

Sunday, September 17, 2023
Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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Celebrant: The Pastor
SUNDAY BULLETIN



Today is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

We wish to welcome back our Sunday School and Armenian School children, their teachers, parents, and all those who were away for the summer. Mid-September offers us the chance to look toward the fall and contemplate our hopes and plans moving forward. How do you want to spend the beautiful fall season? During this Divine Liturgy, take time to do an inventory of your personal life and think about what you expect to experience in the months ahead. Do you feel ready? Are you keeping room in your schedule for family? For God? For prayer on Sunday mornings - our Sabbath day? Are you going into the fall alone or have you asked God to walk with you so that regardless of what we encounter, He is near? We are always stronger when we place our lives in His hands. God values each one of us. He wishes to have a personal relationship with each one of us. May we spend time asking Him to bless our lives by walking with us in the season ahead.

We welcome those who are visiting our Church.
The Pastor and the Parish



Readings of the Day: Is. 49:13-23. Gal. 6:14-18. Jn. 3:13-21.

**Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to
St. John, chapter 3, vs. 13-21.**

From Today's Bible Reading

John 3:13-21 The Pharisee Nicodemus has privately sought Jesus to learn more and just heard what it means to be born again in the Holy Spirit, into a new life. Here Jesus tells him that God the Father sent His Son into the world not to condemn it but to save it, so that all who believe in Him might have eternal life. Light has prevailed over darkness and all are invited to live in that light for God's glory. *Reflection: Imagine that who you are is like a dark room and God's bright light reveals all its hidden places. What would it disclose?*

Galatians 6:14-18 St. Paul declares that the cross is the only source of pride and joy to him and that in Christ the world has been crucified to him. His past, his "tribe," his earthly affiliations mean nothing – he has been made new in Christ (v.15). *Reflection: Prayerfully read verse 14 as if you were making this declaration. Read and re-read. Is it as true for you as it was for St. Paul? If not, describe what it would mean in your life if it were.*

Isaiah 49:13-23 A refrain of joyous comfort from God who declares that His people will never be forgotten. "Lift up your eyes and look around" the Lord declares (v.18). Even if they feel forsaken, in ruin, God reminds them that His love is more powerful than that of a mother for her child. The analogy of a mother's love in verse 15 is another example of God's tenderness expressed in female imagery. *Reflection: Why is it hard to remember God's love and blessings in the midst of difficulty? What might it take for you to "shout for joy"?*

Today is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross is one of the Five Major Feasts (daghavars) of the Armenian Church, observed on the Sunday nearest September 14. On that day, there is a procession and an Antasdan Service, which is the blessing of the fields, popularly known as the Four Corners of the World. In early times, the most important church in Jerusalem was named the Church of the Holy Cross. It had been built over the place where Jesus was crucified. Every year, the bishop would take out a relic of the cross and elevate it over his head for the people to honor and venerate. This ceremony is the origin of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. Traditionally, we connect another story to this Feast Day. In the 7th century, the Persians captured the cross of our Lord after devastating the city of Jerusalem. Emperor Heracles fought a battle against them (in which Armenian troops participated) and liberated the cross. Upon his return, he exalted it in Christian lands, including Armenia, through which the victorious army carried it back to Jerusalem. *Activity: On this Feast Day, put a small cross in your pocket and reflect reverently throughout the day on Jesus Christ, whose sacrifice changed your life now and for all eternity.*

After Church Service today, the 2023 Holy Trinity Annual Picnic is being held
in our Church Courtyard from Noon- 5pm.

The Antasdan Service (Blessing of the Four corners) and
Basil (Rahan) Blessing will take place at 3pm.

ANTASDAN SERVICE AND BASIL (RAHAN) BLESSING

On the occasion of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, the Antasdan Service (Blessing of the Four Corners) will take place following the Divine Liturgy. The Holy Cross is decorated with rahan, sweet basil, an herb considered to be a royal spice. The word basil in Greek means King, and so it covers the Cross of Christ the King.

At the conclusion of the service, the congregation takes home with them a small sprig of basil
as a symbol of Christ's victory.

The basil (rahan) for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross includes basil planted by the children
of Trinity Kids' Place, ages 3-9, on our Church property to be used for this Feast Day.

Basil also donated by Richard & Karen Diranian and Family.



Blessing of Madagh Donations

(listed alphabetically)

- *Linda Beaupre in memory of Isaac & Mary Karchakian, Vartan & Miriam Keochakian, Helen Roomian*
- *Ruth Boghosian in memory of Gerald & Elizabeth Boghosian*
- *MaryAnne Fenerjian in memory of Esther Alice Fenerjian*
- *Charles Gazarian in memory of Gazarian Family*
- *Anna Glover in memory of Edward Seferian*
- *George W. Haroutunian in memory of Family*
- *MaryAnne Fenerjian in memory of Esther Alice Fenerjian*
- *Dr. Parnag & Nancy Kasargian in memory of the Kachadorian/ Dorian Family*
- *James Kalustian in memory of Martin & Mimi Kalustian*
- *Greg & Crystal Kolligian in memory of parents Archie and Rose Kolligian*
- *Joan E. Kolligian in memory of Zadig Keljikian*
- *Nancy R. Kolligian in memory of parents Gregory Archie & Rose Kolligian*
- *Dn. Gregory & Carol Krikorian in memory of Dn. Khugas & Siranoush Krikorian*
- *Zella Marootian and Ara Marootian in memory of Edward Marootian*
- *Elizabeth Sargavakian in memory of Michel P. Sargavakian*
- *David & MaryAnn Soursourian LaCarubba in memory of Miriam & John Soursourian*
- *Setta Stephanian*
- *Christina R. Walters in memory of Asador & Margaret Boyajian*
- *June H. Yacubian in memory of A. Richard and Sarah Goolkasian*

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

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's Altar Candles are donated by the Sunday School Staff and Students in memory of all the deceased members of the Sunday School teaching & administrative Staff.

