

Sunday, July 12, 2026
Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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Celebrant: The Pastor
SUNDAY BULLETIN



**Today is the Feast of the
Transfiguration of Our Lord (Vartavar)**

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

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 Parish Council.

If you are interested in hosting Fellowship hour during the months of July and August, please contact the church office.

Readings of the Day: Wis 7:25-8:4. Zec 14:16-21. 1 Jn 1:1-7. Mt 16:13-17:13

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 17, vs. 1-9 and will be read by Sona Tashjian.

From Today's Bible Reading

Wisdom 7:25-8:4 Solomon extols the virtues of wisdom, having sought her from his youth: she is a powerful source of renewal, prevails against evil, and draws us to friendship with God since "God loves nothing so much as the person who loves wisdom." (v. 28) *Reflection: In 1 Kings 3: 1-15, God asks Solomon what he wants most. Rather than long life or wealth, he asks for wisdom, which in Hebrew is literally "a listening heart." How might such a heart help you?*

Zechariah 14: 16-21 Declaring that a day is coming when the Lord will be king over the whole earth, the prophet foresees that all -- even former enemies of the faith -- will be called to Jerusalem on the Feast of the Tabernacles to celebrate and worship Him as the Lord Almighty. *Reflection: "Holy to the Lord" will be inscribed on the horses' bells and on cooking pots (v.20) on that day. What parts of your life do you feel are inscribed to the Lord?*

1 John 1:1-7 John proclaims the truth of Jesus Christ based on all he has seen, heard, and touched so that others "may have fellowship with us" (v. 3) and in turn with God. God is light and walking in that light means living by the truth and loving God and one another. *Reflection: In what ways have you, like John, "seen," "heard," and "touched" Jesus?*

Matthew 16:13-17:13 This rich account, worthy of a long summation, begins with the important conversation at Caesarea Philippi when Jesus asks "Who do people say I am?" After hearing the answers (John the Baptist, a prophet), He asks "and who do you say I am?" To which Peter famously replies "You are the Christ, the Son of God." In the next account, Jesus predicts His death and counsels that anyone who follows Him must take up His cross as well for "those who want to save their life will lose it." Finally, we read the account of Jesus' transfiguration (see below). *Reflection: Imagine Jesus sitting across from you, taking your hands in His, and asking you: Who do you say I am? How would you answer?*

Today is the Feast of the Transfiguration

The Transfiguration, one of the five major feasts of the Armenian Church, marks the extraordinary occasion Jesus took His three closest disciples, Peter, James, and John, up to Mt. Tabor where He was "transfigured," appearing radiant. Moses and Elijah appeared at His side, symbols of the Law and Prophecy which Jesus had come to fulfill. A voice from heaven was heard saying: "This is my beloved Son." Some customs of an ancient Armenian pagan festival for the goddess Asdghig are still associated with this feast, such as decorating the church with roses (and therefore the Feast's name Vartavar; it is more formally called Aylagerbootyoon or Baydzaragerbootyoon) and spraying one another with water. *Reflection: Only in Matthew, do we learn the disciples' reaction to this miracle: fear and awe, calmed by Jesus' touch. (17:6-7) Think of a time when you were afraid, anxious, or confused. Were you aware of Jesus' presence? Next time you feel this way, prayerfully dwell on the Lord's radiant transfiguration.*

*Requiem Service (Hokehankisd) is not held on Major Feast Days.
Requests for Requiem Service will be conducted next Sunday, July 19.*



Today is The Feast of Transfiguration and is one of the five principal feasts of the Armenian Church. Although a three-day feast (an innovation of St Nersess Shnorhali), the season of Transfiguration begins on the fourteenth Sunday following Zadeeg (Easter) and ends on Sunday preceding the Feast of the Assumption of the Mother of God. Jesus takes three of His disciples up a mountain, (traditionally, Mt. Tabor) to reveal to them His glory, a revelation of the Holy Trinity (the Father's voice is speaking while the Holy Spirit is present in the form of a bright cloud). A mountain is highly symbolic of God's presence and divine revelation (see Genesis 22:2, Exodus 24:13-17, Deuteronomy 18:15-18, Isaiah 2:3, Matthew 5:1-2f., John 6:3f.)

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION/BLESSING OF GRAPES

Sunday, August 16, is the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God, "Asdvadzadzin," one of the major Feast Days of the Armenian Church. On this occasion, a solemn Divine Liturgy will be celebrated in our Church, beginning at 9:45 a.m.

Following the Divine Liturgy, the traditional Blessing of the Grapes will take place in the Church. All those wishing to donate grapes or contribute in lieu of grapes may call the Church office.

Please complete and submit
NO LATER THAN *July 15, 2026*

ATTENTION 2026
Graduates

If you are graduating in 2026 please submit a short bio (approximately 60 words) using the link below to be included in the next edition of the Dajar!

Please contact
prcommunications@htaac.org
with any questions



TMU DINNER MEETING

Joint meeting with St. James Men's Club!

September 14, 2026 ~ Talanian Hall



GUEST SPEAKER

THOMAS J. KINTON

President of Kinton Aviation Consulting

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.

Thomas J. Kinton is the President of Kinton Aviation Consulting. He is a nationally and internationally recognized subject matter expert in the aviation industry with 45 years of experience.

SPEAKER

Mr. Kinton served as CEO and Executive Director of the Massachusetts Port Authority from August 2006 until June 2011. He also served as the Director of Aviation and Director of Operations at Massport during the terrorist attacks of 9/11/01.

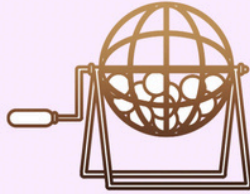
Please join us as we remember 9/11, 25 years later, with Tom Kinton who was Director of Aviation and Operations at MassPort during those attacks.

**RSVP is highly
encouraged**



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

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!



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Morning Service - 9:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy - 9:45 a.m.; Services conclude - 11:30 a.m.

We urge our faithful to attend Church Services on time

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

TODAY	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	<i>Church Office Closed for Labor Day</i>
Sun, Sept 13	Church Schools Opening Day Holy Trinity Annual Church Picnic - All Welcome! <i>Courtyard, 12pm to 5pm; Blessing of the Madagh at 3pm</i>
Mon, Sept 14	TMU and St. James Men's Club Dinner Meeting with guest speaker, Thomas J. Kinton; <i>Talanian Hall, Mezze 5:45pm Dinner 6:45pm</i>



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