Sunday, June 4, 2023 **Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston**

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Celebrant: The Pastor SUNDAY BULLETIN



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: 1 Kgs. 18:29-46. 2 Kgs. 2:1-15. Jas. 5:16-20. Lk. 4:25-30.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 7, vs. 24-27 and will be read by Robert Dulgarian.

From Today's Bible Reading

- **1 Kings 18:29-46** Elijah's prayer to God brings rain after a long drought, whereas the prayers of Baal's prophets prove futile. This 'contest' is spectacular: 850 pagan prophets against the one prophet Elijah of the one God Yahweh. *Reflection: Where is the one true God competing with the false gods in your life?*
- **2 Kings 2:1-15** The prophet Elijah continues to remind his protégé Elisha that God would soon be taking his master from him. When Elijah is taken up to heaven in a fiery chariot, he drops his cloak to the ground. Elisha picks it up, taps the nearby Jordan river with it, and the water parts for him. God's spirit had descended now upon Elijah's pupil. *Reflection: Have you ever had the mantle of leadership passed on to you? What quality of your mentor did you value most?*
- **James 5:16-20** In these concluding verses of James' epistle, he advises his listeners to confess to and pray for each other, as the "prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." He cites Elijah as a man whose prayers were indeed effective. *Reflection: Have you ever helped someone make a better, more God-pleasing decision? Consider the far-reaching consequences!*
- **Luke 4: 25-30** Jesus is in a synagogue in His hometown of Nazareth. To the congregation's amazement, He famously declares that no prophet is accepted in His hometown. He cites the examples of the prophets Elijah and Elisha whose healings were more readily accepted by non-Jews. So angered by this, the people drive Him to the edge of a cliff to throw Him down; but Jesus manages to leave them peacefully. *Reflection: Perhaps we have more in common with this congregation of two thousand years ago than we think. Is there anything about what Jesus teaches that makes you so uncomfortable you would rather drive Him out of your life?*

Today is the Remembrance of the Prophet Elijah Tomorrow, St. Hripsime and her companions

St. Hripsime and the community of nuns traveling with her (led by St. Gayane) are the unsung heroines of the Christianization of Armenia. Fleeing persecution from the Emperor Diocletian in the late 3rd century AD, they escaped to Armenia and settled in Vagharshapat. King Drtad himself then pursued the beautiful Hripsime only to be rebuffed by the devout young woman. The 5th century historian Agathangelos recorded her story along with St. Gregory's, vividly describing the physical battle between her and the king. In his new book, Women Too Were Blessed: The Portrayal of Women in Early Armenian Christian Texts, scholar David Zakarian speaks of the fight as significant on two levels: Christian virtue and faith overpowering paganism and a powerless young woman physically defeating a tyrannical king. In the renowned icon (a copy of which adorns a side altar in the St. Nersess Seminary chapel), Hripsime is depicted as triumphant and glorified. What one rarely notices is how she tramples upon the head of King Drtad who brandishes a useless sword. One of the first things St. Gregory did was build shrines over the relics of the fallen Hripsime and Gayane and their fellow nuns. Two churches in their names stand near Holy Etchmiadzin to this day. *Reflection: Pray for these beloved saints, grateful for the heroic martyrdom that inspired a nation's faith*.

June 4, 2023 Hokehankisd

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

Lucille Diranian, 1st Anniversary: Requested by Richard & Karen Diranian, Nancy & Michael Paloian, Kenneth & Charles Diranian, Alexa, Melissa and Lindsey Diranian, Andrea and Adam Paloian for mother and grandmother.

Dr. Michael Kolligian, 25th Anniversary & Joyce Kolligian, 10th Anniversary: Requested by Harvey & Valerie Kolligian Thayer, Caroline and Olivia Thayer and Michael Kolligian for parents and grandparents.

Gregory Takvorian: Requested by Michael & Elaine Markarian and Family for nephew and cousin.

Stephen & Nevart Pauline Azarian: From the Trust Fund established by Major Robert Zaven Zartarian.

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

Mardiros Kasabian, Khanum (Bohigian) Harrison, Genevieve (Jean) Harrison, Victoria (Harrison) Davidian, Rose Harrison, and Harry Harrison: From the Trust Fund established by Rose and Elise Harrison.

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

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

TODAY, OUR YOUTH CHOIR

Under the direction of Dan Teager, our Youth Choir will participate in a portion of the Divine Liturgy.

**FOLLOWING CHURCH SERVICES TODAY, THERE WILL BE

AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON THE PILGRIMAGE TO ARMENIAN
IN THE CHARLES & NEVART TALANIAN CULTURAL HALL AT 12:30PM**

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 Diranian Family in loving memory of Lucille Diranian.

Today!



