

Sunday, October 8, 2023  
**Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston**

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**Guest Celebrant: Fr. Aren Jebejian**

## **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.**

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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. 17:7-14. 2 Cor. 13:5-13. Mk. 11:27-33.**

**Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Mark, chapter 10, vs. 13-16, and will be read by Ann Danielson.**

### **From Today's Bible Reading**

**Mark 11:27-33** The chief priests, teachers of the law, and elders question Jesus' authority.

*Reflection: Why doesn't Jesus directly address their question? (Jesus had just angered them by throwing out the money changers and vendors at the Temple; He knew their motives were not out of genuine interest but a desire to undermine His authority.) In what ways do we undermine Jesus' authority?*

**2 Corinthians 13:5-13** St. Paul prays for the community's strength and right living, assuring them that as long as Christ dwells in them, they will be able to pass any test of faith. He recommends that they test themselves to be sure that Christ is truly at work in their lives. Memorable verse (12): "Greet one another with a holy kiss" (a foundational verse for our kiss of peace during Badarak). *Reflection: What are some the "tests" we could apply to ourselves to see if Christ guides our lives?*

**Isaiah 17:7-14** Isaiah prophecies the doom of Damascus, a city that has forgotten God. *Reflection: In verse 10, God is described as Savior (salvation), Rock, and Fortress (strength, refuge). What qualities of God do these words suggest? Which of them means the most to you?*

### **Saturday, October 14, is the Feast of the Holy Translators**

Mesrob, Yeghishe, Moses, David the Philosopher, Gregory of Narek, Nersess the Grace-filled -These well-known saints are remembered on other days of the church calendar year, but the Armenian Church remembers them here specifically as "translators," those who enlighten others about our faith through prayers, hymns, poetry, philosophy and even history. Translation goes beyond rendering one language into another. It is the sharing of the experience of Christ with His people, to those who will also become translators for His Church. St. Gregory of Narek (c 945-1003) was a beloved teacher, churchman and prolific writer. Born in Narek (near Lake Van), he entered the monastery there and wrote Bible commentaries, history and deeply affecting prayers. His renowned collection *Speaking with God from the Depths of My Heart* was so treasured that it was thought to have healing powers. Begin your day with one of his prayers (Prayer 24): "Dear Lord, I pray that I might be honored with clothing of light, from which I have been stripped/that I might touch the hand of Him, from whom I am separated/that I might receive my daily bread, for which I have not worked/that I might be showered with rewards, which I have not earned/that I might remember all my blessings, which I always forget. "What are some of the blessings in your life you need to remember?"

## **October 8, 2023 Hokehankisd**

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

**Elizabeth & George Kolligian, Veronica & K. Albert Paretchan:**

Requested by Joan E. Kolligian for parents, great aunt and great uncle.

**All Deceased Members of the Compatriotic Union of Gurin.**

**The Rev. Fr. Papken & Yn. Azadouhie Maksoudian:** From the Trust Fund established by James M. Kalustian.

**Jack H. Kolligian:** From his Trust Fund.

**Asken Boghosian, Sarkis B. Boghosian, Julia Boghosian and Esther McQuaid:**  
From the Trust Fund established by Esther McQuaid and Julia Boghosian.

Altar flowers are donated for the edification of our Altar in loving memory of  
Elizabeth & George Kolligan by daughter, Joan E. Kolligian.

Altar candles are donated for the edification of our Altar in loving memory of  
Veronia & K. Albert Paretchan by great-niece, Joan E. Kolligian

### **Congratulations**

\*Congratulations to Diran Jebejian & Monique Getzoyan  
who will receive the sacrament of matrimony today, October 8, in our Church.

We pray that Almighty God may bless and keep them under  
the protection of the Holy Cross.\*

## 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

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## 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.\**

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## Fellowship Hour

You are all welcome to join us following Church Services for Fellowship Hour hosted by the Trinity Men's Union (TMU).

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**



at

**TMU**

Trinity Mens Union

All Welcome

**November 13, 2023**

*Mezze: 6:30pm  
Dinner: 7:00pm*

Village Bank will have representatives on hand to discuss all things banking including:

- *Where your money should be*
- *Current bank fraud scams*
- *Interest rates*

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

- *Amy Werner, Head of Retail Banking*
- *Valdet Abazi, Branch Manager, Newton Centre*
- *Jamie DePamphilis, Asst. Manager, Newton Centre*



**Losh Kebab or Kheyima meal - \$20 - Cash Bar**

Cash or check only. Sorry we do not have the availability to accept credit cards at our meetings.

*Please RSVP by calling the office at 617.354.0632 or  
email [tmu@htaac.org](mailto:tmu@htaac.org)*

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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**Volunteers Needed!**

More pinchers = more manti

## **Upcoming Manti Making Sessions**

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

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Wednesday, October 18, 2023

From 10am to 3pm in Johnson Hall

The more pinchers we have the more manti we can make!

No experience necessary!

We hope you can join us, for any time you can give

**Let Becky Hintlian know if you can make it by email  
at [rhintl@ gmail.com](mailto:rhintl@ gmail.com)**

## 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.

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# HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

- Mon, Oct 9**                      **Columbus Day- *Church Office is closed***
- Wed, Oct 11**                    **Manti Making Session- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**  
Johnson Hall, 10am-3pm
- Wed, Oct 18**                    **Manti Making Session- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**  
Johnson Hall, 10am-3pm
- 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, 12pm-3pm
- Mon, Nov 13**                 **TMU presents speakers from The Village Bank**  
Johnson Hall, Mezze 6:30pm, Dinner 7pm

*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.\*\***