#### Sunday, May 14, 2023 Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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Celebrant: The Pastor
SUNDAY BULLETIN



#### Parents' Day

On the occasion of Mother's Day, the Pastor and Parish Council extend warm greetings to all our mothers and fathers for all they do in raising their children, wishing God's blessings upon them.

#### **Divine Liturgy Book**

Let us recite together the Nicene Creed, The Profession of our Faith, on page 18 and 19 of the maroon book.

#### **Kiss of Peace**

The person giving the greeting says:

Krisdos ee mech mer haydnetzav

(Christ is revealed among us)

The person receiving the greeting says:

Orhnyal eh haidnootyunn Krisdosee

(Blessed is the revelation of Christ)

Readings of the Day: Acts 20: 17-38. 1 Jn. 3:2-6. Jn. 9:39-10:10.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter 16, vs. 25-33 and will be read by Sona Tashjian.

#### From Today's Bible Reading

John 9:39-10:10 Jesus describes Himself as the Gate through which His sheep pass, following the voice of the One they know. Whoever enters by this Gate, will "find pasture..and be saved." (v.9) Reflection: Jesus describing Himself as the Gate is one of the famous "I am's" of the Gospel of John, in which Jesus provides a number of images which express His character. In verse 11, He is "the good shepherd." What do the images of "gate" and "good shepherd" tell you about Jesus? What images could you add that would describe who He is to you?

Acts 20:17-38 St. Paul touches the hearts of the church elders in Ephesus with his eloquent farewell. Predicting an uncertain fate, Paul declares his life meaningless save for the task of witnessing to God's power and grace. He asks these leaders to be good shepherds to their flock, as "wolves" will surely be on the prowl. He exhorts them to always work hard for the less fortunate. Reflection: St. Paul asks the Ephesians to think back on his time with them as a testimony to God's grace (vv 18, 24). If someone watched you in action, what would they assume a Christian lifestyle is like? How would you like to change so they can get a better picture?

**1 John 3:2-6** John relates that Christians are not fully who they will become with God's grace. And yet only those who truly know Christ can come close to living a life without sin. If we continue to sin, how can we say we know Jesus? *Reflection: In what ways do you habitually "keep on sinning"* (v. 6)? *Thoughtless anger? Envy? Lack of charity? Unforgiving spirit? What might these habits be saying about your walk with Jesus?* 

#### Thursday, May 18, is the Feast of the Ascension of Jesus

In Acts 1:1-11, we read a full account of Jesus' ascension (see Mark 16:19 and Luke 24:50-51 as well). After having appeared to the disciples frequently during a forty-day period, Jesus told them to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the gift He had promised: the Holy Spirit. When asked by His devoted followers when He would return to "restore the kingdom to Israel" (still thinking of an earthly one), Jesus told them it was not known, but that they should continue to witness to Him "in Jerusalem... and to the ends of the earth." He was then taken up before their eyes. Two angelic figures appeared nearby as they watched their Lord disappear into the clouds. They assured the disciples that He would indeed return in the very same way. Reflection: Read Acts 1:1-11 and imagine yourself one of Jesus' followers. You have heard Him promise the power of the Holy Spirit and ask you to be His witness to the ends of the earth. Now you watch as He ascends to heaven. What are you feeling? Hoping? What are your fears?

#### May 14, 2023 Hokehankisd

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

Robert Young, 40th Day: Requested by Nancy Young, Deborah Rose, Dr. Pamela Young &

Dr. Behzad Mortazavi, Gregory Young & Christine Gicheru, Tyler & Trevor Rose,

Jack & Susan Giragosian, Mark, Melissa, Eva & Lilliana Giragosian, Julie Giragosian & Joshua Ellison, Karen Derderyan for husband, father, grandfather, brother-in-law, uncle and khenamee.

**Juliet Joan "Joanie" Tashjian, 2nd Anniversary:** Requested by Samara & Michael Gallagher, Michael, Samara and Ava Gallagher for mother and grandmother.

