

Sunday, September 24, 2023
Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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We warmly welcome our Guest Celebrant:
The Very Rev. Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan,
Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern)

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. 14:3-17. 2 Cor. 10:18-11-10. Mk. 10:1-12.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, chapter 9, vs. 21-27 and will be read by Sona Tashjian.

From Today's Bible Reading

Mark 10:1-12 Since divorce was easily obtainable by Jewish men in 1st century Palestine, Jesus had a particular point to make when He spoke about the sanctity of the marriage vow. *Reflection: Deuteronomy 24:1 confirms that a husband could simply write his own certificate of divorce and dismiss his wife from the marriage. Jesus reminds the Pharisees that when God created men and women, He created them to be together and that what He intended for them should be honored. The Armenian Church takes the importance of marriage so seriously that while it acknowledges that there might be compelling reasons for a marriage to be dissolved, it is a sad event that calls for thoughtful reflection. Second marriage rituals have a penitential character.*

2 Corinthians 10:18-11:10 St. Paul defends his teaching against those who preach a different “gospel;” his witness is always focused on Jesus Christ. He humbly does what he can to support himself in his work, thus avoiding being a burden. *Reflection: St. Paul proposes a metaphor of marriage when he says (v. 2), “I promised you to one husband, to Christ...” What does this suggest about our relationship with our Lord? What forces, if any, draw you away from Jesus (vv. 3-4)?*

Isaiah 14: 3-17 These verses refer to the fall of Babylon (Babylon had taken the Hebrews into captivity in a catastrophic episode known as the Babylonian Exile, c 587-537 BC) and eloquently sing of how the mightiest, the most terrible rulers are eventually in their graves, defeated by death. *Reflection: What might the “pomp” and the “noise of harps” (v. 11) be for us in our lives; meaning, what do we take pride in that might actually be distracting us from God? What’s an example of a powerful country, personality, or trend that no longer has influence?*

Tuesday, September 26, commemorates St. Shushan

Shushan was the daughter of the Armenian national hero and saint Vartan Mamigonian and wife of Varsken, a nobleman of Armenian/ Iranian descent who renounced Christianity in favor of Mazdeism to secure his position with the ruling Persians. Varsken demanded the same from his wife and when she refused, he had her imprisoned and tortured for seven years. To her last breath, she proclaimed Jesus as her Lord and Savior. Strengthening her in her resolve were a relic of Christ’s cross and a gospel that she had received as a gift from her grandfather, the renowned Catholicos Sahag Barteved. She died in 458 AD at the age of 45. She is honored as well in the Georgian Orthodox Church; the account of her martyrdom is the oldest extant work of Georgian literature. *Reflection: Describe your relationship with the Lord. Would it be easily abandoned in the face of adversity?*

September 24, 2023 Hokehankisd

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

Armenian Volunteer Soldiers (Gamavors)

Nevart Talanian: Requested by Gail & Richard O'Reilly, Charles & Ann Talanian, Christopher, Noel, Celina, Charlie and Chloe Talanian, Tony & Laurie Travia, Nancy Talanian & Fran Fortino for mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt.

Louise Baitzar Panosian, 3rd Anniversary: Requested by Jennifer & John Esserian and John A. and Robert Esserian, Steven Panosian and Zachary, Victoria and Slater Panosian, David & Linda Panosian and Alexandria Panosian, Arthur Panosian, Jr. for mother and grandmother.

Dr. Zareh Demirjian, 11th Anniversary; Nazaret & Meline Demirjian Albert & Naomi Balukjian Demirjian, Khachadurian, Balukjian, Davoudian and Hatzikian Families:

Requested by Margo Demirjian, Dr. Aram & Alexis Demirjian and Family, Talinn Demirjian for husband, father, grandfather, grandparents and great-grandparents.

George Krikor Malkasian, 17th Anniversary & Rose Mokgosian Malkasian, 21st Anniversary: Requested by the Malkasian Family and Suzanne & Mark Sheridan for parents, grandparents and great-grandparents.

Rose Samourian, 19th Anniversary: Requested by Daniel & Lisa Dorian, Janice Dorian, Lois & Ron Malconian, Ashley & Scott Martin, Amanda & Matt Keller, Sarah, Kwasi and Theo Malconian Mensa, Danielle, Gary and Gary Charles Dodakian, Ronnie Malconian & Trisha Brandt for aunt and great-aunt.

Albert Talanian, 21st Anniversary: Requested by Tony & Laurie Travia, Nancy Talanian & Fran Fortino for father.

Michael Ohanian, 26th Anniversary & Virginia Ohanian, 5th Anniversary: Requested by Bruce & LuAnn Ohanian, Jill & Ron Buck, Brendan and Thomas, Mark & Ashley Ohanian and Caroline for parents, grandparents and great-grandparents.

Martin & Mimi Kalustian, Arakel Kalustian, Youghaper (Kalustian) Abrahamian, and Hagop & Garineh Toomajian: From the Martin & Mimi Kalustian Trust Fund established by James M. Kalustian.

Florence Pepi, Arsha Sarkisian, Dickran & Elmas Sarkisian, Hripsime Sarkisian, and Mariam Sarkisian: From the Trust Fund established by Florence Pepi.

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, 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.



A Prayer for Artsakh



Almighty God, we appeal to your divine mercy for the protection of our fellow brothers and sisters in Armenia as they face attacks and unprovoked aggression against the peace-loving people of Nagorno-Karabakh. Loving God, listen to the voice of our supplications and help the innocent civilians of our ancestral land, Artsakh who are under continues bombardment and assaults by Azerbaijani forces.

Guard your children in Artsakh under the protection of your Almighty Right Hand in peace, and with your divine grace, strengthen them all to protect our homeland with courage and resolve. Increase the grace of wisdom among those who are at the helm of the state so they can wisely lead your people during these challenging and dangerous times for the Armenian nation.

We pray that the spirit of courage, unity, care, love for one another, understanding, and divine worship would rest upon us so we can stand up for the truth and help each other during times of trial and tribulation, especially our brothers and sisters in Armenia. Bless the bright souls of those who have already lost their lives in these brutal and genocidal attacks and save the lives of those who are currently under attack.

Through the grace of Your divine mercy, end these attacks and aggression against your innocent children. For You are the King of Peace and to You we give glory forever and ever Amen.

**We wish to express our gratitude to the volunteers,
sponsors and supporters who contributed to the success
of this year's picnic!**

**A very special thank you to this year's Picnic
Chairperson, Richard Diranian for your leadership and
tireless work!**

2023 Holy Trinity Annual Picnic Sponsors

(as of 9/20/23)

Richard & Karen Diranian and Family

Greg & Crystal Kolligian

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Seta Lepore

Vahan Mahdasian

Ara Berg Marootian

Bob & Marilyn Takvorian

TODAY

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





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!

**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

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**

Holy Trinity Armenian Church
invites you to an

International Food Festival

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

Charles and Nevart 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



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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

- Fri-Sun, Sept 22-24** **Sacred Music Festival (Shnorhali: Singer of Light);**
Holy Trinity Armenian Church
- TODAY** **Banquet celebrating *100 Years of the Holy Trinity Parish*;**
Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, following Church Services
- Thurs, Oct 5** **The 1st Trinity Ladies Circle (TLC) Mixer and Dinner;**
Nubar Restaurant in Cambridge, 6 pm
- Mon, Oct 9** ***Columbus Day- Church Office is closed***
- 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.****