

Sunday, May 26, 2024  
**Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston**

**Father Vasken A. Kouzouian, Pastor**  
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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)**

## **DIVINE LITURGY**

**Deacons:** Gregory Krikorian, Armen Skenderian, George Stepaniants

**Sub-Deacons:** Oscar Derderian III, Gregory Dorian, Stephen Hollisian, Harry Lang, 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 for the protection and prosperity of our homeland the Republic of Armenia and its people, as well as our home of the United States of America.

Your prayers are also requested for

**Armen Demirjian, Stella Baldwin, Zaven Ovian**

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.

**Readings of the Day: 1 Kgs. 18:29-46. 2 Kgs. 2:1-15. Jas. 5:16-20. Lk. 4:25-30**

**Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to  
St. Matthew, chapter 7, vs. 24-27.**

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

**1 Kings 18:29-46** Elijah's prayer to God brings rain after a long drought, whereas the prayers of Baal's prophets prove futile. This 'contest' is spectacular: 850 pagan prophets against the one prophet Elijah of the one God Yahweh. *Reflection: Where is the one true God competing with the false gods in your life?*

**2 Kings 2:1-15** The prophet Elijah continues to remind his protégé Elisha that God would soon be taking his master from him. When Elijah is taken up to heaven in a fiery chariot, he drops his cloak to the ground. Elisha picks it up, taps the nearby Jordan river with it, and the water parts for him. God's spirit had descended now upon Elijah's pupil. *Reflection: Have you ever had the mantle of leadership passed on to you? What quality of your mentor did you value most?*

**James 5:16-20** In these concluding verses of James' epistle, he advises his listeners to confess to and pray for each other, as the "prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." He cites Elijah as a man whose prayers were indeed effective. *Reflection: Have you ever helped someone make a better, more God-pleasing decision? Consider the far-reaching consequences!*

**Luke 4: 25-30** Jesus is in a synagogue in His hometown of Nazareth. To the congregation's amazement, He famously declares that no prophet is accepted in His hometown. He cites the examples of the prophets Elijah and Elisha whose healings were more readily accepted by non-Jews. So angered by this, the people drive Him to the edge of a cliff to throw Him down; but Jesus manages to leave them peacefully. *Reflection: Perhaps we have more in common with this congregation of two thousand years ago than we think. Is there anything about what Jesus teaches that makes you so uncomfortable you would rather drive Him out of your life?*

**Today is the Remembrance of the Prophet Elijah**

**Tomorrow, St. Hripsime and her companions**

St. Hripsime and the community of nuns traveling with her (led by St. Gayane) are the unsung heroines of the Christianization of Armenia. Fleeing persecution from the Emperor Diocletian in the late 3rd century AD, they escaped to Armenia and settled in Vagharshapat. King Drtad himself then pursued the beautiful Hripsime only to be rebuffed by the devout young woman. The 5th century historian Agathangelos recorded her story along with St. Gregory's, vividly describing the physical battle between her and the king. In his new book, *Women Too Were Blessed: The Portrayal of Women in Early Armenian Christian Texts*, scholar David Zakarian speaks of the fight as significant on two levels: Christian virtue and faith overpowering paganism and a powerless young woman physically defeating a tyrannical king. In the renowned icon (a copy of which adorns a side altar in the St. Nersess Seminary chapel), Hripsime is depicted as triumphant and glorified. What one rarely notices is how she tramples upon the head of King Drtad who brandishes a useless sword. One of the first things St. Gregory did was build shrines over the relics of the fallen Hripsime and Gayane and their fellow nuns. Two churches in their names stand near Holy Etchmiadzin to this day. *Reflection: Pray for these beloved saints, grateful for the heroic martyrdom that inspired a nation's faith.*

# **May 26, 2024 Hokehankisd**

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

**Dn. Khugas & Siranoush Krikorian and Rinaldo & Nevia Pierannunzi:** Requested by Dn. Gregory & Carol Krikorian and Family for parents, grandparents and great-grandparents

**Stephen & Nevert Pauline Azarian:** From the Trust Fund established by Major Robert Zaven Zartarian.

**George, Takoohi, Vahan, Sooren & Mary Daniels:** From the Trust Fund established by Sooren & Mary Daniels.

**Mardiros Kasabian, Khanum (Bohigian) Harrison, Genevieve (Jean) Harrison, Victoria (Harrison) Davidian, Rose Harrison, and Harry Harrison:** From the Trust Fund established by Rose and Elise Harrison.

**Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Levon, Louise Aznev & Virginia Louise Zartarian:** From the Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Rose M. Chacran Zartarian Trust Fund.

