

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017

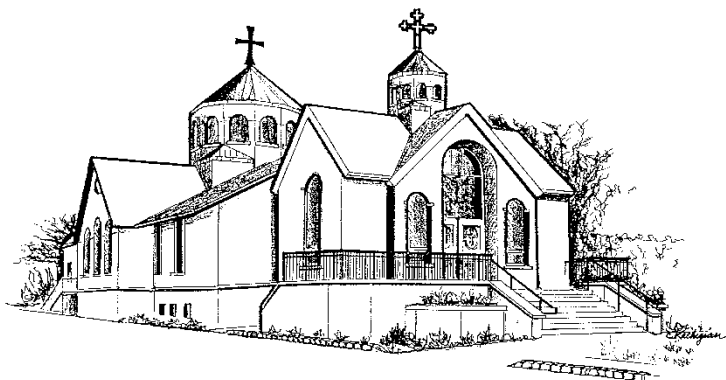
Fifth Sunday of Advent

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Ս. Պատարագ 10:00 AM

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Is 41:4-14

Heb 7:11-25

Gospel According to Luke 19:12-28

Jesus said..., "I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me." June 14:6

Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian

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CHOIR MASTER

George Paroonagian

PRINCIPAL ORGANIST

Sirvard Galstian



"Krisdos ee méch me haydnetsav." – "Orhnyal é haydnootoonun Krisdosi."

"Christ is revealed among us." - "Blessed is the revelation of Christ."



Parish Council Members: Lorig Chorluyan, Alex Avedis, Robert Sarajian, Virginia DiBianca, Vicken Jessourian, Serda Belekdanian, Gregory Parseghian, Diran Jebejian, Dennis Tarzian, Sarkis Pilavdjian and David Kasparian



HOKEHANKISD

✠ Edward, Dawn, Michael & Melissa Donofrio request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Alice Foronjy**, loving mother & grandmother on the 4th year of her passing into eternal rest and for the soul of **Said Foronjy**, loving father and grandfather of his passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in their memory.

✠ Manushag Violet Hachadourian and Robert Hachadourian request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Nishan Nolan Hachadourian**, loving brother, **Manoug & Sogik Hachadourian**, loving parents of their passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in their memory.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK; Remember in your prayers and ask for the recovery of George Ghazarian Jr., Edward Chapiian, Marjan Minasian, Grace Pinajian, Robert Foronjy, Ruth Bedevian, Lusi Ezgilioglu, Aram & Mary Varteressian, Brandon Katz, Dan Patoyian (Moynihan) Thomas Thomasian, Alice Manookian, Juliette Haddad, James Azarian, Wendy Lathey, Varoujan Harutunian, Marie Harutunian, Joseph Harutunian, Joanna Jaworska, Mosses Bairamian, Lou Scipione, Jared Tashjian, Ruben Grigoryants, Michael Sakolsky, Lynne Ford, Frank Cornawchiulo, Rose Kardashian, Ryan Hallak, John Hallak, Carmelina Mancini, Marie Tenguerman, Hana Botier, Mary Ann Kral, Emily Ring, Clara Yeramian, Jerry DiSanto, Julie Frattarola, Melanie Sarkisian, Anthony Laudati and all those who are suffering.

We commit our sick and shut-ins to our Heavenly Father who cares and watches over all His children.

“I will never leave thee nor forsake thee”

CHURCH ETIQUETTE:

Father Diran and the Parish Council sincerely request that parishioners respond to the following, so that our beloved Church may function in a more orderly and respectful manner:

Altar Candles ~ Please note, according to Armenian Church tradition, all Altar Candles must be lit before the beginning of *Badarak*. Those desiring to light candles in memory of loved ones or friends are requested to notify the Church Office in advance by noon of Wednesday preceding the Sunday of remembrance.

Reverence Required ~ Please be advised that, according to the tradition of the Armenian Church, members of the congregation are strongly reminded to refrain from walking in and out of the Sanctuary while services are in progress. You are ***especially*** reminded ***not to do so*** during **1)** the Chanting of the Gospel, (pg. 17); **2)** recitation of the Creed (*Havadamk*), (pg. 18); **3)** the Chalice Procession, (pg. 24-25); **4)** Hayr Mer (pg 41); **5)** the Hymn, “*Der Voghormya,*” (pg. 45); and **6)** distribution of the Holy Communion, (p. 49). Also, please do not chew gum or cross legs during church services. Please observe the “arrows” in the new liturgy

books. They indicate when you should *Stand, Sit, or Kneel*.

BURNING CANDLES IN THE CHURCH One of the devotional practices in the Armenian Church, as in all Orthodox Churches, is the beautiful custom of burning candles in front of sacred shrines, icons or relics. It is symbolic of the sacrifice of the Christian soul in order to shine with divine graces, confident in the example and intercession of the saints. So the candle burns itself up to give out light. Light symbolizes Christ, **“The Light of the World.”** When attending the Divine Liturgy on Sunday or any Worship Service, the believer may obtain a candle(s) in the Narthex which is accompanied by a donation. Then, he/she will take their candle to one of the icons in our Church. The faithful will then light the candle make the sign of the cross, say a prayer and return to the pew. During the prayer he/she may ask the intercession of the particular saint in his/her mind which may be represented by the image or relic.

