

Sunday, May 31, 2026
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, Oscar Derderian III, Gregory Dorian, Robert Dulgarian, Stephen Hollisian, Harry Lang, Mark Torosian

Sub-Deacons: Kevork Atinizian, Edward Khachatrian

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: Leslee Jones and Michael Manoukian

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 front of the Parish House following Church Services for the Blessing of the Parish House followed by a retirement reception for Linda Abkarian.

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

Today's sermon will focus on the Bible reading John 4: 1-15

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.*



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Julian & Ashley Aiken who baptized their son, Julian Peter Aiken, Jr. on Friday in our Church. We welcome Alexandra into our Christian family of the Holy Trinity Church and pray that Almighty God may keep him under His loving care.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and best wishes to Julian Peter Aiken & Ashley Marilyn Maffeo who received the sacrament of matrimony yesterday, May 30. We pray that Almighty God may bless and keep them under the protection of the Holy Cross.

Join Us Today!

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



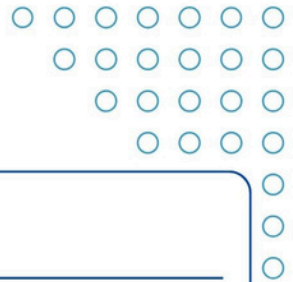
Come celebrate Linda's
many years of service to
Holy Trinity Church!

In the parish house where Linda worked for many years!

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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**

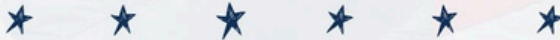


**email tmu@htaac.org or
Call the office at 617.354.0632**

Join us to celebraite the

250th

Anniversary of the Independence
of the United States of America



**On a street that witnessed the Revolution
firsthand, we gather 250 years later!**

*Holy Trinity Armenian Church
145 Brattle Street, Cambridge MA*

Sunday, June 14, 2026

**Together across our Diocese a special
thanksgiving prayer to honor America's
250th Anniversary will take place during
Divine Liturgy.**

**Followed by a classic American BBQ
prepared by the ACYOA Seniors!**



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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>

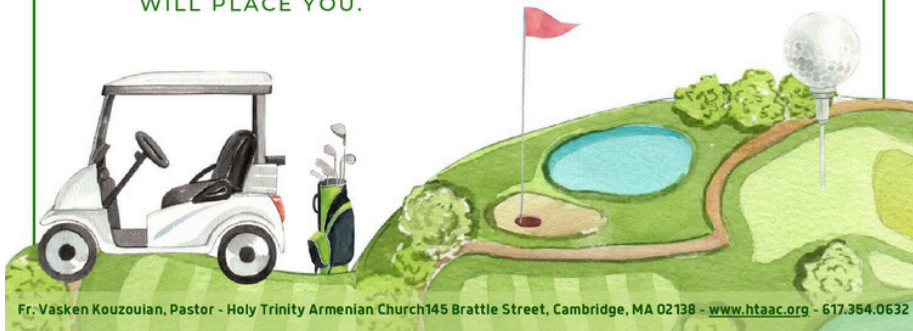


GOLFERS: MEN AND
WOMEN DIVISIONS

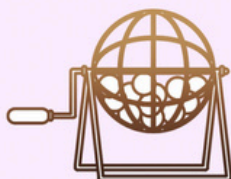
MAKE YOUR OWN
FOURSOMES OR WE
WILL PLACE YOU.

YOUR CHOICE: SCRAMBLE
OR BETTER BALL

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 / 617-3540632.

Thank you in advance for your time.



COMMUNITY NEWS

MOTHER SEE OF HOLY ETCHMIADZIN
KAREKIN 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** **Blessing and Dedication of the newly renovated Parish House followed by a retirement celebration reception in honor of Linda Abkarian, following Church Services**
- Sun, June 7** **Holy Trinity's Church Schools' End of Year Celebration**
- Mon, June 8** **TMU Dinner Meeting w/ guest speaker Dr. Shant Parseghian; Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, Mezze 5:45pm Dinner 6:45pm**
- Sat, June 13** *Postponed* **Thrift Sale hosted by the Trinity Ladies Circle (TLC)**
- Sun, June 14** **America's 250th Celebration & Flag Day - BBQ hosted by ACYOA Srs Haroutunian Flagpole, following Church Services**
- Mon, June 15** **2026 Gregory Hintlian Memorial Golf Tournament Honoring Bruce Newell, hosted by Holy Trinity Armenian Church; Marlborough Country Club**
- Sun, July 12** **Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord (Vartavar)**
- Aug 10- Aug 14** **Trinity Kids' Place**
- Sun, Aug 16** **Feast of the Assumption of St. Mary**
- Mon, Sept 7** **Church Office Closed for Labor Day**
- Sun, Sept 13** **Holy Trinity Annual Church Picnic - All Welcome! Courtyard, noon to 5pm; Blessing of the Madagh at 3pm**