

Sunday, May 3, 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**



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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)*

# **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:** Suzanne Ekchian and Alina Kouzouian

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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

**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.\**

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## **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 17:1- 15. 1 Jn. 1:1-10. Jn. 7:14- 23.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Mark, chapter 6, vs. 30-44 and will be read by June Yacubian.

### From Today's Bible Reading

**John 7:14-23** Preaching in the temple courts, Jesus told those amazed at His knowledge that all He taught was from the One who sent Him. He exhorts them to see that healing on the Sabbath is more proper than their strict adherence to Mosaic Law. *Reflection: Have you ever had the experience of needing to make the "right judgment" (v.24) about a hard and fast religious rule?*

**Acts 17:1-15** Accompanied by Silas, St. Paul preached in the synagogues at Thessalonica and Berea. Although many Jews jealously opposed him, even stirring up riots against him, Paul converted a large number. *Reflection: The Bereans were eager students of the Bible and "examined the Scriptures every day" (v.11). How often do you read the Bible? If not often, how could you increase your time spent with the Word of God?*

**1 John 1:1-10** John shares his joy in all he has experienced and witnessed. God is light and therefore believers should no longer walk in the darkness. Jesus will purify us of sin if we confess them. Ultimately, fellowship with God leads to fellowship with all believers. *Reflection: In what ways might Christians (who claim to have fellowship with the Lord) still be "walking in darkness"?*

### **Today is the Feast of the Apparition of the Holy Cross**

The 4th Sunday after Easter, this important feast of the cross recalls a miracle occurring in 351 A.D. when a huge cross appeared in the sky over Mt. Zion in Jerusalem. It was seen stretching from the Mount of Olives to Golgotha (a distance of approx. 1½ miles). The miracle affected everyone: Christians were strengthened in their faith and many non-believers were converted as a result. There is historical proof of this event. The presiding Archbishop of Jerusalem, Guregh, wrote to the Christian Emperor Constantine II of Constantinople telling him of this great miracle; the letter has been preserved by the Armenian Church. At the time, Constantine was in danger of following the teachings of a heretic named Arius and thereby causing a possible split in the church. But the letter renewed his faith and strengthened his resolve to adhere to the orthodox faith of the Christian church. *Reflection: Can you think of a person or event or something you read that strengthened your faith?*

# May 3, 2026 Hokehankisd

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

**Martin Dulgarian:** Requested by Dn. Robert Dulgarian & Christina Maranci for father and father in-law

**Grace & Ozzie Nanian:** Requested by Karen & William Martin, Denise & Harry Boghigian, Jeffrey, Nina and Amelia Martin, Scott, Ashley and Josephine Martin, Brett, Colleen, Layla and Leo Boghigian and Todd & Sophie Boghigian for parents, grandparents and great-grandparents

**Victoria & Setrack Talanian, Stella Talanian, Helen & Peter Kaloostian:** Requested by Karen & William Martin, Denise & Harry Boghigian and Families for grandparents, aunts and uncle

**Audrey Aznavourian, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Requested by Lynette & Steven Aznavourian; Robert Bennett; Leah and JB Terzian; Alex & Danielle Bennett for mother and grandmother

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



## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and best wishes to Stephen Karekin Shamgochian & Megan Alice Aslanian who received the sacrament of matrimony yesterday, May 2.

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

**Join Us This Afternoon!**

Tekeyan Cultural Association &  
UCLA Armenian Music Program's

**Vem Ensemble**

**2026 Tour**



Prof. Moyses Pogossian violin, Ally Cho violin,  
Damon Zavala viola, Niall Tarò Ferguson cello

*Performing works of  
Komitas, Tsumajan,  
Suni, Gazarovian,  
Khachaturian,  
Saryan and  
Schubert*

**Boston**

**Sunday, May 3, 2:00 p.m.**

Holy Trinity Armenian Church  
145 Brattle St., Cambridge, MA

Free admission, freewill donations appreciated.  
For more information email [teadirector@aol.com](mailto:teadirector@aol.com)

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!*

145 Brattle Street, Cambridge, MA 02138 - [www.htaac.org](http://www.htaac.org) - 617.354.0632

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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# 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>

