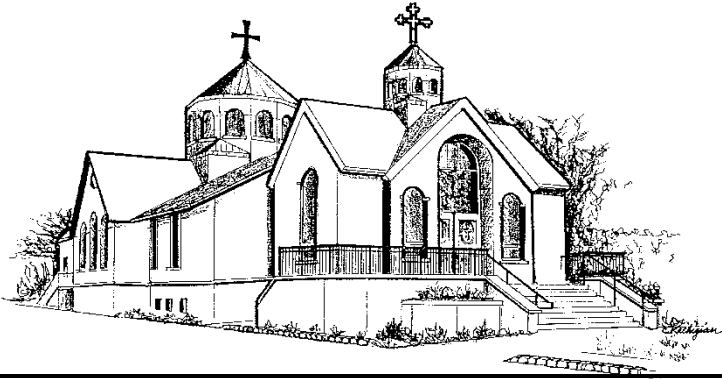


ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
Sunday of the Judge
March 14, 2021

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Is 65:8-25

Phil 3:1-4:9

Gospel According to Luke 17:20-18:14

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son,
so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might
have eternal life. John 3:16

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“Krisdos ee méch me haydnetsav.” – “Orhnyal é haydnootyoonun Krisdosi.”

“Christ is revealed among us.” - “Blessed is the revelation of Christ.”

Today, we are happy to welcome our Primate His Grace Bishop Daniel who will offer the homily.

HOKEHANKISD

✝ Mary Berberian Petrossian & Family request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Anooshervan Babken Petrossian**, loving husband, father, uncle, brother & brother-in-law on the **40th day** of his passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated towards the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in his memory.

✝ Jan & Barbara Ohnikian, Richard & Margaret Ohnikian and Robert & Linda Ohnikian and their Families request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Annette Ohnikian**, loving aunt on the **40th day** of her passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in her memory.

✝ The Mozian Family, Mosco Family, Jensen Family request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Annette Ohnikian**, loving cousin on the **40th day** of her passing into eternal rest. The Family has requested the Altar Candles be lit in her memory.

✝ Anahid Yeranossian, Roger & Heidi Yeranossian & Family, Michael & Brigitte Ozanian, Kalousd & Lucy Yeranossian & Family request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Haig Yeranossian**, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother & uncle on the **40th day** of his passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in his memory."

✝ Sebu and Rita Oscherician, Francesca Fontana and Family request Hokehankisd for the souls of **Constantin Eremia** loving stepfather, step-grandfather and step-great grandfather on his **40th day**, **Ecaterina Garabetian** loving mom, grandmother and great grandmother, **Sofica Garabetian** loving grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother, **Haigaser Oscherician** loving father, grandfather and great grandfather, **Felicia Oscherician** loving stepmother, step grandmother and great-grandmother, **Salvatore Fontana** loving husband, father and grandfather and great-grandfather of their passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in his memory.

✝ Elsie, Leon Jr., Tina, Stephan, Michael, John and Steve Nigohosian and Tanya Vartivarian request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Leon Nigohosian, Sr.**, loving husband, father & grandfather on the 1st year of his passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated towards the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in his memory.

✝ Betty Tashjian and Janette M. Tashjian request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Vartkes Tashjian**, loving husband & father on the 2nd year of his passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated

towards the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in his memory.

✝ Raymond & Carol Nakashian Sukovich request Hokehankisd for the soul of our beloved parents, **Arpine (Penny) Nakashian** on the 17th year and **John Nakashian** on the 12th year of their passing into eternal rest, and for the soul of our dear aunt **Armine Chilian** on the 1st year of her passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated towards the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in their memory.

✝ Virginia Clarke and Family request Hokehankisd for the soul of loving parents, **Bedros and Rose Pinajian**, loving grandparents, **Boghos and Aghvane Terpanian** and loving sister **Anne Baker**, on their passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and request that the Altar Candles be lit in their memory.

✝ Jill, David & Daniella, Timothy & Michelle, Sophia, Victoria, and Mason Ashbahian request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Stephen Ashbahian**, loving husband, father, and grandfather on the 5th year of his passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in his memory."

✝ The Ajamian, Kachigian, and Le Families request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Ann Kachigian** loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother on the 1st year of her passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and has requested the Altar Candles be lit in her memory.

