

Sunday, May 17, 2026
Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

Father Vasken A. Kouzouian, Pastor
145 Brattle Street Cambridge, MA 02138 617.354.0632

Celebrant: The Pastor
SUNDAY BULLETIN



Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Hamparstoom

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, Oscar Derderian III, Gregory Dorian, Robert Dulgarian, Stephen Hollisian, Harry Lang, Mark Torosian

Sub-Deacons: Kevork Atinizian, Edward Khachatryan

Altar Server: Arek Gulbankian, Michael Avakian

Organist: Nune Hakobyan

Choir Members and Soloists: Victoria Avetisyan, Dn. Robert Dulgarian, Ani Ross Grubb, Arpie Kouzouian, Yeghishe Manucharyan

Church Greeter: June Yacubian

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

Zaven Ovian, Joyce Davagian, Libby Melkonian

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 invited to join us in Johnson Hall following Church Services for Fellowship Hour hosted by the Trinity Men's Union (TMU)



Readings of the Day: Acts 23: 12-35. 1 Jn. 5:13-21. Jn. 12:12-23.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to
St. Matthew, chapter 28, vs. 16-20.

From Today's Bible Reading

John 12:12-23 Great crowds welcome Jesus into Jerusalem and wave palms and sing songs of praise. Although the disciples were present, it was only after Jesus rose from the dead that they truly understood the meaning of this day. Some Gentiles – surprisingly -- ask the disciple Philip if they might be able to meet Jesus. Perhaps now, at a symbolic moment when all people are beginning to seek Him – and not just the Jews who were initially and exclusively welcome, Jesus declares that the hour had come for Him to be glorified, that His march to the cross had begun. *Reflection: The Greeks seeking Jesus clearly unsettled the disciples; this was an unusual request in the religious landscape of that moment. Philip and Andrew conferred about these newcomers. Is there a “screening process,” i.e. certain requirements, for who can draw closer to your community (and therefore Jesus)? If so, what are the criteria?*

Acts 23:12-35 A group of Jews were conspiring to kill Paul while he was in Jerusalem. Overhearing their plot, Paul's nephew reports it to his uncle and then to the Roman commander who has Paul immediately transferred to Caesarea under heavy guard and with an explanatory letter to Felix, the Governor of Judea and Samaria. *Reflection: Both St. Paul's nephew and the Roman commander took risks in acting boldly against a popular movement. Has your faith every guided you to go “against the tide” even if it meant taking an unpopular stand?*

1 John 5:13-21 The writer assures the faithful of the truth of eternal life and that everything asked of God according to His will is heard and provided. Evil is real and everywhere; therefore, God's children need to remember all they have come to know about the Lord and keep themselves and one another from sin. *Reflection: The last line of this epistle starkly exhorts: “Keep yourselves from idols.” It seems this has always been a problem worth warning people about. What “idols” of the world today tempt you away from following Jesus?*

Today is Second Palm Sunday.

Falling on the 4th day after Ascension, this Sunday is given its name based on the lection reading of the day, which is about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Beginning with New Sunday (directly after Easter), the Armenian church lectionary prescribes daily readings from the Gospel of John in sequential order arriving on this Sunday at the Palm Sunday story. *Reflection: This is a perfect time to reread and relive Jesus' triumphant entry. Think of the people welcoming Jesus that day with palms and hosannas. Now reflect on your experience in church worship: Do you feel the awe and joy of that day as if you are celebrating a true hero's victory? The reign of a King and Savior? If not, why not?*

May 17, 2026 Hokehankisd

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

Juliet Joan “Joanie” Tashjian, 5th Anniversary:

Requested by Samara & Michael Gallagher, Michael, Samara and Ava Gallagher

Aetna Tashjian, 16TH Anniversary: Requested by Araxie Tashjian and Family

Nerses, Lucia and Alice Ohanasian: From the Trust Fund established by Alice Ohanasian

Krikor Ermonian and Simon & Satenig Ermonian

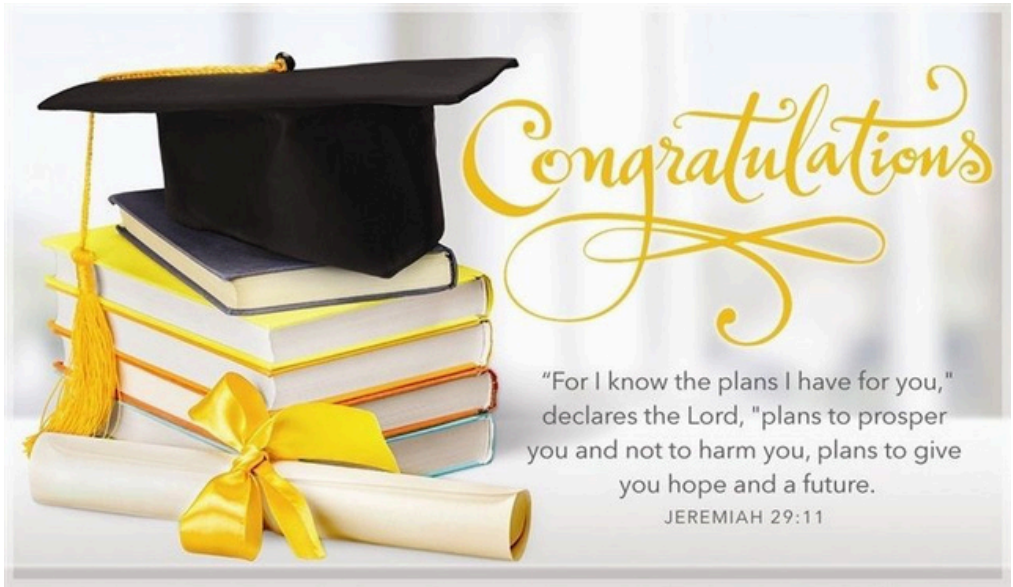
Mary S. Boghosian, Julia Boghosian & Esther McQuaid: From the Trust Fund established by Esther McQuaid and Julia Boghosian



