURCH SERVICES TODAY, PLEASE JOIN US IN THE CHURCH COURTYARD FOR OUR ANNUAL PICNIC!!



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.

*Please Join Us for Two Very
Special Ceremonies*

—
Immediately following
the Divine Liturgy



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Rededication

Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall

Sunday, September 18, 2022

Thanks to the generosity of Charles and Ann Talanian in
honor of Nevart Talanian's 100th birthday



Ribbon Cutting and Dedication

George D. Hagopian Foyer

Sunday, September 25, 2022

Join the Hagopian Family as we together pay tribute to
George Hagopian

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Morning Service - 9:15 a.m.

Divine Liturgy - 10 a.m.

Services conclude - 12 Noon

We urge our faithful to attend Church Services on time.

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

- TODAY** *First day of classes for the Sunday School and Armenian School.*
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Rededication of the Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall; Immediately following Church Service
Holy Trinity Annual Church Picnic- ALL WELCOME
- Thurs, Sept 22** **P.C. Meeting;** Johnson Hall, 6:30pm
- Sun, Oct 2** **International Food Festival;** Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall,
12pm- 3pm
- Wed, Oct 5** **First Wednesdays Series Returns; October's theme is "Sacred Symbols: The meaning behind Palms, Bread, Grapes, Basil, Water...";** Johnson Hall, 6:45- 7:30pm
- Sat, Oct 15** **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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ROOM NEEDED IN THE GREATER BOSTON AREA

Working here since 2018, Sevan Bedrosian, an English- Armenian speaking Syrian Armenian, is looking for a rental room. If you are able to help her with her search please contact the church office at 617.354.0632.