

Sunday, September 4, 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.*

Readings of the Day:

Is. 13:1-11. 2 Cor. 7:4-16. Mk. 7:31-37.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Mark, chapter 7, vs. 31-37 and will be read by Sona Tashjian.

From Today's Bible Reading

Mark 7:31-37 A deaf mute from Decapolis, the predominantly Greek region of 1st century Palestine, is brought to Jesus by caring people who seek his healing. Jesus takes him away from the crowd and first touches his ear and then, using His own saliva, touches his tongue, looking heavenward as He heals the man. Those seeing this and hearing the story later in Mark's Gospel could not miss the connection with Isaiah's prophecy (35:5): that when the Messiah comes, "then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared." *Reflection: Here we see again how people are brought to Jesus by others who are convinced that He can change lives. Do you share that belief? If so, have you brought this truth to others?*

2 Corinthians 7: 4-16 Paul's spirit is refreshed when he hears the good news Titus shares with him: rather than being distressed by a letter Paul had sent them, the Corinthians were prompted to repent. They embrace Titus and feel only concern and love for Paul. "I rejoice...!" exclaims a relieved and encouraged apostle. A lesson for us all is that faith renders tensions subordinate to the common bonds of Christian love. *Reflection: Paul talks of being comforted with the arrival of Titus. (v.6) In your ministry in the church, have you ever felt strengthened by the pre-sence of another? What is godly sorrow and how does it differ from worldly sorrow? (vv 8-11)*

Isaiah 13:1-11 This oracle against Babylon points to its destruction (historically, by the Medes and Persians) on "the day of the Lord," a phrase that can be applied to any manifestation of God's judgment. The sound of advancing armies and genuine human terror is vividly described. The cosmos shares in the agony as the heavens darken. *Reflection: Babylon stood for wealth, refined culture, and political power. Where do you see these priorities blinding people to God's values of truth, justice and love today?*

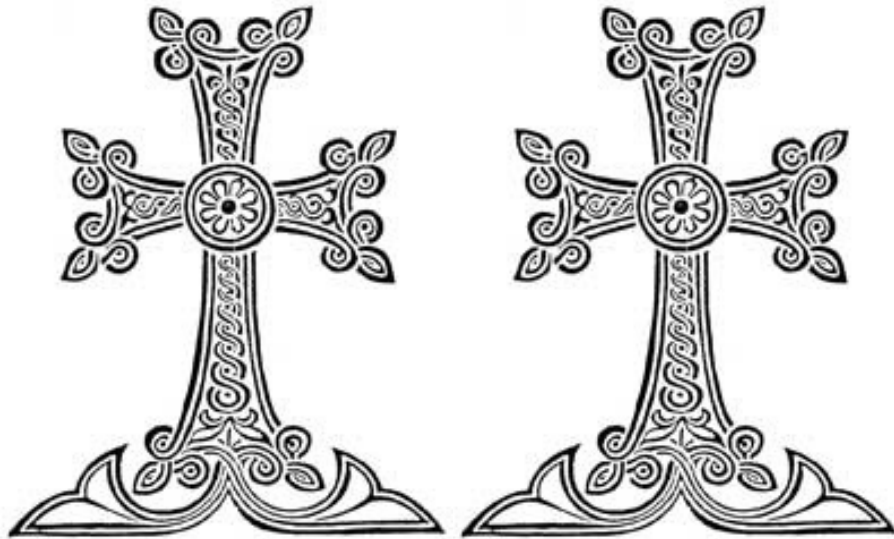
Thursday, September 8, is the Feast of the Nativity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Although not recorded in Scripture, Mary's birth and upbringing are mentioned in early Christian sources such as the Infancy Gospel of James. James recounts the longing of Sts. Joachim and Anna for a child; they find comfort in the story of Isaac's birth to the elderly Abraham and Sarah. Joachim fasts for 40 days and nights; Anna wraps herself in mourning clothes and sits in her garden praying fervently. After angels appear to them both assuring them of a child, Anna runs up to Joachim and, filled with emotion, "hung on his neck" exulting "The Lord has blessed me abundantly!" In joy and gratitude, they promise the child to the Lord and when Anna gives birth and learns it's a girl, she names her Mary. So fervent was their desire for holiness, that as Mary took her first steps, they vowed not to let her walk on anything impure until she was dedicated to the Temple and so created a ritually sacred space for their beloved daughter. *Reflection: Mary is prophesied to become a child that would be "spoken of throughout the world." The holiness of her parents and her home life prepared her to be part of God's extraordinary plan for her. How might this be instructive for us in learning how to hear God's plan for our lives?*

September 4, 2022 Hokehankisd

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

- **Al Ross, 6th Anniversary:** Requested by Shoghig Ross, Ani Ross Grubb, Araxee Ross, Taline and Zaven Grubb, and Zabelle and Anitza Ross Moxley for husband, father, and grandfather.
- **Kevork (Karnig) and Anahid Der Marderosian:** From their Trust Fund.
- **Kenneth & Rose Minasian:** From the Trust Fund established by Kenneth Minasian.



****Holy Trinity Church's Annual Requiem will take place on Sunday, September 25, 2022.****

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.

Fellowship Hour

You are all welcome to join us following Church Services for Fellowship Hour hosted by the Women of Holy Trinity.

