

Sunday, September 25, 2022  
**Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston**

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



**This Sunday is the Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak.**

*The photo above is the Monastery of  
The Holy Cross of Varak as existed before the Genocide*

*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:

Prv. 3:18-26. Is. 65:22-25. Gal. 6:14-18. Mt. 24:30-36.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 24, vs. 30-36 and will be read by Sona Tashjian.

### From Today's Bible Reading

**Matthew 24:30-36** Jesus gives this description of His Second Coming alongside warnings not to be deceived as to when it will happen: it will be sudden, like a lightning bolt, but unmistakable. (The fig tree is one of the few trees in Palestine that sheds its leaves annually, making it the perfect symbol for a reliable sign of things to come.) He will appear in the sky with power and great glory; angels will trumpet a call to the elect from the four corners of the world. *Reflection: Explain verse 35 ("Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away") in your own words. How might this change your priorities?*

**Galatians 6:14-18** St. Paul declares that all his praises are reserved for the Cross; through it, the world was crucified to Him. Traditions are not as important as being part of the "new creation." *Reflection: St. Paul had left behind a way of life measured by external observances of the law and custom. He declares that "All that matters is that one is created anew." (v. 15) How do you measure your faith?*

**Isaiah 65:22-25** A vision of God's ultimate restoration of creation in which joy, peace and blessing will prevail. Unlike other apocalyptic visions, life goes on here on earth but it will be free from grief and oppression, and God will be immediately present. *Reflection: Describe the details of Isaiah's vision. What might such a life, void of pain and struggle, free you to do?*

**Proverbs 3:18-26** An ode to wisdom, with which God laid the foundations of creation; and a call to all to live by "sound judgment and discernment," which will lead to fearlessness, honor and sound sleep. *Reflection: What is the only thing that can give us confidence in all circumstances? Memorize verse 26!*

### Today is the Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak

In the late 3rd century, the nun Hripsime – the same St. Hripsime so important to the story of Armenia's conversion -- was fleeing from her Roman persecutors. In desperate flight, she buried a piece of Christ's cross, her most precious possession, on Mt. Varak (near Van). After her martyrdom by King Drtad, the sacred relic she had buried was forgotten for centuries. Then, in 660, Totig, a hermit monk who lived on Mt. Varak, saw a vision of a church with twelve pillars on the top of the mountain. In the center of these pillars was a radiant cross. This luminous vision descended over the altar of the monastery of Varak. When Totig and his student Hovel rushed to the church and knelt at the altar, they discovered the holy relic. He joyously shared the news with Catholicos Nersess (the Builder) who verified the authenticity of the relic, proclaiming the Sunday nearest September 28 to be the Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak.

## 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, Ara Hollisian, and Ida Boodakian;**  
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.*

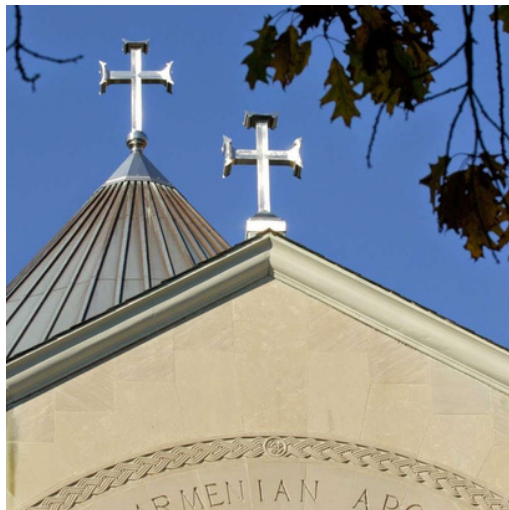
*\*Requests submitted after 11 am on Thursday will not be printed in the Sunday Bulletin but will be read from the altar by Der Vasken. Please alert a Parish Council member on Sunday if you requested a Hokehankisd after 11 am on Thursday to ensure Der Vasken has the name of your loved one.\**

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## **Fellowship Hour**

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

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Please join us today immediately following Church Services

