

Sunday, July 9, 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: 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 Ann Danielson.

From Today's Bible Reading

Isaiah 3:1-11 Isaiah continues to convey God's displeasure with the prideful people of Judah and Jerusalem; He vows to remove His support and warns of disorder and even chaos because "their words and deeds are against the Lord, defying His glorious presence..." (v. 8). *Reflection: Do the images of disrupted order in these verses bring to mind aspects of life today? What words and habits of your own might be said to defy God's 'glorious presence'?*

Romans 11: 13-24 St. Paul addresses the Gentiles whom he has helped bring to Christ, admitting that he had hoped to prompt envy in the Jews that they might also follow Jesus. Gentiles who count themselves among the faithful must remember that they have been grafted on to an ancient tree (Judaic roots) from which unbelievers have been trimmed. Rather than be arrogant, these new believers should realize that they can just as easily be cut from the tree because of unbelief. *Reflection: Paul warns believers against thinking they have a better, stronger faith than others. Do churches and individuals exhibit this judgmental behavior today?*

Matthew 14:13-21 Hearing of John's execution, Jesus withdraws in solitude but becomes immediately compassionate towards the crowds that follow Him. He heals the sick and when the disciples tell Him it is late and they must be sent away to find food, He exhorts them to feed the crowd themselves. With just two fish and five loaves of bread, Jesus feeds more than 5,000, giving thanks and breaking the bread in a moment that foreshadows the Last Supper. The 12 baskets of leftovers point to the banquet of the Messiah in the final coming of the Kingdom. *Reflection: Have you ever felt that with the help of God your personal resources have been stretched beyond what you could imagine?*

Today is the Paregentan of the Fast of Transfiguration

The Church prepares to celebrate one of the five major feasts next Sunday, July 16, with a week of fasting preceded by a "paregentan" or day of celebration (lit: 'good-living'). Fasting before a major feast is a lost practice for most Christians. How unfortunate since this signifies that the feast itself has lost both its historic and timeless impact on our lives! With prayer and other spiritual disciplines, fasting is a way of getting the entire body and soul ready for an important Church event. Paregentan days precede fasts throughout the Church year; the greatest season of fasting – Great Lent – is launched by the greatest Paregentan: "Poon Paregentan." *Reflection: How can I spend the coming week preparing to celebrate my Lord's transfiguration on Mt. Tabor, at which time He was made radiant in the presence of His closest disciples, Peter, James, and John, flanked by Moses the Lawgiver and Elijah the Prophet, and affirmed again by the Father and the Holy Spirit?*

July 9, 2023 Hokehankisd

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

Mary Divrigian, 40th Day: Requested by The Holy Trinity Church; Armine Sarges; George W. Haroutunian for family friend; Lisa Kolligian Dorian; Cathy Minassian.

Anita Yeranian: Requested by The Teager Family for niece and cousin.

****Next Sunday, 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.***



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: 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.



Today, Holy Trinity will be offering a Special Blessing in honor of the 125th Anniversary of our Dioceses.

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

A Message from Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan, Primate

“It is the will of a mysterious Providence that our nation should live in exile, as settlers in foreign lands. Yet that same God has not forgotten the Armenians, or Armenia. He has protected our people wherever they live, granted them success, and has day by day multiplied their number....

My fatherly advice to you is this: Know who you are.”

Those words were penned in the summer of 1898, by the great Catholicos of All Armenians of that day: His Holiness Mkrtich Khrimian, known to the ages as “Khrimian Hayrig.” At the time, the Armenian Church in America was in its earliest infancy, with just a few parishes scattered across a vast continent.

But it was growing, and Khrimian Hayrig foresaw a great future for his children in the New World. So in an encyclical dated July 2, 1898, he officially established a “Diocese of America,” encompassing the continents of both North and South America.

This year marks the 125th anniversary of that momentous development, and our community has fully lived up to Khrimian Hayrig’s expectations—and more so. Today, seven diocesan jurisdictions serve the Armenian faithful of the Western Hemisphere: in the Eastern and Western U.S.A., Canada, Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, and Venezuela—each with its own proud history of achievement.

But it all began here, in our own Diocese—and we will be celebrating the 125th anniversary year across our Diocese throughout the coming months, culminating in a grand event at the New York Botanical Garden in April of 2024. I am happy to inform you that Bryan and Maria Stepanian, of our St. Gregory the Enlightener parish in White Plains, NY, have graciously agreed to chair the 125th Anniversary committee, and have been at work for several months now on the schedule of activities. These include liturgical and ecumenical services, concerts and cultural events, and charitable outreach activities, at the Diocesan Center in New York and among all of our local parish communities.

To officially begin the celebration, all of our parishes will hold a special Divine Liturgy on Sunday, July 2—exactly 125 years since Khrimian Hayrig’s encyclical—which will culminate in a prayer service honoring the occasion. On the same day at St. Vartan Cathedral in New York, I will celebrate the badarak inaugurating the 125th anniversary year, and we welcome all who are able to attend the service and reception to follow.

His Holiness Karekin II, the Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, has issued a congratulatory message marking the anniversary, which will also be read in every parish during the badarak on July 2.

Most of all, I hope this anniversary milestone will invigorate spiritual and cultural life across our Diocese. Khrimian Hayrig’s fatherly advice to the new Armenian Americans is still as vital as it was 125 years ago: “Know who you are.” The answer to that question is, first and foremost, that we Armenians are a people of God, devoted servants of His Son Jesus Christ, and inheritors of a great tradition of beauty and holiness that has allowed us to survive, and prosper, from ancient times into the modern age.

As the immortal Psalm expresses it: “The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy” (Ps 126:3). I sincerely look forward to sharing this celebration among all our faithful people, as we rejoice in that legacy together. May our Lord strengthen our efforts to draw closer to Him, today and always.

Prayerfully,

Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan
Primate

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



GREAT GATSBY GALA
TO CELEBRATE

100 YEARS OF HOLY
TRINITY CHURCH

Save the Date

OCTOBER

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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, July 10	Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament; Marlborough Country Club
Tues, Jul 11	P.C. Meeting; Parish House, 6:45pm
Mon-Fri, Aug 14-18	Trinity Kids' Place
Sun, Sept 17	Holy Trinity Annual Church Picnic- ALL WELCOME

SAVE THE DATE

Sat, Oct 21	Great Gatsby Gala to Celebrate 100 Years of Holy Trinity Church <i>*Keep a look out for details*</i>
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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