✝ In Sumgait, the victims included **Lola Avakyan** (b. 1961), **Huri Avakyan** (b. 1936), **Albert Avanesyan** (b. 1955), **Valery Avanesyan** (b. 1957), **Ardash Arakelyan** (b. 1937), **Armo Aramyanyan** (b. 1928), **Arthur Aramyanyan** (b. 1963),

Vladimir Arushanyan (b. 1936), Razmel Arushanyan (b. 1939), Arschag Papyayan (b. 1931), Emma Krikoryan (b. 1930), Alexander Hampuryan (b. 1936), Nicola Tanielyan (b. 1939), Seta Tanielan (b. 1938), Gury Mardirosos (b. 1954), Mischa Hampurzumyan (b. 1941), Soghomon Melkonyan (b. 1931), Rahisa Melkonyan (b. 1934), Igor Melkonyan (b. 1957), Yetvart Melkonyan (b. 1960), Irina Melkonyan (b. 1961), Piruza Melkonyan (b. 1920), Hersille Movsesova (b. 1912), Shahen Sarkisyan (b. 1937), Rafig Tovmasyan (b. 1956), Kapriel Dirtadov (b. 1926), and Tamara Mehdiyeva (b. 1920).

They were killed under torture (4), burned alive (10), and stoned, knifed or axed to death (13).

In addition, please include journalist and parliamentarian **Samvel Shahmuradian**. He is the author of *The Sumgait Tragedy*. He was killed at the age of 39 while serving in the first Karabagh war.

Also, we may want to include the **10 people killed on March 1, 2008, Tigran Abgaryan, Tigran Khachatryan, Gor Kloyan, Armen Farmanyan, David Petrosyan, Hovhannes Hovhannisyan, Samvel Harutyunyan, Zakar Hovhannisyan, Grigor Gevorgyan, Hamlet Tadevosyan** during protests related to the presidential elections.

February 23 also marked the one-year anniversary of **Ahmaud Arbery** who was pursued and fatally shot in Glynn County, Georgia.

PRAYER FOR REQUIEM – HOKEHANKISD

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. O Christ, Son of God, fore bearing and compassionate, have compassion, in your love as our creator, upon the souls of your servants who are at rest, especially upon the souls of your servants (names), for whom we are offering these prayers. Be mindful of them in the great day of the coming of your kingdom. Make them worthy of mercy, of expiation and forgiveness of sins. Glorify them and reckon them

with the company of your saints at your right hand. For you are the Lord and creator of all, judge of the living and of the dead. And to you is befitting glory, dominion and honor, now and unto the ages of ages.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Remember in your prayers and ask for the recovery of Robert John Karanfilian III, Annette Kouchshirin, Brandon Katz, Jim & Wendy Lathey, Dan Patoyia (Moynihan), Juliette Haddad, James Azarian, Varoujan Harutunian, Mosses Bairamian, Ruben Grigoryants, Michael Sakolsky, Lynne Ford, Frank Cornawchiulo, Ryan Hallak, John Hallak, Carmelina Mancini, Marie Tenguerian, Hana Botie, Mary Ann Kral, Emily Ring, Clara Yeramian, Jerry DiSant, Julie Frattarola, Melanie Sarkisian 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”.

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*.

SUNDAY SCHOOL We are happy to announce that we have been open VIRTUALLY since October 4th! Our teachers are in preparation and looking forward to meeting with the students twice a month for 40 minutes. They will also have music once a month with Teachers Daniella and Seta.

The teachers will be in touch about meeting times and codes, and some may send materials or ask you to drive by to pick them up.

Registration is still open. Please follow the link is below. We are asking that you register each child separately. The payment (PayPal) is at the end of the registration.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdggfQZaD3jqInHzucDY28vt95vZmstSYU7Oaj01yIb6nYhg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&gxids=7628>



BIBLE STUDY

March 24, 2021

Located in Abajian Hall Lobby

TIME: 7:30 PM

The Book of Sirach

Chapter 40 “Human Wretchedness”

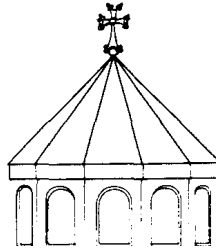
Chapter 41 “Concerning Death”

Chapter 42 “Daughters and Fathers”

In this week’s bible study the book of ‘Sirach’ continues to guide us, and advise us that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of all that is good. That the fear of the Lord will be our moral compass, which will show us the righteous way, in each situation that we face in our lives. Wise are those who are obedient and follow the commandments of God and live by them. Moreover when we have the fear of the Lord with us and uphold the commandments, we will love our neighbors, we will not speak with harsh words but with words that build up the other, and we will give mercy to those who ask from us.