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.

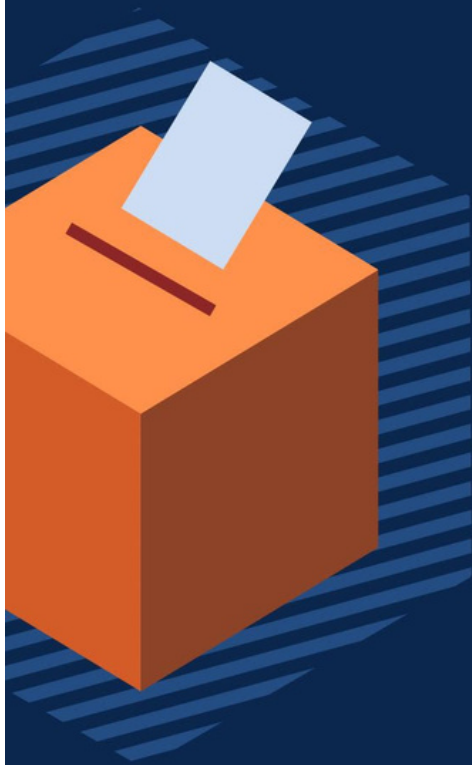
Please note, there will be absolutely no entry to Talanian Hall via the parking lot or Sparks Street entrance. The foyer restrooms will not be usable. The Sunday school can be accessed by the stairway behind the kitchen or through the choir room.
Johnson Hall will be accessible from downstairs or the sanctuary.

TMU Elections and Dinner Meeting

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022
HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH
SOCIAL HOUR – 6:15 PM – 7:00 PM
DINNER – 7:00 PM

**TRADITIONAL LOSH
AND KHEYMA MEAL**

DONATION: \$20



DINNER IS OPEN TO ALL

**VOTING IS OPEN TO
TMU MEMBERS ONLY**

PLEASE R.S.V.P.
BY SEPTEMBER 8 TO
TMUHTAAC@GMAIL.COM
OR TO THE CHURCH OFFICE AT
617-354-0632

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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Registration for Sunday School began on September 1, 2022.
The link to register is www.tiny.cc/HTACsundayschool2022



SUNDAY SCHOOL ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS
SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

REGISTRATION LINK
tiny.cc/HTACsundayschool2022

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES
SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

- CLASSES MEET WEEKLY FROM 10:30 A.M. TO NOON.
- DIOCESAN "WE BELIEVE" CURRICULUM IS COMPLEMENTED BY MONTHLY SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES FEATURING CONTEMPORARY TOPICS

ARMENIAN SCHOOL IN PERSON REGISTRATION
SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES
SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

- CLASSES MEET WEEKLY FROM 9:30-10:30 A.M.
- EASTERN ARMENIAN CLASSES TAUGHT IN THREE GRADE LEVELS FOR STUDENTS AGES 4-18
- **NEW:** WESTERN ARMENIAN CLASS FOR BEGINNERS AGES 5-10
- CLASSES INCLUDE ARMENIAN LITERATURE, HISTORY, SINGING, PAINTING AND MORE

WE HOPE YOUR FAMILY WILL JOIN US AFTER CHURCH SERVICES ON SEPTEMBER 18 FOR OUR HOLY TRINITY ANNUAL PICNIC
WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING BACK OUR STUDENTS AND RECONNECTING WITH OUR CHURCH SCHOOL FAMILIES!

"We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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Holy Trinity Armenian School

Introducing our children to the Armenian language,
history, culture and more.

We cordially invite all children and youth to participate
in our Armenian School Program for the 2022-2023
Academic Year.

Classes meet weekly on Sundays from
9:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

Classes taught in **Eastern Armenian** in three grade
levels: beginner, intermediate and advanced for
students ages 4-18.

The Armenian School is pleased to announce the
addition of **Western Armenian** classes.

For further information please contact:

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or call the Church office at 617.354.0632

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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



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

VOLUNTEER AT HOLY TRINITY!

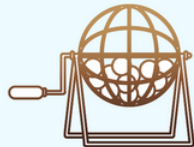
As the saying goes
"Many hands make light work"

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



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!



COMMUNITY NEWS

THE OFFICES OF MAYOR SIDDIQUI
THE CAMBRIDGE-YEREVAN SISTER CITY
ASSOCIATION & PEACE COMMISSION
INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE THE



35th ANNIVERSARY
of the
**CAMBRIDGE-YEREVAN SISTER
CITY ASSOCIATION**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 5:30 PM

CITY HALL, SULLIVAN CHAMBER
(795 MASS AVENUE, CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139)

Hors d'oeuvres will be served after the program

The Office of the Mayor of the City of Yerevan,
Armenia, has been invited to this event.



*Please note: Our regular worship schedule will
resume on Sunday, September 18.*

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, Sept 5	Labor Day (Church Office Closed)
Mon, Sept 12	TMU Elections and Dinner Meeting; Johnson Hall, 6:15pm
Sun, Sept 18	First day of classes for the Sunday School and Armenian School. <u>Holy Trinity Annual Church Picnic- ALL WELCOME</u>
Thurs, Sept 22	P.C. Meeting; Johnson Hall, 6:30pm
Sun, Oct 2	International Food Festival; Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 12pm- 3pm
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.