

Sunday, September 11, 2022
Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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Celebrant: The Pastor
SUNDAY BULLETIN



Today is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

*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.*

****Please join us following Church Services today for a musical treat from violin virtuoso, Emilya Gasparyan accompanied by her mother, pianist Jasmin Atabekyan. They will be performing the first movement of Mendelssohn Concerto for Holy Trinity to enjoy.****

Readings of the Day:

Is. 49:13-23. Gal. 6:14-18. Jn. 3:13-21.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to The Book of Isaiah, ch. 49, vs. 13-23 and will be read by Robert Dulgarian.

From Today's Bible Reading

John 3:13-21 The Pharisee Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council, has sought Jesus to learn more. Jesus tells him that He came from heaven and will return there so that all who believe in Him might have eternal life, that God the Father sent His Son into the world to save it, and that those who live by the truth and light of Christ are a powerful witness to God's power. Memorable verse: John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life." *Reflection: It's human nature to hide our sins and weaknesses from scrutiny (v. 20), yet Jesus promises that living in His truth can free us from such anxiety. From what sins can faith liberate you?*

Galatians 6:14-18 St. Paul declares that the cross is the only source of pride and joy to him and that in Christ the world has been "crucified to me." His past, his "tribe," his earthly affiliations mean nothing – he has been made new in Christ (v. 15). *Reflection: Do you share in St. Paul's declaration that we need boast of nothing except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ (v. 14)? Do you live this way? Does the church as a whole?*

Isaiah 49:13-23 A refrain of joyous comfort from God who declares that His people will never be forgotten. "Lift up your eyes and look around you," the Lord declares, "even in your forsakenness know that I will lift up My victorious banner." The analogy of a mother's love in verse 15 is another example of God's tenderness expressed in female imagery. *Reflection: When you are absorbed in your everyday problems, what does it take to "lift up your eyes and look around" and notice God's glorious presence in your life and in the world?*

Today is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross is one of the five major feasts (daghavars) of the Armenian Church, observed on the Sunday nearest September 14. On that day, there is a procession and an antasdan service, which is the blessing of the fields, or more popularly, the four corners of the world. In early times, the most important church in Jerusalem was named the Church of the Holy Cross. It had been built over the place where Jesus was crucified. Every year, the bishop would take out a relic of the cross and elevate it over his head for the people to honor and venerate.

Traditionally, we connect another story to this Feast Day. In the 7th century, the Persians captured the cross of our Lord after devastating the city of Jerusalem. Emperor Heracles fought a battle against them – in which the Armenian army participated – and liberated the cross. Upon his return, he exalted it in Christian lands, including Armenia -- through which the victorious army carried it back to Jerusalem.

Today is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, a major Feast Day of the Armenian Church;
therefore, Requiem Service (Hokehankisd) will not be held.
Requests for Requiem Service will be conducted next Sunday, September 18.
Annual Requiem will take place on Sunday, September 25.

The Antasdan Service (Blessing of the Four Corners) and Basil (Rahan) Blessing will take place.



ANTASDAN SERVICE AND BASIL (RAHAN) BLESSING

On the occasion of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, the Antasdan Service (Blessing of the Four Corners) will take place following the Divine Liturgy. The Holy Cross is decorated with Rahan, sweet basil, an herb considered to be a royal spice. The word basil in Greek means King, and so it covers the Cross of Christ the King. At the conclusion of the service, the congregation takes home with them a small sprig of basil as a symbol of Christ's victory.

The basil (rahan) for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross includes basil planted by the children of Trinity Kids' Place, ages 3-9, on our Church property to be used for this Feast Day.

Basil also donated by Richard & Karen Diranian and Family.

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.

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 "Sacred Symbols: The meaning behind Palms, Bread, Grapes, Basil, Water ...". 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.

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.

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| 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

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| 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

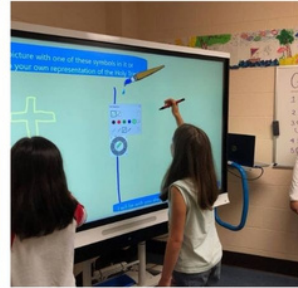
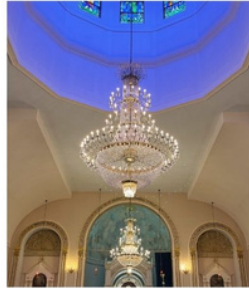


145 CAMPAIGN: *Maintaining our spiritual home*



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)



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COMMUNITY NEWS

ROOM NEEDED IN THE GREATER BOSTON AREA

Working in the US 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.

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** **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Khatchveratz)**
The Antasdan Service (Blessing of the Four corners) and
Basil (Rahan) Blessing will take place at 3pm
- 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.**
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.