DRESS CODE FOR CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

As we worship in our beloved Armenian Church on Sundays and attend Sunday School, let us be mindful that we are in God’s House. Since we are in God’s House, it is important that we dress appropriately. The attire (clothing) we wear on Sundays should be in good taste; therefore, any transparent clothes, shorts and skirts with length above the knees, halter and tank tops, spaghetti straps, jeans, etc, should be avoided. Bare shoulders should be covered with a shawl.

STOCKING STUFFER - KHORENIAN DIVINE LITURGY

St. Leon has Mastro Khoren Mekanejian CD of the Divine Liturgy for sale at \$23.00, just in time for Christmas gift or stocking stuffer. It can be purchased in the Parish Council Room. Please have exact change or check to St. Leon Armenian Church.

WOMEN’S GUILD is selling Chorag in the Community Center after Church. Please see Edna Tungrian, Marilou Pinajian or Gloria Tomasian.

BIBLE STUDY

No Bible Study on Thursday, December 28, 2017

Book of Esther

Chapter 9 “Victory of the Jews”

Chapter 10 “The Festival of Purim”

Chapter 11 “Postscript”

In Esther 5-6, Esther takes the risk of approaching the king without being formally petitioned by him. The king is pleased to see her and extends the gold scepter to her, offering her up to half the kingdom. She requests that the king and Haman come to a banquet she is preparing the next day. The next day, the king once again asks Esther what she wants, and he pledges to give her up to half the kingdom. Esther asks that the king and Haman return to her banquet the following day, and she will then make her request known. Haman leaves for home, delighted to be with the king at Esther's banquet, but he becomes furious when he sees Mordecai, who does not bow before him or even show any fear of him. Haman boasts to his wife and friends about his vast wealth and that he alone accompanied the king to Esther's banquet. He then tells them that he will not be satisfied as long as he sees Mordecai sitting at the king's gate. Mordecai's wife tells him to prepare a 75 foot high gallows and request at Esther's banquet the next day that Mordecai be hanged on it. Meanwhile, the king has the chronicles of his reign read to him, and he hears for the first time that Mordecai saved the king from an assassination plot. The king asks what honor was given to Mordecai for saving the king, and he is told that nothing was done. The next day the king summons Haman and asks him, "What should be done for the man the king delights to honor?" Thinking the king was referring to him, Haman recommends that they give him a royal robe the king has worn and a horse the king has ridden with a royal crest on its head, and parade this person through the city streets to honor him. The king orders that this honor be bestowed on Mordecai. Haman complies and parades Mordecai through the streets, but he rushes home in grief. His wife and friends counsel him not to oppose Mordecai. Haman is then summoned to Esther's banquet.

In Esther 7-8, the king asks Esther what her request is, and she asks the king to save her people from the destruction, slaughter and annihilation that has been decreed. The king asks Esther who made such a decree, and she says, "The adversary and enemy is this vile Haman." The king leaves in a fury, but Haman goes to Esther's side and begs her to save his life. The king returns and sees Haman reclined next to Esther and exclaims, "Will he even molest the queen while she is with me in the house?" His attendant tells the king that Haman built a 75 foot high gallows to hang Mordecai, and the king tells him to hang Haman on the very gallows he built for Mordecai. Haman is hanged, and the king's fury subsides. The king summons Mordecai and gives him his own signet ring. Esther pleads with the king to void Haman's decree to annihilate the Jews in the kingdom. The king requests that Mordecai issue whatever decree he wishes to protect the Jews and seal it with his signet ring. Mordecai grants the Jews the right to assemble, to protect themselves, and to plunder the property of their enemies. Mordecai leaves the king wearing royal garments and a large gold crown, and the Jews celebrate with a great feast.

Theophany Season

Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian, Pastor

Sunday, December 24, 2017	St. Stephen & Christmas Eve
Vespers	7:30 PM
Christmas Caroling	8:00 PM
Fellowship Hour	8:30 PM

Friday, January 5, 2018	Theophany Candlelight
Vespers	7:15 PM
Scripture Reading	7:45 PM
Divine Liturgy	8:00 PM

Saturday, January 6, 201	Nativity of Our Lord/Blessing of Water
Morning Service	9:00 AM
Divine Liturgy	10:00 AM

The Ten Commandments also known as the Decalogue

“You shall have no other gods before me”.

“You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the ear”.

“You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments””

“You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name”.

“Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work- you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it”.

“Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

“You shall not murder”.

“You shall not commit adultery”.

“You shall not steal”.

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor”.

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or male or female slave, or ox or donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor”.

