

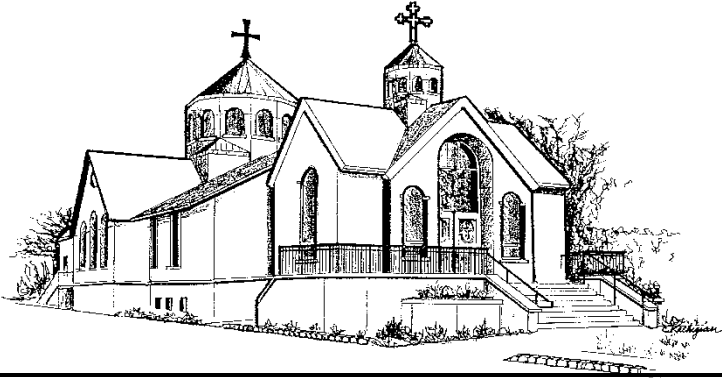
ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Sixth Sunday of Advent

December 27, 2020

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

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

Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian

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Subdns. Paul Chamesian, Gregory Kazanjian, Vahe Kiljian,

Jack Hamparian

CHOIR MASTER

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.”

**St. Leon Armenian Church is open on Sunday’s at 10:00 AM
Please call the office to reserve your seat. Only 70 people are
allowed at one time.**



Deacon Levon Asdourian will be giving the Homily today

HOKEHANKISD

✝ Bishop Daniel Findikyan request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Archbishop Sebouh Chouldjian** on the 40th Day of his passing into eternal rest. Altar Candles are lit today in his memory.

✝ Jan & Barbara Royland and Family,
Robert & Linda Ohnikian and Family,
Richard & Margaret Ohnikian & Family
request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Arthur Ohnikian**, loving father, grandfather and great grandfather 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.

✝ Mary Ann Mozian, Jeff and Jeannine Mosco,
Craig and Tara Mozian request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Arthur Ohnikian**, loving cousin 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.

✝ Edward Ohanyan and Sahakanush Khachatryan request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Tsolak Khachatryan, Anagela (Knarik) Ohanyan, Vagarshak Ohanyan and Hovhanes Ohanyan**, 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.

✝ John, Mimi & Sylva Demirdjian, John, Cristina & Lucas, Ryan Demirdjian, request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Seta Tarakedjian**, passed away in Montreal, on the 40th day loving sister and aunt, also for the soul of **Hagop & Sirvart Demirdjian**, loving parents & grandparents, **Levon & Nazeli Chaboyan**, loving parents & grandparents, **Maurice & Krikor Demirdjian, Garbis Chaboyan, Harootiun, Lucine & Agavni Babikian, Antranig & Hermine Sahaadjian**, loving brothers, uncles and aunts of their passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles are lit in their memory.

✝ Walter & Joan Jensen and Robert & Marilyn Mozian, Jerry & Paula Keosayian request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Arthur Ohnikian** loving cousin on the 40th day of his passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles are lit in his memory.

✝ Dawn, Ed, Michael, and Melissa Donofrio request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Alice Foronjy** loving mother and grandmother on the 7th year of her passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in her 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. Amen.

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*.

Last Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

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/1FAIpQLSdgmQZaD3jqlniHzucDY28vt95vZmstSYU7Oaj01yIb6nYhg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&gxids=7628>

BIBLE STUDY December 23, 2020 (Located in Jessourian Hall)

The Book of Sirach

Chapter 16 “God’s punishment of Sinners”

Chapter 17 “A Call to Repentance”

Chapter 18 “The Majesty of God”

We are warned not to fall prey to deceptive appearances, such as good looks, fine clothing alone. Do not find fault with someone until you investigate the situation. You must listen carefully before you respond. Be aware of those who engage in evil, those who you invite to your home. God will bless those who are pious and faithful to His Word. We must strive to do works that are pleasing to God. Our good deeds will be rewarded by God. We must use caution and not trust our enemy. The voice of an enemy

may seem sweet, but the plans of his heart will bring us down into the pit. During times of adversity, even our friends may disappear. We must always be cautious with who we associate with. **“What does a wolf have in common with a lamb? No more has a sinner with the devout”**. What peace is there between them? The greedy person is not content with what he has received. No matter how large or small, we must always be thankful for the gifts and blessings that God has given us. Whoever fears the Lord will obtain wisdom will find happiness and a crown of rejoicing.

KEEPING EVERYONE SAFEAs 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.

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Հինքշաբթի, Դեկտեմբեր 24, 2020

Ս. Ստեփանոս

Երեկոյեան Ժամերգութիւն

Ժամը 7:30 p.m.

Ս. Ծննդեան Երգեր

Ժամը 8:00 p.m.

Դպրապետուհի: Սիրվարդ Կալստեան

Երեքշաբթի, Յունուար 5, 2021
Ծննդեան

Ճրագալոյց Ս.

Երեկոյեան Ժամերգութիւն

Ժամը 7:15 ին

Ս. Գրքի Ընթերցում

Ժամը 7:45 ին

Ս. Եւ Անմահ Պատարագ

Ժամը 8:00 ին

Չորեքշաբթի, Յունուար 6, 2021

Ս. Ծնունդ, Չորսնէք

Աւաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն

Ժամը 9:00 ին

Ս. Եւ Անմահ Պատարագ

Ժամը 10:00 ին

“Վասնզի այսօր Դաւիթի քաղաքին մէջ
Փրկիչ մը ծնաւ ձեզի,

Որ օճեալ Տէրն է։”

Theophany Season

Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian, Pastor

Thursday, December 24, 2020

St. Stephen & Christmas Eve

Vespers	7:30 PM
Christmas Caroling	8:00 PM

The St. Leon Choir will lead us in the singing of Hymns

Choir Director: Sirvard Galstian

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

Theophany Candlelight

Vespers	7:15 PM
Scripture Reading	7:45 PM
Divine Liturgy	8:00 PM

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

Nativity of Our Lord/Blessing of Water

Morning Service	9:00 AM
Divine Liturgy	10:00 AM

*“For to you is born this day In the City of David a Savior,
Who is Christ the Lord” Luke 2:11 RSV/ACE*

Serving at the Altar will be Deacons: Dr. Berdj Feredjian,
Levon Asdourian, Diran Jebajian, Dr. Hrach Kasaryan, Nubar Kasaryan,
Sebuh Oscherician, Sarkis Pilavdjian, the Sub-Deacons and Acolytes of
our Church.