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
Lenten Service Only
Friday Night at 7:30 PM

March 19, & 26, 2021 Lenten Service 7:30 pm

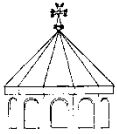


ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING

TO BE HELD TODAY

MARCH 14, 2021



On behalf of Der Diran and the Parish Council of Saint Leon Armenian Church, we would like to invite you to our rescheduled 2021 Parish Assembly meeting, which will be held at Saint Leon Abajian Hall on Sunday, March 14th at 1 PM. Dues-paying members will be able to attend either “in-person” or “virtually” (via Zoom).

If you choose to attend our Parish Assembly “in-person”, you must first **register** by calling MaryAnne Bonjuklian at (201)-934-8930 or emailing your first and last name, and cell phone number to maryannebonjuklian@gmail.com by Thursday, March 11th of all those in your household who will be attending. Finally, you must **check-in** on Sunday, March 14th in Abajian Hall in order to receive your paper ballot. “In-person” attendees must vote with paper-ballot. **Check-in** will begin at 12 PM. Please note that face masks are required.

If you choose to attend our Parish Assembly meeting virtually (on Zoom), you must **register** by visiting the following website bit.ly/StLeonZoom and entering your first and last name, email and cell phone number. Registration cut-off is Thursday, March 11th. Each virtual attendee must complete a separate registration form. Once you have registered and been verified as an eligible voter, you will be sent an email with your Zoom invitation link. On the day of our assembly meeting, click on your Zoom invitation link at 12:45 PM to access the meeting. Please note that each virtual attendee must have their own email and device to access the assembly meeting, vote on assembly motions (via Zoom), and vote for candidates (via ElectionBuddy). Please make sure Zoom is installed on your electronic device prior to the day of our parish assembly.

Hope to hear from you soon if you plan on attending our Parish Assembly meeting.

Very truly yours,

Vicken Jessourian



LILIES FOR THE HOLY ALTAR

Parishioners who wish to make a contribution to the Lilies that will grace the Holy Altar on Easter Sunday by filling in the form below and submitting it to the Church Office by Monday, March 22, 2021 Enclosed please find the amount of \$_____.

LILIES - Please print:

Name _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Telephone _____

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--- *“Alleluia! Alleluia”* Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise. Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise. He who on the cross a Victim for the world’s salvation bled, Jesus Christ the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead. Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat. See the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat. Once he died and once was buried; now he lives forevermore. Jesus Christ, the world’s Redeemer, whom we worship and adore. Christ is risen, Christ the first fruits of the holy harvest field, Which will all its full abundance at his second coming yield. Then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before Him wave, Ripened by his glorious sunshine from the furrows of the grave. Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high; Alleluia! to the Savior, who has won the victory; Alleluia! to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity: Alleluia, alleluia! to the Triune Majesty. *(Christopher Wordsworth 1865)*



PLANTS FOR CHRIST'S TOMB

Good Friday is the day Christians around the world commemorate the death and burial of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the Armenian Church tradition, during the Evening Vespers a tomb is placed in the Chancel of the Church and decorated with flowers and candles, reminding the congregation of the sacrificial crucifixion and death of our Lord for the sake of our salvation. It is a tradition in the Armenian Church for the congregation to bring flowers to the church to decorate the Tomb of the Lord. The flowers are placed on the tomb throughout the service. At the conclusion of the service, they are distributed to the congregation. This year at St. Leon Church, in addition to flowers, the tomb will once again be decorated with indoor potted plants. Every family will be invited to take a plant from the Tomb of the Lord and place it in their homes. As they grow and flourish, these plants will remind each member of our community of the beautiful bond we enjoy with each other and with our Church as our family in Christ.

Please help us maintain this beautiful spiritual custom in our Church. Your donation will help defray the cost of the purchase of these plants.-----✂-----

-Plants for Christ's Tomb

Yes, I would like to support/maintain the beautiful tradition of our Armenian Church. Enclosed please find the amount of \$ _____ towards the purchase of plants for Christ's Tomb. Please return this form with your donation to the Church Office by Monday, March 22, 2021. **Please print:**

Name _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Telephone _____

KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

As you enter St. Leon Church, your temperature will be taken with Infrared Forehead Thermometer and you are required to use the hand sanitizer prior to enter the church.

Sitting in the church- Take your seat in the pews marked with a white X. Please make sure your mask is on at all times. Choir members and altar servers will sit in the front pews of the church marked with a green X.

Hokehankisd- Those requesting Hokehankisd will be allowed to sit upstairs in the balcony with their family members (maximum 10 per family). Parish Council will provide guidance.