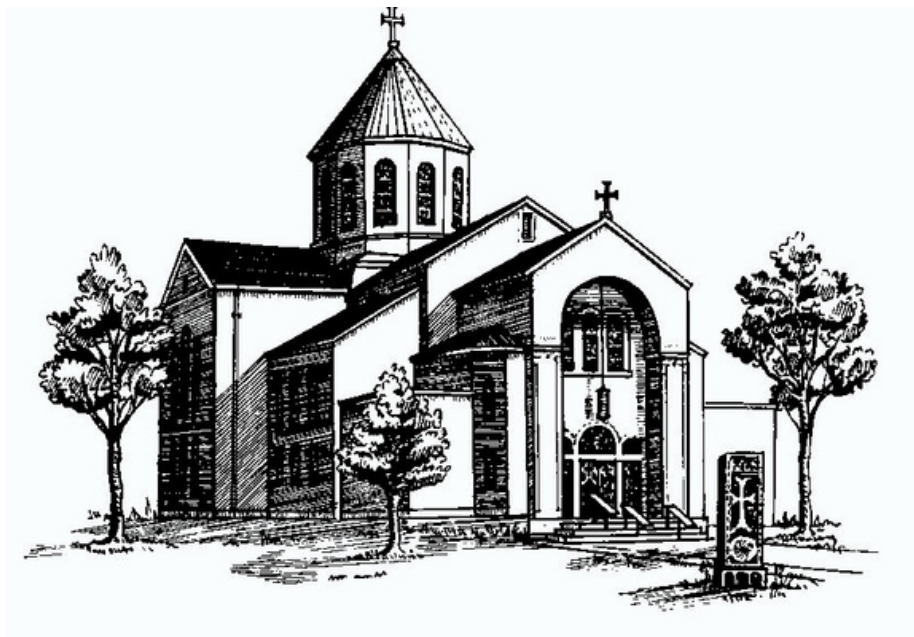


**Ribbon Cutting and Dedication**

*George D. Hagopian Foyer*

**Sunday, September 25, 2022**

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







**Throughout the day, life hands us questions for which we seek answers. Each month, we discuss one of these life questions through the lens of our Christian Faith.**

**Below are the topics for this year. We warmly welcome you to join our ongoing conversation.**

<b>October 5, 2022</b>  What Kinds of Seeds Do We Sow In Life?	<b>February 1, 2023</b>  Why Are Some Accepted & Others Rejected?
<b>November 2, 2022</b>  Why Neighbors Matter . . .	<b>March 1, 2023</b>  Vanity vs. Humility
<b>December 7, 2022</b>  We Seek Forgiveness, But Do We Offer It To Others?	<b>April 12, 2023*</b>  Will There Be Mustard In Heaven? *Second Wednesday
<b>January 4, 2023</b>  Is Your Home Built On Sand Or Rock?	<b>May 10, 2023*</b>  Crumbs That Fall From The Table . . . *Second Wednesday

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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## Join us for Manti Making



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

More pinchers = more manti!

The Trinity Bazaar is coming in December!  
We need volunteers to make manti on these dates:

**Thursday, September 29, 2022**

**Thursday, October 6, 2022**

**Wednesday, October 26, 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,  
rhintl@nail.com**



**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.

## **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.

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## **HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Dedication of the George D. Hagopian Foyer; Immediately following Church Services</b>
<b>Thurs, Sept 29</b>	<b>Manti- Making; Johnson Hall, 10am-3pm</b>
<b>Sun, Oct 2</b>	<b>International Food Festival; Charles &amp; Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 12pm- 3pm</b>
<b>Wed, Oct 5</b>	<b>First Wednesdays Series Returns; October's theme is "What Kinds of Seed Do We Sow in Life?"; Johnson Hall, 6:45- 7:30pm</b>
<b>Thurs, Oct 6</b>	<b>Manti- Making; Johnson Hall, 10am-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>
<b>Wed, Oct 26</b>	<b>Manti- Making; Johnson Hall, 10am-3pm</b>

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## **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.