ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Barekendan of the Fast of Catechumens

January 24, 2021

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

Readings from the Holy Scripture

Is 61:10-62:9
2 Tm 2:15-26
Gospel According to John 6:15-21

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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Sebuh Oscherician, Sarkis Pilavdjian, Nurhan Ezik, Levon Asdourian
Subdns. Paul Chamesian, Gregory Kazanjian, Vahe Kiljian,
Jack Hamparian

CHOIR MASTER
George Paroonagian

PRINCIPAL ORGANIST
Sirvard Galstian

“Krisdos ee méch me haydnetsav.” – “Orhnyal é haydnootyooonun 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.

HOKEHANKISD

†Jenia and Jemen Kazanjian, Dr. Gregory, Susan, Connor and
Cole Kazanjian request Hokehankisd for the soul of
Armen Kazanjian, loving husband, father and grandfather on the
4th 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.

†Arman Movsesyan and Anzhela Ohanyan request Hokehankisd
for the soul of Stepam Mosesyan, Vera Ginosyan,
Movsesyan Movses, Movsesyan Moveses, loving grandfather,
Nina Martirosyan, Gavahir Kyureghyan, Karapet Ginosyan of
their passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the
Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in their 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, Moses 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 DiSan, 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/1FAIpQLSdgfQZaD3jqlniHzucDY28vt95vZmstSYU7Oaj01y_lb6nYhg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&gxids=7628

BIBLE STUDY   February 10, 2021   Located in Abajian Hall
Lobby  TIME: 7:30 PM
The Book of Sirach
Chapter 26 “The Joy of a Good Life”
Chapter 27 “The Temptations of Commerce”
Chapter 28 “Anger and Vengeance”

We all have learned about how deadly sin is. Sin is like a path smoothly paved with stones, but its end is in the pit of Hades. God tells us if you have sinned to pray about them and to flee from all sin for it is like a snake’s bit, lethal, deadly! Sin has ravaged our society, families and has brought many to ruin. To attain wisdom is gain and prosperity, which comes from God. He who is wise prays, “O Lord, Father and God of my life, do not give me haughty eyes, and remove from me evil desires; let neither gluttony nor lust overcome me, and do not surrender me to a shameless soul. The wise man watches his speech and takes steps to avoid sin. We find similar passages in the wisdom literature ‘Sirach and in the ‘Psalms,’ the following, “O that a guard was set over my mouth, and seal of prudence upon me lips, that it may keep me from falling, so that my tongue may not destroy me. Let us continue to ask God to give us renewed strength to watch over and guard our
senses that we may not allow the bite of sin to lead us to harm and death.

**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.

**Last Gospel:** Matthew 11:25-30
Armenian Christmas in the City of Christ’s Birth

Midnight on January 18/19 marked the Feast of Christ’s Nativity for the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem and its faithful. His Beatitude Archbishop Nourhan Manougian, the Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem, presided over the Divine Liturgy at the Church of the Holy Nativity in Bethlehem.

The usual large crowd of altar servers and worshippers could not be present this year, due to restrictions imposed in the pandemic crisis. But a small delegation from the Patriarchate traveled to Bethlehem to celebrate the birth of Jesus on the very spot where he was born, according to ancient Christian tradition.

Click on the following links to view photos, and to watch a recorded excerpt of the service at Bethlehem’s Church of the Holy Nativity.

Above (clockwise from left): The Church of the Holy Nativity in Bethlehem; Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem Archbishop Nourhan Manougian; prayers before the grotto marking the place of Christ’s birth.
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Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը ընդունեց Բելառուսի նորանշանակ դեսպանին Հունվարի 21-ին Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Հ.Ր.Հ.Պ.Բ.դ. Յաքոբեղը և Ամենայն Հայոց Պատրիարք Սարգիս Սարգսյան ընդունացի Հայաստանի Հանրապետության Բելառուսի Հանրապետության արտակարգ և լիազոր դեսպան Ալեքսանդր։

Իր բարելագործության բերելու դեսպանին նշանակման առիթով Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը ընդգրկեց, որ Մայր Աթոռի և Հայաստանի Հանրապետության իշխանություններ, ինչպես և Բելառուսի իշխանություններ, երկույներից կազմված են երկրի հարաբերությունները, որոնց լուծումը պետք է զարգանա։

Նորին Սրբությունն արձանագրեց, որ երկու ժողովուրդների բարեկամության նպաստն է երկու երկրների միջև ամուր և եղբայրական կապեր, որոնք էլ ավելի պիտի զորանան ու զարգանան։

Հանդիպմանը Վեհափառ Հայրապետը գոհունակությամբ անդրադարձավ Բելառուսի հայ համայնքի և նրա հոգևոր կարիքների համար պատասխանող առաջնորդներին, մասնավորապես Մինսկի եկեղեցու կառուցման նպատակով հողահատկացման գործընթացին։

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Հանդիպմանի ավարտին կարողանանք ներկայացնել երկու երկրների զարգանալու առաջնորդներին։

January 31, 2021  The visit from our Primate Bishop Daniel has been cancelled.
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**

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Maximum of two lines, 13 letters per line

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Please return this form to:
Barbara Roesland
44 Benson Avenue
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201-666-5735
Check payable to: St. Leon (Memo: Brick Campaign)

All donations are tax deductible.