

Sunday, July 16, 2023
Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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Celebrant: The Pastor
SUNDAY BULLETIN



Today is the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

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: Wis. 7:25-8:4. Zec. 14:16-21. 1 Jn. 1:1-7. Mt. 16:13-17:13.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 17, vs. 1-9 and is being read by Robert Dulgarian.

From Today's Bible Reading

Wisdom 7:25-8:4 Solomon extols the virtues of wisdom, having sought her from his youth: she is a powerful source of renewal, prevails against evil, and draws us to friendship with God since “God loves nothing so much as the person who loves wisdom” (v. 28). *Reflection: In 1 Kings 3: 1-15, God asks Solomon what he wants most. Rather than long life or wealth, he asks for wisdom. What do you want most? How might “wisdom” be the best answer to that question?*

Zechariah 14: 16-21 Declaring that a day is coming when the Lord will be king over the whole earth, the prophet foresees that all -- even former enemies of the faith -- will be called to Jerusalem on the Feast of the Tabernacles to celebrate and worship Him as the Lord Almighty. *Reflection: “Holy to the Lord” will be inscribed on the horses’ bells and on cooking pots (v. 20) on that day of the Lord. What parts of your life do you feel are inscribed to the Lord?*

1 John 1:1-7 John proclaims the truth of Jesus Christ based on all he has seen, heard, and touched so that others “may have fellowship with us” (v. 3) and in turn with God. God is light and walking in that light means living by the truth and loving God and one another. *Reflection: In what ways have you, like John, “seen,” “heard,” and “touched” Jesus?*

Matthew 16:13-17:13 This rich account, worthy of a long summation, begins with the important conversation at Caesarea Philippi when Jesus asks “Who do people say I am?” After hearing the answers (John the Baptist, a prophet), He asks “and who do you say I am?” To which Peter famously replies “You are the Christ, the Son of God.” In the next account, Jesus predicts His death and counsels that anyone who follows Him must take up His cross as well for “those who want to save their life will lose it.” Finally, we read the account of Jesus’ (see below). *Reflection: Jesus asked His disciples a question that was meant for all His followers and for all time: Who do you say He is? Who is He in your life?*

Today is the Feast of the Transfiguration

The Transfiguration, one of the five major feasts of the Armenian Church, marks the extraordinary occasion Jesus took His three closest disciples, Peter, James, and John, up to Mt. Tabor where He was “transfigured,” appearing radiant. The prophet Elijah and the patriarch Moses appeared at His side, symbols of the Law and Prophecy which Jesus had come to fulfill. A voice from heaven was heard saying: “This is my beloved Son.” Some customs of an ancient Armenian pagan festival for the goddess Asdghig are still associated with this feast, such as decorating the Church with roses or flowers (and therefore the Feast’s name Vartavar; it is more formally called Aylagerbootyoon or Baydzaragerbootyoon) and spraying one another with water.

****Today, July 16, is the Major Feast of the Transfiguration,
No Hokehankisd service will take place according to
the traditions of the Armenian Church.**

Hokehankisd prayers will resume the following Sunday, July 23.**

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION/BLESSING OF GRAPES

Sunday, August 14, is the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God, “Asdvadzadzin,” one of the major Feast Days of the Armenian Church. On this occasion, a solemn Divine Liturgy will be celebrated in our Church, beginning at 9:45 a.m. Following the Divine Liturgy, the traditional Blessing of the Grapes will take place in the Church.

All those wishing to donate grapes or contribute in lieu of grapes may call the Church office.



Congratulations

***Congratulations to Kristen Alice Derderian and Alexander Hua- Ming Marelich
who received the sacrament of matrimony yesterday, July 15,
in our Church. We pray that Almighty God may bless and keep them
under the protection of the Holy Cross.***

DIVINE LITURGY

Deacons: Gregory Krikorian, Armen Skenderian, George Stepaniants

Sub-Deacons: Oscar Derderian III, Gregory Dorian, Stephen Hollisian,
Edward Khachatrian, Kevork Atinizian, Mark Torosian

Altar Server: Arek Gulbankian

Organist: Nune Hakobyan

Choir Members and Soloists: 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 Marsoobian, Sr., 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.

If you are interested in hosting Fellowship hour during the months of July and August, please contact the church office.

THE 2023 GREGORY HINTLIAN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sponsored by Holy Trinity Armenian Church

Honoring George W. Haroutunian

~~MONDAY,
JULY 24, 2023~~



MARLBOROUGH
COUNTRY CLUB

RESCHEDULED

Due to inclement weather today's
golf tournament has been
rescheduled for
TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2023



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THE DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA CELEBRATES 125 YEARS

July
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2023

INAUGURAL PRAYER SERVICE

St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral
and throughout Diocesan parishes
10:00 a.m.

PILGRIMAGE TO JERUSALEM

Armenian Christmas and Requiem service at
the gravesites of two former Primes: Abp.
Tiran Nersoyan and Abp. Torkom Manoogian

January
15 - 25
2024

August
13
2023

125 ACTS OF KINDNESS

Launching a year-long charitable effort.
To volunteer, call the Diocesan Center
or your local parish.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

Marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral
6:30 p.m.

January
25
2024

October
14
2023

EPISCOPAL BADARAK

Our Primate's first Badarak as a Bishop
St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral
10:30 a.m.

CHILDREN'S DAY

St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral
and Kavookjian Auditorium
11:00 a.m.

February
3
2024

January
13
2024

CANDLELIGHT CONCERT

St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral
7:00 p.m.

GALA BANQUET

New York Botanical Garden
6:30 p.m.

April
6
2024

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SAVE THE DATE
SEPTEMBER 14, 7PM



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GREAT GATSBY GALA
TO CELEBRATE

100 YEARS OF HOLY
TRINITY CHURCH

Save the Date

OCTOBER 21 2023



1923
Shawmut Ave

2023
Brattle St

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-Fri, Aug 14-18	Trinity Kids' Place
Tues, August 8	P.C. Meeting; Johnson Hall, 6:45pm
Tues, Aug 29	Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament; Marlborough Country Club (<i>RESCHEDULED DATE</i>)
Mon, Sept 4	Labor Day (Church Office is closed)
Sun, Sept 17	Holy Trinity Annual Church Picnic- ALL WELCOME

SAVE THE DATE

Thur, Sept 14	Screening of "It's Spring"; 7pm Organized by the Holy Trinity Armenian School
Sat, Oct 21	Great Gatsby Gala to Celebrate 100 Years of Holy Trinity Church <i>*Keep a look out for details*</i>

COMMUNITY NEWS



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY:

The Armenian American Medical Association (AAMA) is seeking applicants for its 2023-2024 academic year scholarships.
Qualifications:

- Of Armenian descent
- Must be originally from New England or accepted to/enrolling in a nursing or graduate program at a New England college/university
- Degree programs include: MD, DO, PA, NP, CRNA, RN, Dental, Podiatry, etc.

For more information and application, scan QR code or visit:
www.aamaboston.org

DEADLINE: October 31, 2023