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and best wishes to Gregory Harry Dorian & Christine Ani Bahtiarian who received the sacrament of matrimony yesterday, May 16.

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



Congratulations

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

JEREMIAH 29:11

Please join us this Sunday as we celebrate the graduation of the following Sunday School students:

John E. Esserian

Mary Gyulumyan

Slavik Gyulumyan

Sophia Linda Hovnanian

Madeleine Maral Jones

We congratulate the graduates and their families for achieving this inspiring milestone. May God bless and guide the graduates in all their future endeavors.

TRINITY LADIES CIRCLE

FLOWER ARRANGING

Workshop



28

May

Holy Trinity Church

145 Brattle St, Cambridge MA



6:30PM

\$65

includes floral
arrangement
and refreshments

Scan for tickets!



Design, arrange, and take
home your own bouquet

All materials provided, just
bring your creativity!

With

Faith Cass

Cass Florist



SUNDAY MAY 31, 2026

Holy Trinity Armenian Church

Blessing and Dedication of the newly renovated Parish House

We invite you to come
experience our newly
renovated Parish House as
we bless and dedicate this space!



Reception to follow



Retirement Celebration for Linda Abkarian



Come celebrate Linda's
many years of service to
Holy Trinity Church!

In the parish house where Linda worked for many years!

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Hosted by the Trinity Ladies Circle

Thrift Sale

Table rentals: \$75 per 8' table →

Bring your items to sell and keep the profits

You must stay and run your table throughout the event

All items not sold must be removed from the premises at the end of the thrift sale



Come Shop!

Find great deals on clothing, household items, décor, and more!



June 13, 2026

9am - 2pm

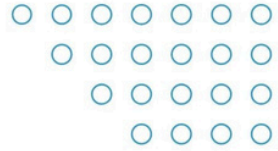
Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall

Snacks will be available for purchase!

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TMU DINNER MEETING

June 8, 2026 ~ Talanian Hall



GUEST SPEAKER

DR. SHANT PARSEGHIAN

Mezze 5:45pm
Dinner 6:45pm
All Welcome

Losh Kebab or Kheyma Meal
\$25
Cash bar is available

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

**Learn more about diabetes, and how to
live a long healthy life with it**

◀ SPEAKER

Dr. Shant Parseghian is a board certified Endocrinologist and Director of the Montvale Endocrine Diabetes Center in Stoneham, MA. He is also a member of Holy Trinity Armenian Church, and the Treasurer of the Armenian American Medical Association (AAMA), Boston.

**RSVP is highly
encouraged**



**email tmu@htaac.org or
Call the office at 617.354.0632**

THE 2026 GREGORY HINTLIAN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sponsored by Holy Trinity Armenian Church

Honoring Bruce Newell

MONDAY,
JUNE 15, 2026



MARLBOROUGH
COUNTRY CLUB

11:00 AM "Shotgun" start
Followed by Lunch at the 9th hole
Dinner (casual dress) is at 4:30 pm

Registration Deadline:
June 2, 2026

Sign up today: <https://htaac.org>

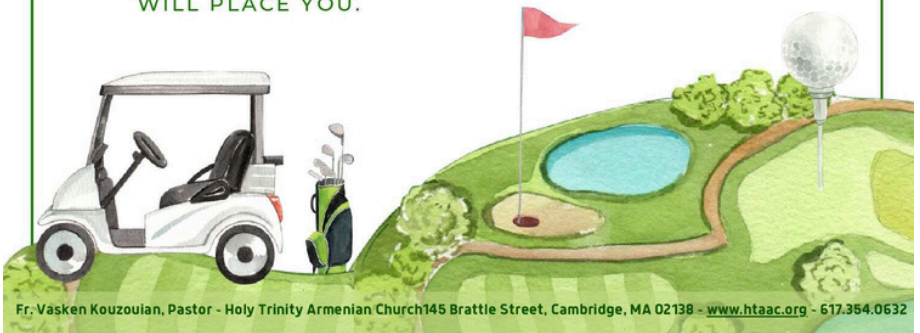


GOLFERS: MEN AND
WOMEN DIVISIONS

YOUR CHOICE: SCRAMBLE
OR BETTER BALL

MAKE YOUR OWN
FOURSOMES OR WE
WILL PLACE YOU.

