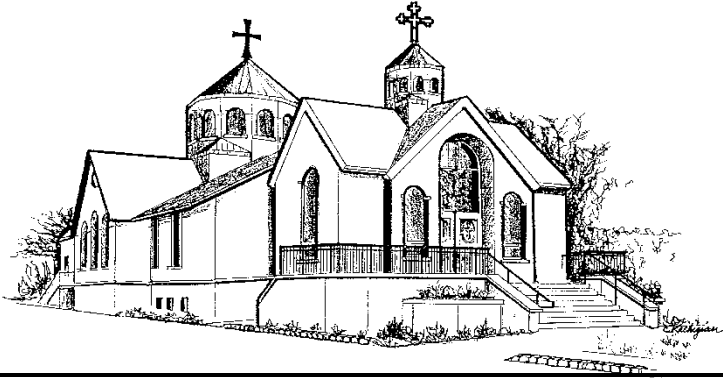


ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
Second Palm Sunday
May 16, 2021

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Acts 23:12-35

1 Jn 5:13-21

Gospel According to John 12:12-23

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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Jack Hamparian

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George Paroonagian

PRINCIPAL ORGANIST

Sirvard Galstian



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

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

HOKEHANKISD

✝ Edna Tungrian & Family, Gus, Karen Pirchio & Family request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Milton Zara**, loving cousin and uncle on the **40th day** of his passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and asked the Altar Candles be lit in his memory.

✝ Today's Hokehankisd is for the soul of **Dikranuhi Boz** on the **40th day** of her passing into eternal rest requested by her Family. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and asked the Altar Candles be lit in her memory.

✝ Satenig Loughead, Robert & Linda Ohnikian, Mark Loughead and Monica Maben, and Robert and Maureen Loughead, and their Families request Hokehankisd for the soul of **John Loughead**, loving husband, father and grandfather on the **1st year** of his passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and asked the Altar Candles be lit in his memory.

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, Silva Jinivizian, Greg Tenbekjian, Annette Kouchshirin, Brandon Katz, Zoe Brooks, 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*.

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

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



BIBLE STUDY TIME: 7:30 PM

Zoom Bible Study Wed.

May 26, 2021 If you would like to participate please call or e-mail Fr.

Diran and he will send you the link for the bible study.

Book of Hosea

Chapter 9 "Punishment for Israel's Sin"

Chapter 10 "Israel's Sin and Captivity"

Chapter 11 "God's Compassion Despite Israel's Ingratitude"

The prophet 'Hosea' brings our attention to the covenant, which is between God and his creation, His people. Hosea, does this by giving us an analogy of a man taking a prostitute for a wife and relating it to how God is the husband and His people, His bride is Israel. Throughout this relationship we can see the 'prostitute wife' being unfaithful to her husband and the faithfulness of the husband to give mercy. God wants us to be with him so we can have rich union, a lasting covenant between us, all we must do is put aside our desires, our longings for anything other than our God.

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Last Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

We are blessed to announce our 2020 and 2021 graduates of the Sunday School. Through the pandemic they met with Teacher Hagop Cilingiryan faithfully and without complaint. We ask for your prayers of thanksgiving that these students will continue in the Armenian Church. God bless our graduates.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATION

CLASS OF 2020 AND 2021

MAY 16, 2021

2019-2020 Graduates

Tanya Akian

Ari Asoyan

Julia Frengul

Nora Janikian

Ani Kelly

Taline Kelly

Andrew Ohnikian

Antoinette Tavitian

Andrew Zoraian



2020-2021 Graduates

*Angelo Bartolomeo
Avedis Berenson
Ardem Boudoughian
Alexa Siran Farah
John Markarian
Jack Murray
Matthew Murray
Ani Tartaglione
Nicolas Rensel
Pele Rensel*



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.

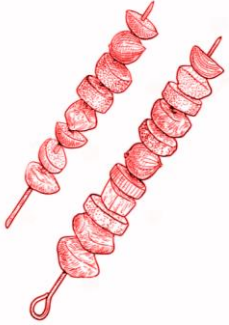
The Sacrament of Holy Communion- Fr. Diran will give instructions on how Holy Communion will be distributed. Everyone will stay in their pews during the confession and the prayer of absolution. Afterwards, the Parish Council will call you by rows to come forward to receive Holy Communion.