Come Celebrate Armenian Christmas
at the
St. Leon 11th Annual Christmas Dance



Onnik Dinkjian

featuring

The John Berberian Ensemble

John Berberian ♦ Ara Dinkjian ♦ Mal Barsamian ♦ Raffi Massoyan

Saturday, January 13, 2018

7pm-midnight

\$55 adults ♦ \$25 for students 22 and younger

MEZZE INCLUDED ♦ CASH BAR



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Reservations accepted with full payment to St. Leon Armenian Church. Please provide name of guests with payment. An entire table may be reserved by providing names with payment for 12 guests.

NO REFUNDS



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We are again offering the opportunity of sending greetings to your fellow Parishioners through a **special St. Leon Christmas Greeting Card.**

Please complete this form and return it to the Church Office. (LAST DAY)

The card will appear in the January Bulletin & January Lradoo.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS:

DONATION: _____

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____

Address _____



POINSETTIA'S FOR THE HOLY ALTAR

To The Poinsettias that decorate the Altar during the Christmas season, please complete the form below and return it with your check, to the Church Office. (Last Day) The list will appear in the January Bulletin &

January Lradoo.

POINSETTIA'S FOR THE ALTAR

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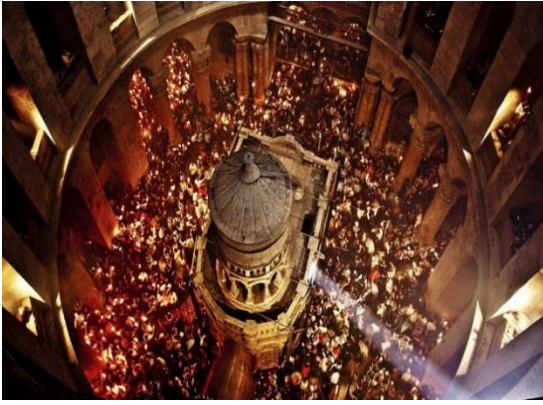
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In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____



HOLY WEEK & EASTER IN JERUSALEM

The Eastern Diocese announced a pilgrimage to the Holy Land for the Spring of 2018. The pilgrimage is the culmination of the Diocese's "Save the Tomb" campaign in support of the restoration of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

The dates of the pilgrimage are April 3-14, 2018. Participants will spend Holy Week and Easter in Jerusalem and its environs, and will worship at the newly restored Tomb of Christ in the Holy Sepulchre.

Information on the pilgrimage is now available. To download a brochure in PDF format—detailing itinerary, costs and how to reserve a place, go to the Diocese Website for all information on the trip. Starting price \$2868.00.

Our Pastor, Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian will also participate in the pilgrimage

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH RAFFLE

Sunday January 14th, 2018



**Tickets are \$100 each
or Three (3) tickets for \$250.**

Drawing held at St. Leon Armenian Church Jan 14, 2018 during hospitality hour in Abajian Hall, Approx. 1:00 PM

To purchase tickets be on the lookout in your mail for the Saint Leon raffle envelope or ask a Parish Council Member.

If you have any questions please contact Vicken Jessourian at 908-500-4670 or jessourian@comcast.net.

Fifty Percent (50%) of the total dollar amount collected will be distributed to the winners.
The prizes will be awarded as follows:

1st Prize.....	20.0% or up to \$12,000
2nd Prize.....	8.0% or up to \$4,800
3rd Prize.....	6.0% or up to \$3,600
4th Prize.....	4.0% or up to \$2,400
5th Prize.....	3.0% or up to \$1,800
6th Prize.....	3.0% or up to \$1,800
7th Prize.....	2.4% or up to \$1,440
8th Prize.....	1.8% or up to \$1,080
9th Prize.....	1.2% or up to \$720
10th Prize.....	0.6% or up to \$360

Attendance is not required for eligibility

COFFEE HOSPITALITY Everyone is invited to the Community Center immediately following worship services. Today's Hospitality is hosted by the Senior Center.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Dec 24	Morning Service Divine Liturgy *No Sunday School –Family Worship Christmas Eve Service 7:30 PM
Mon	Dec 25	Christmas Day – Merry Christmas
Wed	Dec 27	Senior Center 11:00-4:00 PM
Sun	Dec 31	Morning Service Divine Liturgy *No Sunday School – Family Worship
Mon	Jan 1	Happy New Year 2018
Wed	Jan 3	Senior Center, Parish Council Meeting 7:30 PM
Thurs	Jan 4	Bible Study 7:30-8:30 PM
Fri	Jan 5	Divine Liturgy 8:00 PM
Sat	Jan 6	Armenian Christmas - Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Sun	Jan 7	Morning Service Divine Liturgy Sunday School
Tues	Jan 9	Women's Guild Meeting 7:30 PM
Wed	Jan 10	Senior Center
Thus	Jan 11	Bible Study
Fri	Jan 12	Armenian School
Sat	Jan 14	St. Leon Annual Dance 7:00-12:00 Midnight

Last Gospel John 12:24-26