Today's Altar Flowers and Candles are donated by the George, Takoohi, Vahan, Sooren & Mary Daniels: From the Trust Fund established by Sooren & Mary Daniels.

TODAY

Welcome HOME Sunday

CHURCH SCHOOLS OPENING DAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS
SEPTEMBER 1, 2023**

REGISTRATION LINK
tiny.cc/HTACsundayschool2023

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

- CLASSES MEET WEEKLY FROM 10:30 A.M. TO NOON.
- DIOCESAN "WE BELIEVE" CURRICULUM IS COMPLEMENTED BY MONTHLY SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES FEATURING FAITH TO LIFE LESSONS

**ARMENIAN SCHOOL IN PERSON REGISTRATION
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023**

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

- CLASSES MEET WEEKLY FROM 9:15-10:30 A.M.
- EASTERN ARMENIAN CLASSES TAUGHT IN THREE GRADE LEVELS FOR STUDENTS AGES 4-18
- CLASSES INCLUDE ARMENIAN LITERATURE, HISTORY, SINGING, PAINTING AND MORE

PLEASE JOIN US AFTER CHURCH SERVICES ON SEPTEMBER 17 FOR OUR HOLY TRINITY ANNUAL PICNIC

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING BACK OUR STUDENTS AND RECONNECTING WITH OUR CHURCH SCHOOL FAMILIES!

"We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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TODAY

2023

Holy Trinity Annual Picnic

Sunday,
September 17th

🕒 Noon - 5:00pm
(Madagh blessing at 3pm)

📍 Church Courtyard



Delicious Armenian Food

Lamb Kebab • Losh Kebab
Chicken Breast • Combo Meal
Eetch • Vegetarian Mezze Platter
We welcome the return of Kevork's Donner Kebab

Gourmet Shack and More Featuring Armenian Delicacies

Paklava, Cream khadeif, Gatnabour, Tourshi, Manti,
Spinach Boreg, Nazook, Italian Ice, Treats & more!
Frozen Losh Available for Sale

Live Armenian Music
Greg Krikorian Ensemble

50/50 Raffle

Tickets: \$5 each; 6 for \$25

Pre-purchase raffle tickets with mail-in
form, by calling the church office, or
purchase at the picnic.

To be a Sponsor call the Church office at 617-354-0632 or
send a check- Please write "Picnic Sponsor" on the memo line.

Lamb Kebab Sponsorship -	\$100
Losh Kebab Sponsorship -	\$100
Chicken Kebab Sponsorship -	\$100
Gourmet Shack Sponsorship -	\$100

Your donation will truly be appreciated!

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Sacred Music Festival

September 22-24, 2023

*Explore the glorious music of
Saint Nersess Shnorhali
through presentations,
recitals and workshops.*



Under the auspices of the
Very Reverend Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern)

Organized by the
Diocesan **Sacred Music Council**
*in honor of the 850th Anniversary of
St. Nersess Shnorhali (1102-1173)*

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QUESTIONS?
Contact Fr. Hovhan Khoja-Eynatyan
of the Sacred Music Council
(847) 644-7389
smc@armeniandiocese.org

Join Us For A Banquet Celebrating
100 Years Of The Holy Trinity Parish

Sunday, September 24, 2023
Following Church Services
in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall

Honoring Past Parish Council Members

Presided over by
The V. Rev. Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan, Primate



Advance ticket purchase only. Visit www.htaac.org for more information
or call the church office at 617.354.0632

For more information on the commemorative booklet or to make a donation in
honor of our 100th year celebrations please visit www.htaac.org/100years



**GREAT GATSBY GALA
TO CELEBRATE**

100 YEARS OF HOLY
TRINITY CHURCH

OCTOBER 21 2023

7pm to 11pm

in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall

**An evening of dancing & celebration
with fun light bites and drinks!**

1923

Shawmut Ave



2023

Brattle St

Tickets available soon!

TMU
presents
**1000 CLUB
DINNER**

10.26.23

MEZZE 6:30PM
DINNER 7:00PM
LOSH KEBAB

Cash bar

DINNER \$12

**1000 CLUB DRAWING TO
FOLLOW DINNER**



Join us for
our very first
Trinity Ladies Circle event

Dinner

to meet and mingle with fellow
ladies at Holy Trinity

Thursday, October 5th at 6pm



Nubar Restaurant
16 Garden St, Cambridge, MA 02138
Located in the Sheraton Commander Hotel

Save The Date
More details to come!

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

TODAY

Sunday School First Day of Classes; Adamian Hall, 10:30am-12pm

Armenian School First Day of Classes; Adamian Hall, 9:15am- 10:30am

Holy Trinity Annual Church Picnic;

Church Grounds, following Church Services

Blessing of the Basil following the Rededication Service

Fri-Sun, Sept 22-24

Sacred Music Festival (Shnorhali: Singer of Light);

Holy Trinity Armenian Church

Sun, Sept 24

Banquet celebrating *100 Years of the Holy Trinity Parish;*

Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, following Church Services

Thurs, Oct 5

Trinity Ladies Circle (TLC) Mixer and Dinner;

Nubar Restaurant in Cambridge, 6 pm

Sat, Oct 21

Great Gatsby Gala to Celebrate 100 Years of the Holy Trinity Parish,

Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 7pm-11pm

Thurs, Oct 26

TMU presents 1000 Club Meeting;

Johnson Hall, Mezze 6:30pm-Dinner 7pm

Sun, Oct 29

International Food Festival;

Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall

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