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.

Dear St. Leon Church Parishioners and Friends:



We are very pleased to bring back our annual St. Leon Church Picnic on **Sunday, June 6, 2021** immediately following church services. We invite you to come and enjoy delicious kebab, bulghur pilaf, desserts and more all made with care by our talented volunteers. This year we are also excited to have Vicken Makoushian who will be performing live Armenian music all afternoon.

This year's picnic will be conducted with safety in mind as all attendees will be expected to practice social distancing and mask wearing as appropriate.

For those of you who want to skip the food line, we are implementing an online pre-ordering system this year. Starting on May 3, follow this link <http://bit.ly/StLeonPicnic> or scan the QR code with your smartphone to place your order in advance then just visit our designated pre-order table during the picnic to pick up your food. *Pre-ordering is strongly encouraged as supplies may be limited on the day of the picnic.*

In the event of rain, the outdoor seating area will be closed and all food orders will only be available to take home via curbside pickup. Online ordering will be available until 10:00am on June 6.

Want to help? Here are a few ways to participate and support our Annual Church Picnic...

Become a volunteer: From making and serving food, to running supplies to breaking down at the end of the day, there are numerous ways to help. If you are not sure where your talents can be best used we are certain we have a perfect spot for you! Please contact Lynn Markarian (lynn.markarian@gmail.com).

50/50 Raffle: As long as the sun is shining, we will be selling raffle tickets during the picnic for a drawing to be held at 4:00pm. Look for ticket sellers around the picnic grounds. *No purchase required.*

Picnic Sponsorship: Consider becoming a Picnic Sponsor and provide your financial support for all our wonderful activities. Visit <http://bit.ly/StLeonPicnic> to make an online payment or use the attached sponsorship form to mail in your pledge of support.

We look forward to another enjoyable gathering. Bring your family, friends and appetites for great Armenian food, music and community.

See you on Sunday, June 6.

Haig Buchakjian
Picnic Committee Chair



Picnic Sponsorship

Dear St. Leon Church Parishioners and Friends,

The St. Leon Armenian Church Annual Picnic has become a long-standing tradition of our community. This year's picnic will be held on June 6, 2020 from 12:30 – 4:30 pm on the church grounds. We have delicious Armenian food, live Armenian music by **Vicken Makoushian**. Due to COVID restrictions, in the event of rain, we will be unable to host attendees in person, but will go forward with serving our delicious food via online order and curbside pickup.

As in previous years the Picnic Committee is welcoming Picnic Sponsors as a way participants can help offset the burden of higher food costs and raise additional funds for our church.

We kindly ask that you consider becoming a Picnic Sponsor and lend your financial support.

You can participate by visiting <http://bit.ly/StLeonPicnic> or by detaching the lower portion of this notice and returning it along with your donation to the church office. If you have any questions call the church office or **Haig Buchakjian at 201-317-8619**.

Our committee of volunteers gathers every year to plan a memorable event for our parish and extended community. Our beloved Women's Guild spends hours preparing our favorite foods for the big day. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful dedicated people in our church family working for the benefit of our parish.

We look forward to hearing from you; with your support we make the St. Leon Church Annual Picnic better each year!

Picnic Sponsorship Form

(Detach the section below and mail along with your payment)

Yes, I would like to be a Picnic Sponsor for the 2021 Annual St. Leon Armenian Church Picnic.

_____ \$50 pledge _____ \$100 pledge _____ \$250 pledge
_____ \$500.00 pledge \$_____ Other pledge amount

Please write "Picnic Sponsor" in the memo portion of your check.

Name: _____

Check #: _____

Address:

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Thank you for your support.

GRADUATES If you are a 2021 High School and/or College Graduate from the St. Leon Church Sunday School/ACYOA, there will be a Graduate Page in our July/August Lradoo. Please e-mail your picture and ONE paragraph of your accomplishments to the Church office by 6/30/21 When sending the information via email, please call the office to make sure the office received it.

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