Mary S. Boghosian, Julia Boghosian and Esther McQuaid: From the Trust Fund established by Esther McQuaid and Julia Boghosian.

**George, Takoohi, Vahan, Sooren & Mary Daniels:** From the Trust Fund established by Sooren & Mary Daniels.

**Krikor Ermonian and Simon & Satenig Ermonian:** From the Trust Fund established by Krikor Ermonian.

**Vartanoosh Harpootian:** From the Trust Fund established by Rosalie Harpootian for mother.

**Avedis, Paris, Alice, and Catherine (Zakarian) & Niyam Mano:** From the Trust Fund established by Alice Mano and Niyam Mano.

**Haiganoush Terzian Minassian and Rose O. Minassian:** From the Trust Fund established by Rose O. Minassian.

Nerses, Lucia, and Alice Ohanasian: From the Trust Fund established by Alice Ohanasian.

**Haig & Victoria Panosian and Missak & Veronica Berberian:** From the Trust Fund established by Arthur H. & Louise B. Panosian for parents.

**Aghavni Toomajian:** From the Trust Fund established by Elizabeth and Isabel Toomajian.

Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Levon, Louise Aznev & Virginia Louise Zartarian: From the Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Rose M. Chacran Zartarian.

#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Today's Altar flowers are donated for the glory of God on the occasion of Mother's Day:

- · In memory of Aetna M. Tashjian by his beloved wife, Araksie Tashjian and Family.
- · From the Trust Fund established by Sara Hovenanian and daughters, Alice and Phyllis, in memory of Sara Hovenanian, Mary Ouzoonian, Ashjian & Elizabeth Sarkis Minasian.
- · From the Trust Fund established by Elizabeth and Isabel Toomajian in memory of Aghavni Toomajian.
- · From the Trust Fund established by Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Rose M. Chacran Zartarian Trust Fund in memory of Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Levon, Louise Aznev & Virginia Louise Zartarian.
- · Carnations in honor of Mother's Day from the Trust Fund established by Rose O. Minassian in memory of mother.

#### **DIVINE LITURGY**

Deacons: Gregory Krikorian, Armen Skenderian, George Stepanyants

Sub-Deacons: Oscar Derderian III, Gregory Dorian, Stephen Hollisian,

Edward Khachatrian, Kevork Atinizian, Mark Torosian

**Organist:** Nune Hakobyan

Choir Members: Victoria Avetisyan, Sdn. Robert Dulgarian, Arpie Kouzouian,

Yeghishe Manucharyan, Ani Ross Grubb

#### **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

John Armen Demirjian, Ara Hollisian, Nishan Tikijian,

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.\*

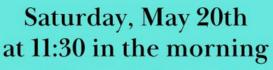
#### **Fellowship Hour**

You are all welcome to join us following Church Services for Fellowship Hour hosted by the Trinity Men's Union.



You are cordially invited to attend

### Breakfast at Trinity's



Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall

Please wear your favorite little black dress and don't forget your fabulous pearls!

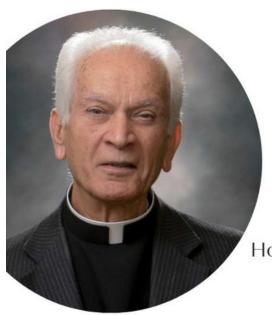
Women of all ages are encouraged to attend; including activities and fun for our littlest ladies

Ladies: \$25 Little Ladies (under 12): \$15

Please RSVP by May 15th to the church office at office@htaac.org or call 617.354.0632

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A Reception

Immediately Following Divine Liturgy Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall

Holy Trinity Church is pleased to welcome Very Rev. Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan, Primate of the Eastern Diocese

All funds raised will benefit children with cancer at the Prof. Yeolian Hematology Center in Armenia and the families of the fallen soldiers of Artsakh