JUNE 4th | 12:30-2pm JOHNSON HALL

Holy Trinity Armenian Church | 145 Brattle Street, Cambridge, MA light refreshments available

registration encouraged



a portion of proceeds benefit



\$5 in advance | **\$7** @ door

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MEZZE - 6:30PM DINNER - 7PM

LOSH KEBAB & KEYMA MEAL

Please RSVP by calling the office at 617.354.0632 or email tmu@htaac.org

Edward J. Callahan

E. J. CALLAHAN & ASSOCIATES

With more than 40 years of experience in public accounting, Ed specializes in accounting, tax and business advisory services as they apply to contractors, suppliers and professional service organizations. His other areas of expertise include information management systems (job costing, accounting, and estimating), operational and financial analysis, workers compensation planning, surety bonding, and banking assistance.



THE 2023 GREGORY HINTLIAN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sponsored by Holy Trinity Armenian Church Honoring George W. Haroutunian

MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023



MARLBOROUGH COUNTRY CLUB

11:00 AM "Shotgun" start Followed by Lunch at the 9th hole Dinner (casual dress) is at 5:00 pm

Registration Deadline: June 26, 2023

Sign up today: https://htaac.org

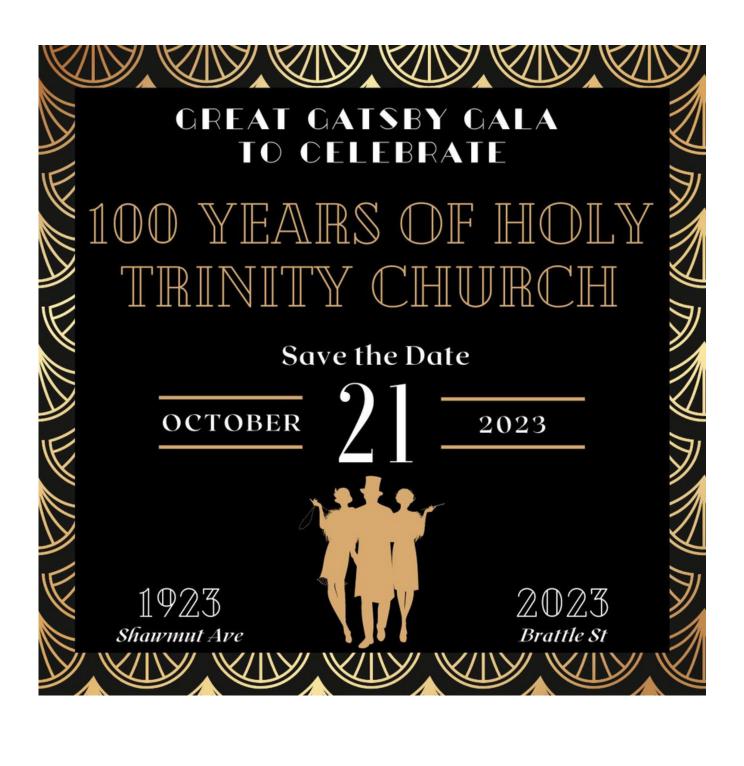
GOLFERS: MEN AND WOMEN DIVISIONS

YOUR CHOICE: SCRAMBLE OR BETTER

MAKE YOUR OWN FOURSOMES OR WE WILL PLACE YOU. LONGEST DRIVE



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Holy Trinity congratulates our ACYOA Juniors Girls Basketball Team and Coach Bill Melkonian for their First Place win during Hye M'rstoom competition over Memorial Day Weekend hosted by St. James, Watertown.









Holy Trinity Armenian Church

Grow Our Community, Become a Member!
— Visit www.htaac.org or call the office at 617-354-0632 —

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

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 Armenian Language Class; Johnson Hall, 12:30pm-2pm

ACYOA Juniors General Membership Gathering;

Adamian Hall, 12:30pm-2pm

Informational Meeting on Pilgrimage to Armenia;

Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 12:30pm

Sun, June 11 Sunday School/ Armenian School End of Year Special Assembly,

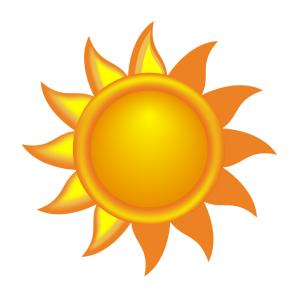
Closing Program, and Year-End Picnic

Mon, June 12 TMU June Meeting; Johnson Hall, Mezze 6:30pm, Dinner 7pm

Mon, July 10 Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament;

Marlborough Country Club

SUMMER SCHEDULE



Our summer schedule will begin on Sunday, June 18.

Morning Service - 9:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy - 9:45 a.m.; Services conclude - 11:30 a.m.

We urge our faithful to attend Church Services on time.