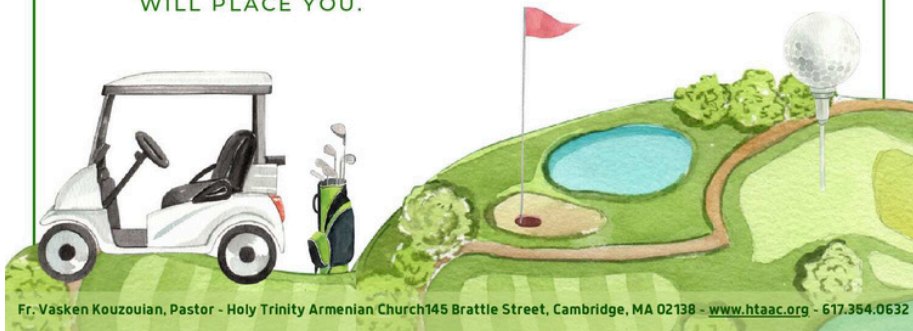


GOLFERS: MEN AND  
WOMEN DIVISIONS

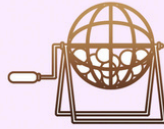
YOUR CHOICE: SCRAMBLE  
OR BETTER BALL

MAKE YOUR OWN  
FOURSOMES OR WE  
WILL PLACE YOU.

LONGEST DRIVE  
CLOSET TO THE PIN



## Holy Trinity Church's 1000 Club



The 1000 Club is a monthly cash raffle with proceeds supporting Holy Trinity Armenian Church.



1000 Club members choose one available number from 000 to 999.

Each month 12 numbers are drawn to award prizes from \$50 to \$1,000 with a total of \$2,000 awarded in cash prizes to the 12 winners.

A one year membership costs just \$60.00!

1000 Club Memberships make great gifts for graduations, birthdays, or any occasion!

Interested in learning  
more about the  
1000 Club?  
Contact the church  
office at 617.354.0632  
for information!



## *Your Information Matters — Help Us Keep It Right*



We recently transitioned to a new system to help us better manage our member data and communications. As with all IT transitions, our data now needs some clean-up. We are making those updates and ask for your help.

If you notice any errors in the way your name, address, or family information has appeared in recent communications, please let us know so we can correct it in the new system. Fill out the form below or contact us at [office@htaac.org](mailto:office@htaac.org) / 617-3540632.

Thank you in advance for your time.



# 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](https://FACSBoston.org) or scan QR code



 **JOIN US THIS SUMMER** NEXTEGEN 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 primary sources, archival exhibits, 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 loss of Artsakh, and the science of denial — then present their own social-media campaigns to a live audience.



SPACE IS LIMITED  
APPLY BY APRIL 20, 2026  
[NAASR.ORG](https://NAASR.ORG)

## **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.

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## **HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>Vem Ensemble 2026 Tour;</b> <i>Holy Trinity Armenian Church, 2pm</i>
<b>Sun, May 17</b>	<b>Sunday School Graduation</b>
<b>Mon, May 25</b>	<b>Church Office Closed for Memorial Day</b>
<b>Thurs, May 28</b>	<b>Flower Arranging Workshop with Faith Cass from Cass Florist;</b> <i>Johnson Hall, 6:30pm</i>
<b>Sun, May 31</b>	<b>Blessing and Dedication of the newly renovated Parish House</b> <b>followed by a retirement celebration reception</b> <b>in honor of Linda Abkarian, following Church Services</b>
<b>Sun, June 7</b>	<b>Holy Trinity's Church Schools' End of Year Celebration</b>
<b>Sat, June 13</b>	<b>Thrift Sale hosted by the Trinity Ladies Circle (TLC);</b> <i>Charles &amp; Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 9am- 2pm</i>
<b>Mon, June 15</b>	<b>2026 Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament</b> <b>Honoring Bruce Newell,</b> <b>hosted by Holy Trinity Armenian Church;</b> <i>Marlborough Country Club</i>
<b>Aug 10- Aug 14</b>	<b>Trinity Kids' Place</b>
<b>Mon, Sept 7</b>	<b>Church Office Closed for Labor Day</b>