

Sunday, June 25, 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)

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 12, vs. 38-45 and will be read by Ann Danielson.

From Today's Bible Reading

Isaiah 1: 21-31 The prophet continues God's message of judgment leading to redemption. Here a once-faithful Jerusalem is depicted as an adulteress; justice is not served, rulers seek bribes, and widows are neglected. But God will purge them of their impurities and through merciless judgment will restore the city to righteousness. *Reflection: Does your Church seek justice for the oppressed in your community? What situations ought it to address?*

Romans 7:25-8:11 This chapter -- in which the word "spirit" appears 29 (!) times -- answers the question: who can free me? Gratefully, Paul declares that because God offered up His own Son as a sin offering, we have been set free from the law of sin and death, something the old Law could not have done alone. Those not living according to the Spirit, controlled by a sinful nature, are hostile to God and would not even know how to please Him. *Reflection: St. Paul says that those who "live their lives according to the Spirit, have their minds set on what the Spirit desires." What are some practical changes you can make in your life so that you might live according to the Spirit and grow closer to God's way of seeing things?*

Matthew 12: 38-45 Despite all the miracles that Jesus has already worked, the scribes and Pharisees ask for more signs. The exasperated Jesus cites Jonah, first for how his message of repentance was heeded by the Ninevites (non-Jews) and also for the significant symbol of Jonah's 'burial' in the belly of the fish for 3 days and 3 nights. Evil is alive and well in a generation that does not understand Jesus' authority. *Reflection: Jesus gives examples of non-Jews (the Ninevites, the Queens of Sheba) who heed God's commands. How does being neglectful of God's presence allow evil to take hold? Have you felt this happen in your own life?*

Saturday, July 1, Commemorates Sts. Drtad the King and Queen Ashkhen

This royal couple played a key role in Armenia's conversion to Christianity. St. Gregory the Illuminator's father, Anak, had assassinated Drtad's father, Khosrov II. Years later, the Illuminator was proselytizing in Armenia and eventually imprisoned by Drtad. Because of this and Drtad's execution of Gayane, Hripsime and their fellow nuns, the King was said to have lost his sanity. His Queen and his sister Khosrovitookht had both been converted and were secretly supportive of the Christian movement (his sister was thought to be the one who kept St. Gregory alive during his 13 years in the pit). Upon Drtad's miraculous healing by St. Gregory, the King and Queen, the royal family, and the army were converted. Drtad and Ashkhen encouraged the preaching of the Good News throughout Armenia and even assisted physically with the building of Holy Etchmiadzin. At the end of their lives, they withdrew to separate retreats, dedicating themselves to the Lord

June 25, 2023 Hokehankisd

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

Elmas & Bagdasar Garabedian, Charles B. Garabedian: Requested by Joan E. Kolligian for grandparents and uncle.

Helen Donabedian, 10th Anniversary: Requested by The Holy Trinity Church.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's Altar flowers are donated for the glory of God and the edification of our Altar in memory of Elmas Garabedian by Joan E. Kolligian for grandmother.



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: Areg 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.



Registration Deadline is tomorrow, June 26, 2023!!

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

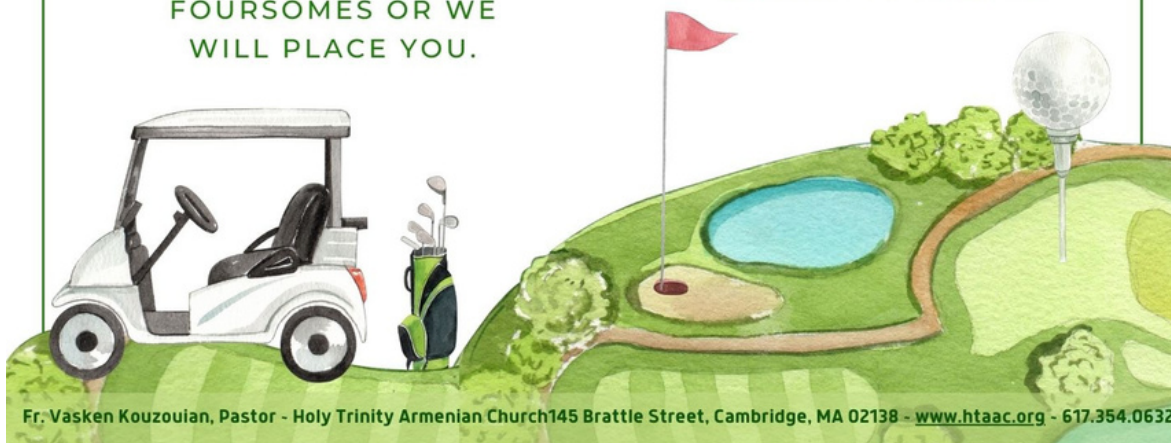
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"But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the Word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit..." Matthew 13:23

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**

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
Keep a look out for details

