Sunday, July 23, 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)

Altar Painting Restoration

Through the generosity of a devoted parishioner, the side altar painting depicting the Annunciation of St. Mary, the Mother of God, has recently been removed for restoration purposes.

The Annunciation painting is scheduled to be placed back in its original location by Labor Day. Temporarily, a painting created by the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin for the 1,700th Anniversary of Armenia's conversation to Christianity, depicting St. Gregory the Illuminator baptizing King D'rtad, will adorn our side altar.

Readings of the Day: Is. 3:1-11. Rom. 11:13-24. Mt. 14:13-21.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 14, vs. 13-21 and is being read by Sona Tashjian.

From Today's Bible Reading

Isaiah 3:16-4:1 In God's judgment on Judah and Jerusalem, Isaiah has already sketched the breakdown of social order. He now focuses on the women, whose finery and beauty – representing a culture of luxury and pride – he describes in detail. All will be removed and defiled as punishment. *Reflection: Do you see this "haughty"* (v. 16), self-centered attitude reflected in men and women today? In what ways does our consumer culture perpetuate the importance of outer beauty?

1 Corinthians 1:25-30 St. Paul reminds the faithful that it was not because of their superb qualities that they were called to faith, rather God calls people out of their foolishness, their unimportance, their weakness, to a strength and widsom that can be found only in Jesus Christ. Reflection: What do you think Paul meant when he says that the foolish and lowly things will shame the wise and strong (v. 27)? Have you seen this principle at work in the world?

Matthew 18:10-14 In the preceding verses, Jesus has identified a child – a being without any legal status or rights – as an example to His disciples of the kind of open-hearted, unfettered faith that will be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. He continues with the story of the 100 sheep, confirming that the Father cares for them all fiercely and equally; He will leave the 99 and look for the one lost sheep, celebrating joyfully when it is found. Reflection: With whom do you relate in the story of the lost sheep? Are you one of the 99, contentedly grazing with fellow believers? The one who wandered off? If the latter, what would bring you back?

Monday, July 24, is the Feast of St. Cyprian the Bishop

St. Cyprian (c. 200-258) was a courageous leader at a time of terrifying oppression in the early church. Born to wealthy Roman-African parents, he was a lawyer and teacher of rhetoric before converting in middle age. He quickly rose through the ordained ranks to become Bishop of Carthage (near modern-day Tunis) in North Africa, eventually shepherding a scattered and desperate flock during the Decian persecutions. As a result of these and other attacks against Christians, a crisis developed concerning those (referred to as the "lapsed") who had succumbed to Roman torture and sacrificed to pagan gods and now wanted to be received back. Taking a moderate stand, Cyprian wrote his renowned treatises On the Fallen (De Lapsis) and On the Unity of the Catholic [meaning universal] Church. He also bore heroic witness to his faith during a plague-induced famine, personally tending to the sick, burying the abandoned dead, and prompting wealthy locals to help the poor. He was eventually martyred. In his important Treatise on the Lord's Prayer Cyprian writes "My dear friends, in these few words there is great spiritual strength, for this summary of divine teaching contains all of our prayers and petitions." Reflection: It was once, and continues to be in some places in the world, a matter of life or death to freely express one's Christian faith. Is your faith in Jesus Christ worth dying for? How about simply living for?

July 23, 2023 Hokehankisd

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

Anne Hintlian, 10th Anniversary: Requested by Cynthia Kazanjian and Family, Aram & Becky Hintlian and Family, Nancy Elizabeth Hintlian and Family for mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Gregory Hintlian, 20th Anniversary: Requested by Cynthia Kazanjian and Family, Aram & Becky Hintlian and Family, Nancy Elizabeth Hintlian and Family for brother, uncle and great-uncle.

Kachig Daniels & Nuvart Daniels: From the Trust Fund established by Raven & Arden Daniels for brother and mother.

Ardemis, Arpy & Armenoohy Arsenian: From Their Trust Fund.

Hagop Der Hagopian: From the Hagop & Mary Der Hagopian Trust Fund, requested by Edward & Frances Hagopian, Michael & Mark and Bernard & Carol Gardner, Bernie & Andrew for father & grandfather.

ALTAR FLOWERS & CANDLES

Today's Altar flowers and candles are donated for the glory of God and the edification of our Altar in memory of Kachig Daniels & Nuvart Daniels from the Trust Fund established by Zaven & Arsen Daniels for brother and mother.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION/BLESSING OF GRAPES

Sunday, August 13, 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.

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2023

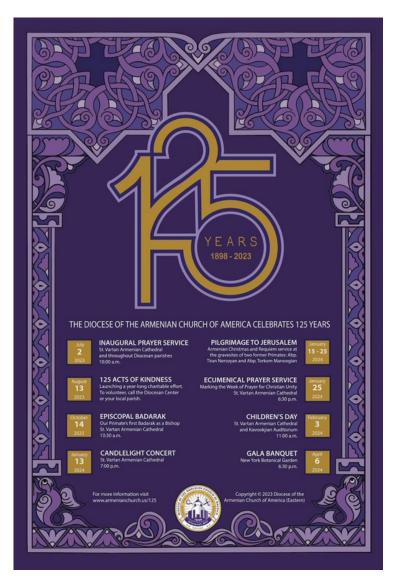


MARLBOROUGH COUNTRY CLUB

RESCHEDULED

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





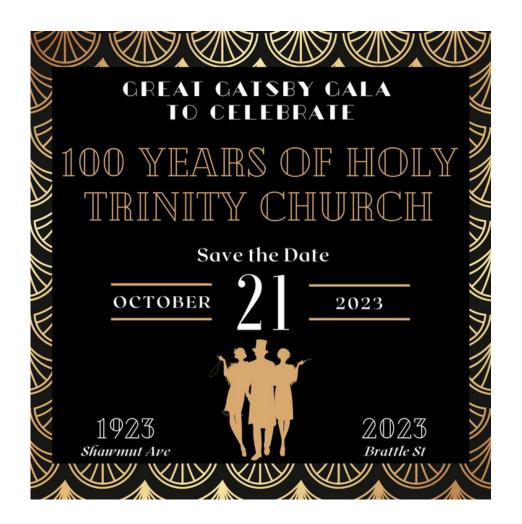
SAVE THE DATE SEPTEMBER 14, 7PM



ORGANIZED BY HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN SCHOOL

FR. VASKEN KOUZOUIAN, PASTOR HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH 145 BRATTLE ST, CAMBRIDGE MA 02138





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, Aug 8 P.C. Meeting; Johnson Hall, 6:45pm

Tues, Aug 29 Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament;

Marlborough Country Club (RESCHEDULED DATE)

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

Sun, Sept 17 Holy Trinity Annual Picnic *Keep a look out for details*

Sat, Oct 21 Great Gatsby Gala to Celebrate 100 Years of Holy Trinity Church

Keep a look out for details

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