Elevator- Will not be in use at this time.

Lighting Candles- Please light your candles in the back candle stand only. Do not you use the candle stands in the front. No large gatherings around the candle stand. One person at a time should approach the candle stand. Parish Council will guide you.

Kiss of Peace- will not be offered in the traditional manner Fr. Diran will offer the Kiss of Peace from the altar. From a distance you can acknowledge your fellow parishioners with the Kiss of Peace without approaching them.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion- Fr. Diran will give instructions on how Holy Communion will be distributed. Everyone will stay in their pews during the confession and the prayer of absolution. Afterwards, the Parish Council will call you by rows to come forward to receive Holy Communion.

Plate Collection- will take place in the church. **Exiting the Church-** The Parish Council will call you by your pews to exit the church in a safe manner.

Hospitality/Fellowship- There will be **no Coffee Hospitality** after church. ՀԱՂՈՐԴԱԳՐՈՒԹՅՈՒՆ

Last Gospel Matthew 11:25-30

Fundamental Teachings of the Armenian Church

Seven Sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Penance, Holy Communion, Matrimony, Holy Orders, Unction with Oil (for the sick)

The Seven Spiritual Works of Mercy

To instruct the ignorant.
To counsel the doubtful.
To exhort and convert sinners.
To comfort the sorrowing and afflicted.
To forgive offenses.
To suffer wrongs patiently.
To pray for others, living and dead.

The Four Cardinal Virtues: Prudence, Justice, Temperance and Fortitude.

Four Notes of the True Church: One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

The spirit of wisdom and understanding.
The spirit of counsel and spiritual strength.
The spirit of knowledge and true godliness.
The spirit of holy fear of the Lord.

The Four Symbols of the Gospels

The Angel-St. Matthew
The Winged Lion- St. Mark
The Winged Ox-St. Luke
The Eagle- St. John

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Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնից Հայրապետական Մեր օրհնությունն ու ջերմ բարեմաղթանքներն ենք բերում տիկնանց և օրիորդներին՝ մարտի 8-ի տոնական առիթով:

Անփոխարինելի է կնոջ դերը ընտանիքի ամրության, քրիստոնեական արժեքներով և հայրենյաց ավանդներով մեր զավակներին կրթելու գործում: Կանայք անձնուրաց նվիրումի, սիրո ու քնքշանքի մարմնացումն են մեր կյանքում:

Հետպատերազմյան այս դժվարագույն օրերին, երբ մեր երկիրը շարունակում է փոթորկվել ներքին ու արտաքին մարտահրավերներից, վստահությունն ունենք, որ մեր ժողովուրդը վերստին իր խաչի ճանապարհը պիտի հասցնի մինչև հաղթական հարություն:

Միրելի մայրեր և քույրեր, Մեր մաղթանքն է, որպեսզի դուք հույսի ու մխիթարության մեջ դիմավորեք մեծարանքի այս տոնը: Աղոթում ենք, որ Տերը Սուրբ Հոգու սփռվանքը պարզևի պատերազմի ծանր կորուստների միջով անցած մեր մայրերին ու քույրերին, ուժ ու կորով հաղորդի համայն մեր ժողովրդին՝ համական սիրով կերտելու լուսավոր ու բարօր կյանքը հայրենիքի: Թող Բարձրյալ Տերը Իր Ամենախնամ Սուրբ Աջի հովանու ներքո պահի ու պահպանի ձեզ ամենքիդ և բյուր օրհնություններով շնորհի արևշող կյանքի խաղաղ և երջանիկ օրեր, լուսավոր ու պայծառ նոր իրագործումներ, այսօր և միշտ. ամեն:



ST. LEON WOMEN'S GUILD

Easter Fundraiser

The Women's Guild is offering

Women's Guild Choreg, Hantes Choreg and Cheese Boreg
in time for Easter.

Everything will be made to order, frozen, packed and ready to be
picked up on Palm Sunday, March 28th and Easter Sunday, April 4th
in front of the rectory garage

Deadline for orders is March 23, 2021. Please fill out the order
form below, make your check payable to **St. Leon Women's Guild**
and mail to

Marilou Pinajian 10 Wyckoff Terrace, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

Call 201-791-0621 or email your order to mpinajian@gmail.com (new)

Quantity	Item	Price	Total
_____	Women's Guild Choreg Packed 12 Braids in one bag	\$13/dozen	_____
_____	Hantes Choreg (a little sweeter) (1 large braid individually wrapped)	\$12/loaf	_____
_____	Cheese Borag 6 per package	\$15/pkg	_____