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

*Today's Altar Flowers are donated for the glory of God on the occasion of Memorial Day from the:*

**Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Rose M. Chacran Zartarian Trust in memory of Major Robert Zaven Zartarian and Levon, Louise Aznev & Virginia Louise Zartarian.**

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

**Congratulations and best wishes to**

**Gregory James Ekchian & Alexa Melanie Diranian who will receive the sacrament of matrimony today, May 26. We pray that Almighty God may bless and keep them under the protection of the Holy Cross.**



## **A Prayer for Memorial Day**

**Lord God of Hosts in whom our fathers trusted, we give You thanks for those servants who have laid down their lives in the service of our country. We ask that through Your presence, unite all the people of this nation in a holy purpose to defend the freedom and brotherhood for which our valiant soldiers, marines, sailors and airmen lived and died. Grant that the liberty they bequeathed unto us may be continued to our children and our children's children, and that the power of the Holy Gospel may here abound to the blessing of all nations of this earth and to Thy eternal glory through Jesus Christ Your Son and Our Lord.**

**Amen.**

**TMU**  
*presents*  
**1000 CLUB  
DINNER**

**Sunday  
6.2.24**

**MEZZE 12:15PM  
DINNER 12:45PM  
LOSH KEBAB**

Cash bar

**DINNER \$12**  
Take out meals available!

**1000 CLUB DRAWING TO  
FOLLOW DINNER**

**TMU IS LOOKING FOR SPEAKERS!**

Meetings held 2nd Mondays of each month

If you have an interesting  
profession/occupation or know of  
someone who does, please email  
John Marsoobian at [tmu@htaac.org](mailto:tmu@htaac.org)

If you want to suggest a speaker please pass along his or  
her contact information and we will be happy to  
connect with them.

Likewise if you have an interesting hobby that you would  
like to share at a meeting please reach out to discuss.

Our presentations are about 30-45 minutes with a  
Q+A period after.

**THANK YOU**



# THE 2024 GREGORY HINTLIAN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sponsored by Holy Trinity Armenian Church

Honoring Dr. Parnag and Nancy Kasarjian

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MONDAY,  
JUNE 17, 2024

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MARLBOROUGH  
COUNTRY CLUB

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10:30 AM "Shotgun" start  
Followed by Lunch at the 9th hole  
Dinner (casual dress) is at 4:30 pm

Registration Deadline: June 10, 2024

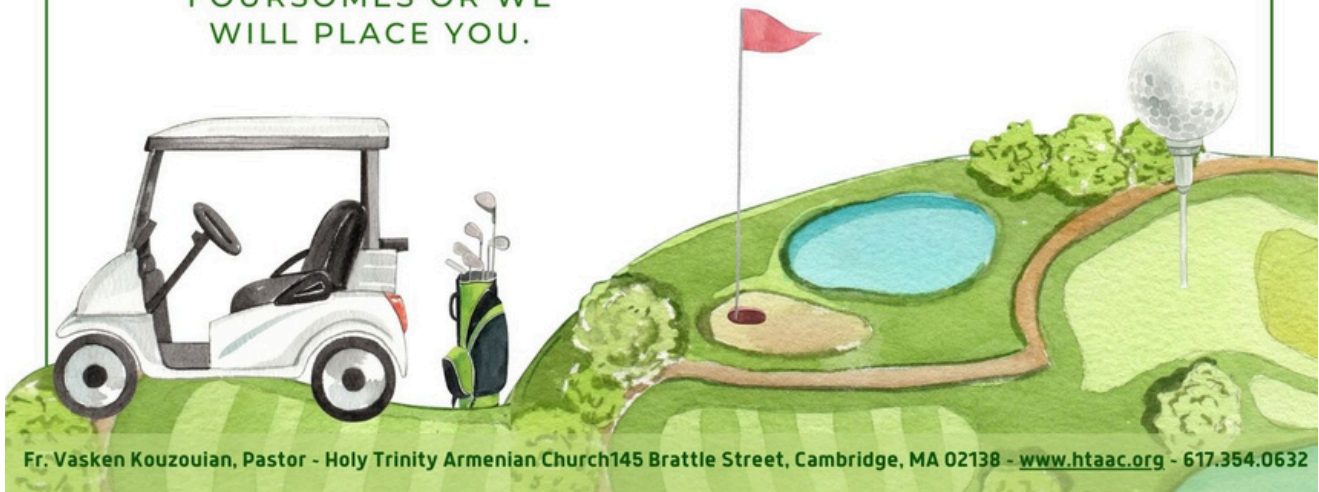
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GOLFERS: MEN AND  
WOMEN DIVISIONS

MAKE YOUR OWN  
FOURSOMES OR WE  
WILL PLACE YOU.

YOUR CHOICE: SCRAMBLE  
OR BETTER BALL

LONGEST DRIVE  
CLOSEST TO THE PIN



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Morning Service - 9 a.m.

Divine Liturgy - 10 a.m.

Services conclude - 12 p.m.

We urge our faithful to attend Church Services on time.

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## HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

- TODAY**                      **Memorial Day Weekend \*NO SUNDAY SCHOOL\***  
Families are encouraged to attend Church services together on this day.
- Mon, May 27**                      **Memorial Day (church office closed)**
- Sun, June 2**                      **1000 Club Dinner and Drawing;**  
Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall,  
mezze 12:15pm and dinner 12:45pm  
**ACYOA Juniors End-of-Year Gathering;**  
Adamian Hall, 12:30pm-2pm
- Sun, June 9**                      **Sunday School End-of-Year Picnic;** following Church Services
- Mon, June 17**                      **2024 Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament,**  
**hosted by Holy Trinity Armenian Church;**  
Marlborough Country Club



## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL GRADUATES, CLASS OF 2024

The Pastor and Parish Council of Holy Trinity Armenian Church congratulate all graduates of the Class of 2024. If you know of any Holy Trinity parishioners graduating from high school, college or graduate school, please ask him/her to send a photograph and short bio (student's and parents' names, school, special achievements and honors, future plans, etc.) to the Church Office ([office@htaac.org](mailto:office@htaac.org)) so that we can include it in the next issue of Dajar and share the news of this accomplishment with our entire Church family.