# 1000 CLUB TIME

05.25.23

MEZZE 6:30PM DINNER 7:00PM

LOSH KEBAB & CHICKEN

**DINNER COST \$12** 

1000 CLUB DRAWING
TO FOLLOW

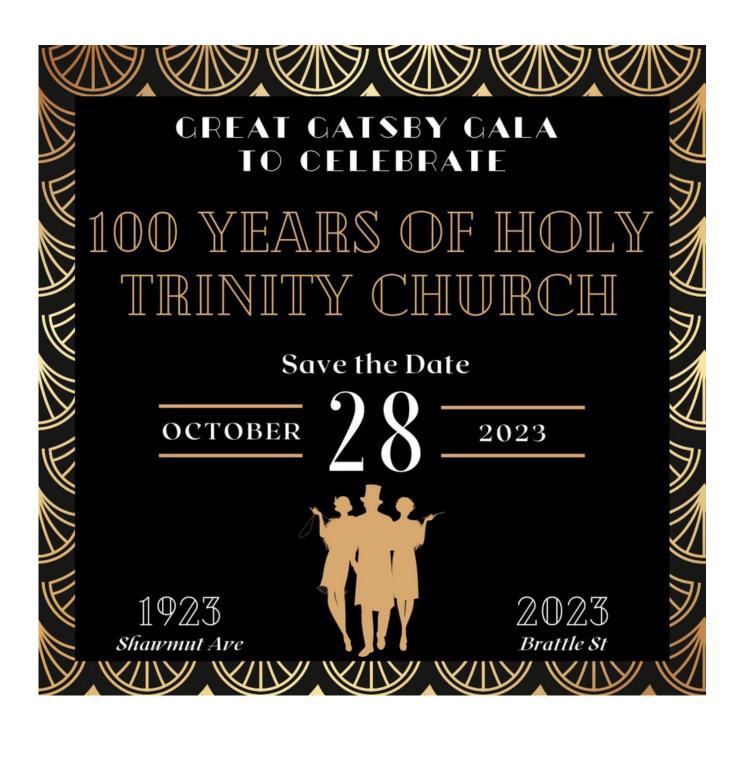
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"But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the Word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit..." Matthew 13:23

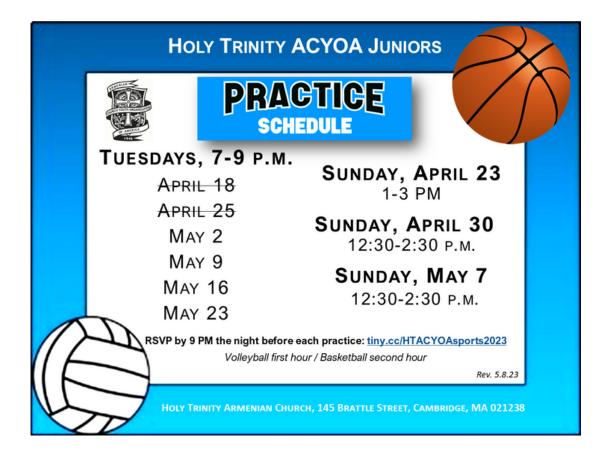


Holy Trinity Church Scholarship applications are now available online!

Apply online today for one of our church scholarships Deadline for completed applications is <u>tomorrow</u>, May 15, 2023 at 5:00 pm

Please visit the link below to apply.

https://htaac.org/scholarships/



#### **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**

Tues, May 16	PC Meeting; Conference Room in the Parish House, 6:45pm
Sat, May 20	Breakfast at Trinity's; Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 11:30am
Sun, May 21	<b>Der Mampre Kouzouian's 65th Ordination Anniversary;</b> Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, Immediately following Church Services
Thurs, May 25	1000 Club and TMU Dinner
Fri, May 26 - Mon, May 29	2023 Hye M'rtsoom ACYOA Juniors Sports Weekend; St. James Armenian Church, Watertown MA
Sun, May 28	Memorial Day Weekend *NO SUNDAY SCHOOL*  Families are encouraged to attend Church services together on this day.
Mon, May 29	Memorial Day (office closed)
Sun, June 11	Sunday School Closing Program and Picnic
Mon, July 10	Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament; Marlborough Country Club