Choirmaster: George Paroonagian

Organist: Sirvard Galstian

FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR ENTRY.



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.

(Please mail by Thursday,, December 31, 2020). The card will appear in the January Lradoo.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS:

DONATION: _____

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____

Address _____



POINSETTIA'S FOR THE HOLY ALTAR

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.

(Please mail by Thursday, December 31, 2020)

The list will appear in the January Lradoo.

POINSETTIA'S FOR THE ALTAR

DONATION: _____

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____



Dear Parishioners & Friends,

December is now upon us once again and we've recently celebrated Giving-Tuesday (on Dec 1st #GivingTuesday) which kicks off our "season of giving", and so just as in years past there's no better time to announce our annual **Saint Leon Holiday 50/50 raffle event!** As you may be aware, this year's Food Festival was a drive-through format due to the pandemic, and so we're hoping that our Holiday raffle will be just as successful as prior year's raffles. Please consider participating and help make this year's annual 50/50 fundraiser a much needed success for our parish. Be part of the excitement and enjoy the chance to win the big cash prize while supporting Saint Leon. Last year's first place winner enjoyed \$6,130 in cash winnings! There are a total of ten cash prizes.

This year's tickets are \$100 each OR three tickets for \$250.

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% of gross proceeds
- 2nd Prize – 8.0% of gross proceeds
- 3rd Prize – 6.0% of gross proceeds
- 4th Prize – 4.0% of gross proceeds
- 5th Prize – 3.3% of gross proceeds
- 6th Prize – 2.7% of gross proceeds
- 7th Prize – 2.4% of gross proceeds
- 8th Prize – 1.8% of gross proceeds
- 9th Prize – 1.2% of gross proceeds
- 10th Prize – 0.6% of gross proceeds

Enclosed in this envelope you will find a self-addressed envelope along with three tickets (which if totally purchased would equate to \$250). If you would like to participate in our Holiday 50/50 raffle, please select the number of tickets you desire to purchase, fill out each ticket stub(s) with your name, address and phone number, then enclose those tickets stubs along with a check made out to "**Saint Leon Armenian Church**" (with the appropriate dollar amount filled-in relative to the number of tickets purchased) into the self-addressed envelope provided, place a stamp on the envelope and finally place the envelope in the USPS mail. If you are interested in purchasing additional tickets, please contact me or our church office and we will be sure to get you as many tickets as you desire.

Please note, this year's Holiday drawing will be held on **Sunday January 10th, 2021 at Saint Leon Armenian Church in Abajian Hall (at approximately 2:00 PM)**. Although we will have limited in-person attendance for the drawing, we look forward to presenting it virtually via our Saint Leon YouTube Live-Stream. You can access our Live-Stream by visiting our website at stleon.org and clicking the link labeled "**View Live Stream**" which is located directly under the "**Join Us**" section of our home page, or by clicking on the "**Links**" tab located on our home-page and then by clicking the YouTube link.

Thank you for supporting our Saint Leon Armenian Church and for your consideration in participating with this year's Holiday raffle fundraising event. We wish you and your loved ones a peaceful, joyous and most of all a safe Christmas season. If you have any raffle questions please contact me at (908) 500-4670 or at jessourian@comcast.net.

With warm wishes,

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**Տ. Հովնան եպիսկոպոս Հակոբյանը
նշանակվել է Գուգարաց թեմի առաջնորդ**

Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ծայրագույն Պատրիարք և Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսի՝ ղեկտեմբերի 21-ի հայրապետական տնօրինությամբ Գերաշնորհ Տ. Հովնան եպիսկոպոս Հակոբյանը, ազատվելով Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնի լուսարարապետի և մայրավանքում զբաղեցրած մյուս բոլոր պաշտոններից, նշանակվել է Գուգարաց թեմի առաջնորդ:



St. Leon Armenian Church

Paving the Way...Brick by Brick

Assist in paving the way to St. Leon Armenian Church's new education and recreation building. A common area at the entry to the building will consist of engraved bricks. This is a wonderful way to make your support of this facility permanently known. You may choose to have your name, the name of a child or grandchild, birthday, anniversary or graduation day, engraved on the brick. The possibilities are numerous and the help invaluable in meeting our goal of expanding our ministry by expanding our facilities.

There are two sizes to choose from in English and Armenian letters. Each donor will receive a certificate of ownership and the satisfaction of knowing that your support will help our St. Leon family continue to grow in faith in the Armenian Church well into the 21st century.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Commemorative Brick Purchase:

English Letters

_____ 4" x 8" Brick @ \$100.00

Maximum of two lines, 13 letters per line

For 4" x 8" - engraving to read as follows: (please print clearly)

_____ 8" x 8" Brick @ \$250.00

Maximum of four lines, 13 letters per line

For 8" x 8" - engraving to read as follows: (please print clearly)

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please return this form to:

Barbara Royland

44 Benson Avenue

Westwood, N.J. 07675

Email: hyemom@optonline.net

201-666-5735

Check payable to: St. Leon (Memo: Brick Campaign)

All donations are tax deductible.