LONGEST DRIVE
CLOSET TO THE PIN



COMMUNITY NEWS


The Friends of Armenian Culture Society

74th Annual Armenian Night at the POPS

Sofya Vardanyan, Violin
Boston Pops Orchestra
Keith Lockhart, Conductor

Saturday, May 23, 2026 at 7:30 PM
Symphony Hall, Boston

An Ode to Freedom



For tickets and information please visit FACSBoston.org or scan QR code



 **JOIN US THIS SUMMER** NEXTEEN ARMENIAN STUDIES PROGRAM
VARTAN GREGORIAN BUILDING, BELMONT, MA
JULY 13 - 31, 2026
FOR STUDENTS GRADES 10-12

BUILD SOMETHING REAL. LEAVE WITH SKILLS THAT MATTER.

NOT A LECTURE SERIES. NOT A CAMP.

The **NextGen Armenian Studies Program** is an innovative new immersive experience where high school students come together for three weeks of rigorous, project-driven study guided by world-class faculty from Harvard, MIT, Columbia, and beyond.

BUILD CONNECTIONS AND SKILLS THAT LAST, INCLUDING:

- AI literacy
- Digital content creation
- Persuasive writing
- Social media strategy
- Critical thinking
- Public speaking

WEEK 1 CIVILIZATION & CULTURE

From ancient origins to medieval manuscripts and epic poetry, students explore the long legacy of Armenian history through literary sources, archival workbooks, and site visits.

WEEK 2 DIASPORA & IDENTITY

Students trace how Armenians survived and stayed connected across empires and continents — examining communities under Ottoman, Persian, and Russian rule and visiting the offices of the century-old Armenian press.

WEEK 3 JUSTICE & THE PRESENT

Students engage directly with genocide testimony, the lies of Armavak, and the science of denial — then present their own social-media campaigns to a live audience.



SPACE IS LIMITED
APPLY BY APRIL 20, 2026
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COMMUNITY NEWS

MOTHER SEE OF HOLY ETCHMIADZIN
KAREKIN I EDUCATIONAL CENTER

BY THE BLESSINGS OF HIS
HOLINESS KAREKIN II SUPREME
PATRIARCH AND CATHOLICOS OF
ALL ARMENIANS

ArmEssence

Educational Summer Courses for the Youth

**Dates
for two programs
July 6-24 and
August 3-21, 2026**

IMMERSION IN:

- Armenian Language
- History of Armenia
- Armenian Christian Faith

HIGHLIGHTS

- Meeting with His Holiness
- Visit to holy shrines
- Visits to cultural centers
- Youth Activities and free time in Yerevan

**To sign up for further information write to:
klecenter23@gmail.com
or contact your parish or diocesan office** ✦

Educational Summer Courses for Armenian Youth at Holy Etchmiadzin

We are pleased to share this wonderful opportunity for our youth to deepen their faith, identity, and connection to their heritage through the ArmEssence Educational Summer Program at the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin.

Participants will be immersed in Armenian language, history, and Christian faith, while also experiencing the spiritual richness of our homeland through visits to holy shrines, cultural centers, and meaningful encounters in Yerevan.

Two sessions are available in Summer 2026. We encourage interested families to learn more and consider this unique and formative experience for their children. For more information, please contact the email listed on the flyer or reach out to the parish office. Click here or see attached the flyer for more information.

The cost of the program as well as room and board are generously provided by the Mother See.

The Diocese is offering \$250 scholarship toward transportation to the first 20 to sign up.

Youth interested in participating should inform Mrs. Anna Ghazaryan (prmoiff@armeniandiocese.org) as soon as possible and we will inform the Mother See accordingly. Please indicate July or August session.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Morning Service - 9:15 a.m.

Divine Liturgy - 10 a.m.

Services conclude - 12 Noon

We urge our faithful to attend Church Services on time.

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

TODAY	Sunday School Graduation
Mon, May 25	Church Office Closed for Memorial Day
Thurs, May 28	Flower Arranging Workshop with Faith Cass from Cass Florist; <i>Johnson Hall, 6:30pm</i>
Sun, May 31	Blessing and Dedication of the newly renovated Parish House followed by a retirement celebration reception in honor of Linda Abkarian, <i>following Church Services</i>
Sun, June 7	Holy Trinity's Church Schools' End of Year Celebration
Mon, June 8	TMU Dinner Meeting w/ guest speaker Dr. Shant Parseghian; <i>Charles & Nevert Talanian Cultural Hall, Mezze 5:45pm Dinner 6:45pm</i>
Sat, June 13	Thrift Sale hosted by the Trinity Ladies Circle (TLC); <i>Charles & Nevert Talanian Cultural Hall, 9am- 2pm</i>
Mon, June 15	2026 Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament Honoring Bruce Newell, hosted by Holy Trinity Armenian Church; <i>Marlborough Country Club</i>
Aug 10- Aug 14	Trinity Kids' Place
Mon, Sept 7	Church Office Closed for Labor Day