

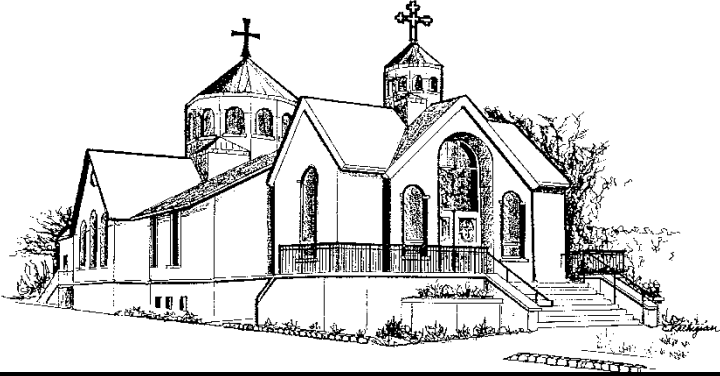
*ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH*  
*March 22, 2020*  
*Sunday of the Judge*

Morning Service 9:00 AM

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Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

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*Readings from the Holy Scripture*

Is 65:8-25

Phil 3:1-4-9

Gospel of Luke 17:20-18:14

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

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# ALTAR SERVERS

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Sebuh Oscherician, Sarkis Pilavdjian, Nurhan Ezik

**Subdns.** Paul Chamesian, Gregory Kazanjian, Vahe Kiljian,

Jack Hamparian

## **CHOIR MASTER**

George Paroonagian

## **PRINCIPAL ORGANIST**

Sirvard Galstian

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

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

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**Parish Council Members:** Lorig Chorluyan, Vicken Jessourian, Marilou Pinajian, Alex Avedis, Hagop Cilingiryan, Diran Jebejian, David Kasparian, Gregory Parseghian, Dennis Tarzian, Dawn Hourdajian and Haykanush Melkonyan.

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Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian will be conducting Morning Service followed by Joshou Service (Midday Service) followed by Hokehankisd. Sunday Services can be watched on live stream, Stleon.org

The church is closed indefinitely. You can request Hokehankisd by calling the church office.

## **HOKEHANKISD**

✝ Ilse Takessian and Family, Sarkis and Ruth Bedevian, Karnig and Alice Alajajian request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Gary Takessian**, beloved husband, father and NYU classmate/friend of 60 years of his passing into eternal rest. He was an active member of St. Garabed Armenian Church, San Diego, Ca. date of passing Dec 29, 2019. The Family & Friends have donated toward the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit today in his memory.

## **A Prayer in the Time of Pandemic**

Blessed are you, Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, Physician of our souls and bodies. You came down from your heavenly realm to heal every sickness and infirmity. Before your endless mercy our sins melt away, demons flee, transgressions are erased, infirmities are cured, wounds are healed, corruption is cleansed, sadness recedes, sighs retreat, darkness flees, the fog of the unknown departs, darkness lifts, the night passes, panic is banished, evil is destroyed, and despair is exiled.

We beseech You in these times of trial and tribulation, when the entire world is shaken by the devastating pandemic, to pour out upon us your healing grace so that from the depths of our souls we may be healed, strengthened and purified. You, Son of God and Son of humanity, died on the cross for our salvation. Through your suffering, you showed us how trial and affliction might bring us closer to You. You are our rock and refuge, our comfort and hope, our joy and salvation. You healed people with sickness and affliction through Your loving care and compassion.

Now we ask you, Lord, to dispel the pain and heal the sickness of your children all around the world and to grant to all perfect health and protection under the sign of your all-conquering Holy Cross. Give us your peace and strengthen our faith in you, Lord, so that we can overcome our fears and doubts, when anxiety becomes the order of the day. Bless all those who have put themselves in harm's way in service to us. Hold in your loving embrace those who have perished and grant peace to their loved ones. In the midst of the uncertainty we echo in faith the words of King David, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging" (Psalm 46:1-3).

Trusting in Your infinite love and compassion we exalt and praise Your Holy Name with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

**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*.

All Organization Activities have been temporarily suspended.  
Sunday School and Armenian School have been suspended  
The Fish’n’Chips dinner on Tuesday March 31, is cancelled.  
The Lenten Lecture series has been cancelled.  
Radio City Lecture on 3/22/20 has been postponed  
Bible Study has been suspended  
Palm Sunday has been cancelled

### **KIDNEY DONOR REQUESTS**

**Robert Ross** is one our St. Leon Parishioners and is in need of a kidney transplant. Please call Marlene Ross for further information (201-410-5840). Any donation of a kidney match or otherwise elevates the patient to the top of the list.

**Sebuh Oscherician** is one of our St. Leon Parishioners and Deacon and is in need of a kidney transplant. Please call Rita Oscherician for further information (201-417-7145). Any donation of a kidney match or otherwise elevates the patient to the top of the list.

### **ST. LEON SOCIAL CLUB**. Suspended

**Seniors** have much to offer - **our** wisdom, **our** experience and **our** time. St. Leon Social Club meets every Wednesday from 11:00-4:00 PM. Donation \$4 coffee and dessert. Bring a sandwich, lunch is at 12:00 noon. There are card games, backgammon, bring a board game or just sit around and have coffee and dessert. Bring a friend and enjoy the afternoon.

**LAST CALL**

**CHURCH DIRECTORY**

If you'd like to be in our 2020 Church Directory or if you'd like to update your current entry, please complete the following and send to our Church office ASAP.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

You can also email your information to Barbara Royland @ [hyemom@optonline.net](mailto:hyemom@optonline.net) with "St. Leon Directory" in the subject line.



**In accordance with the direction given by Governor Phil Murphy and Bishop Daniel, Primate the Easter Fundraiser has been canceled. If you have already placed an order we will be contacting you.**



## 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 Wednesday April 1, 2020.

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 Wednesday, April 1, 2020. **Please print:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

# *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sun	March 22	Morning Service Divine Liturgy Women's Guild Program – Radio City Music Hall Lecture    POSTPONED
Wed	March 25	St. Leon Social Club    CANCELLED
Sun	March 29	Morning Service Divine Liturgy    on Live stream
Wed	April 1	St. Leon Social Club    CANCELLED
Fri	April 3	Armenian School    CANCELLED
Sun	April 5	Palm Sunday    CANCELLED Morning Service Divine Liturgy
Tues	April 7	Remembrance of the Ten Virgins CANCELED
Thurs	April 9	10:00 AM Divine Liturgy    To Be Determined
Fri	April 10	7:00 PM Burial Service    To Be Determined
Sun	April 12	Easter Sunday    To be Determined Morning Service    Divine Liturgy

Matthew 11:25-30