

Sunday, October 1, 2023
Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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Celebrant: The Pastor

SUNDAY BULLETIN



A Prayer for Armenia and Artsakh

O Lord our God, we appeal to your divine mercy for the protection of the Armenian nation while we face the attacks and aggression of our enemy. Loving Lord, listen to the voice of our supplications and keep unshaken the Republics of Armenia and Artsakh. Let us all, as children of Haik and adopted children of the Armenian Church, put on the armor of Faith in Christ, take up the sword of the Spirit, and crown our heads with the helmet of Hope and Courage, asking God to bestow on us the grace of His mercy, and help us to stop this war and to stop the enemy. Amen.

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: Prv. 3:18-26. Is. 65:22-25. Gal. 6:14-18. Mt. 24:30-36.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 24, vs. 30-36, and will be read by Robert Dulgarian.

From Today's Bible Reading

Matthew 24:30-36 Jesus gives this description of His Second Coming alongside warnings not to be deceived as to when it will happen: it will be sudden, like a lightning bolt, but unmistakable. (The fig tree is one of the few trees in Palestine that sheds its leaves annually, making it the perfect symbol for a reliable sign of things to come.) He will appear in the sky with power and great glory; angels will trumpet a call to the elect from the four corners of the world. *Reflection: Explain verse 35 ("Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away") in your own words. How might this change your priorities?*

Galatians 6:14-18 St. Paul declares that all his praises are reserved for the Cross; through it, the world was crucified to Him. Traditions are not as important as being part of the "new creation." *Reflection: St. Paul had left behind a way of life measured by external observances of the law and custom. He declares that "All that matters is that one is created anew." (v. 15) How do you measure your faith?*

Isaiah 65:22-25 A vision of God's ultimate restoration of creation in which joy, peace and blessing will prevail. Unlike other apocalyptic visions, life goes on here on earth but it will be free from grief and oppression, and God will be immediately present. *Reflection: Describe the details of Isaiah's vision. What might such a life, void of pain and struggle, free you to do?*

Proverbs 3:18-26 An ode to wisdom, with which God laid the foundations of creation; and a call to all to live by "sound judgment and discernment," which will lead to fearlessness, honor and sound sleep.

Reflection: What is the only thing that can give us confidence in all circumstances? Memorize verse 26!

Today is the Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak

In the late 3rd century, the nun Hripsime – the same St. Hripsime so important to the story of Armenia's conversion -- was fleeing from her Roman persecutors. In desperate flight, she buried a piece of Christ's cross, her most precious possession, on Mt. Varak (near Van). After her martyrdom by King Drtad, the sacred relic she had buried was forgotten for centuries. Then, in 660, Totig, a hermit monk who lived on Mt. Varak, saw a vision of a church with twelve pillars on the top of the mountain. In the center of these pillars was a radiant cross. This luminous vision descended over the altar of the monastery of Varak. When Totig and his student Hovel rushed to the church and knelt at the altar, they discovered the holy relic. He joyously shared the news with Catholicos Nersess (the Builder) who verified the authenticity of the relic, proclaiming the Sunday nearest September 28 to be the Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak.

October 1, 2023 Hokehankisd

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

Lillian Alexanian, 7th Day: Requested by Robert & Patricia Alexanian and Family, Richard & Linda Alexanian and Family for mother and grandmother.

John Marsoobian, Sr., 40th Day: Requested by Teresa N. Marsoobian, John Jr. & Mary Marsoobian and Family, Richard & Pamela Marsoobian and Family, Teresa & Vic San Mateo and Family for husband, father and grandfather; Ed & Ann Danielson.

Stephen Stepanian, 1st Anniversary: Requested by Stepanian and Farrohi Families for loving husband, father and grandfather.

Margarita Tsugumyan, 5th Anniversary: Requested by Gayane Faniants, Haik Fanyants, Richard Smith-Faniants, Eva Fanyants for mother and grandmother.

Charles A. Shagoury: Requested by Judy Talanian Shagoury for husband.

Khoren & Nazelie Teperdjian, Zohrab & Nubar Teperdjian: Requested by Edward & Janet Annaian and Family for parents, brothers, grandparents and uncles.

George & Peggy Srabian: From the Trust Fund established by Donald A. Srabian in memory of parent.

Harry Kaprelian, Mihran, Elizabeth & Edward Berberian, Alyce Leister, and Karl Kaprelian: From the Trust Fund established by Harry & Grace Kaprelian.

ALTAR CANDLES

Today's Altar candles are donated for the edification of our Altar from The Trust Fund established by Harry and Grace Kaprelian in memory of Harry Kaprelian, Mihran, Elizabeth & Edward Berberian, Alyce Leister, and Karl Kaprelian.

Additional Blessing of Picnic Sponsor and Madagh Donation

Nancy & Michael Paloian in memory of Lucille & Hiram Diranian

DIVINE LITURGY

Deacons: Gregory Krikorian, Armen Skenderian, George Stepaniants

Sub-Deacons: Oscar Derderian III, Gregory Dorian, Stephen Hollisian,
Edward Khachatryan, 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

Doris Najarian DiCiero, John Armen Demirjian, 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 Trinity Men's Union (TMU).

Look out for information about the TLC, the reimagined women's group at Holy Trinity coming soon

**In light of the tragedy in Artsakh, we have made the decision to postpone
The Great Gatsby Gala Celebration.**

**In the weeks and months ahead, we will focus our efforts on helping our
brothers and sisters in Artsakh and Armenia. We continue to pray for
their safety, courage and resilience in the face of this catastrophe.**



TMU
presents
**1000 CLUB
DINNER**

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10.26.23

MEZZE 6:30PM

DINNER 7:00PM

LOSH KEBAB

Cash bar

DINNER \$12

**1000 CLUB DRAWING TO
FOLLOW DINNER**

Holy Trinity Armenian Church
invites you to an

International Food Festival

SUNDAY | OCT 29, 2023 | 12 NOON - 3PM

Charles and Nevert Talanian Cultural Hall | 145 Brattle Street, Cambridge, MA

SAMPLE AUTHENTIC CUISINE FROM

Armenia Brazil China France
Greece India Italy Persia

Adults \$25
Children
(12 or younger) \$10



International wine
and beer will be sold



A portion of the proceeds from this event will go to support
humanitarian relief in Artsakh

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Morning Service - 9:15 a.m.

Divine Liturgy - 10 a.m.

Services conclude - 11:30 a.m.

We urge our faithful to attend Church Services on time.

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

- Thurs, Oct 5** **The 1st Trinity Ladies Circle (TLC) Mixer and Dinner;**
Nubar Restaurant in Cambridge, 6pm
- Mon, Oct 9** ***Columbus Day- Church Office is closed***
- Thurs, Oct 26** **TMU presents 1000 Club Meeting;**
Johnson Hall, Mezze 6:30pm-Dinner 7pm
- Sun, Oct 29** **International Food Festival;**
Charles & Nevert Talanian Cultural Hall, 12pm-3pm

*In respect of the humanitarian crisis taking place in Artsakh,
The Great Gatsby Gala Celebrating 100 Years of the Holy Trinity Parish
has been POSTPONED.*



****Holy Trinity Church's 2023 Annual Requiem
will take place on Sunday, October 29.****