ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Remembrance of the Prophet Elijah

June 12, 2022

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

2 Kings 2:1-15 James 5:16-20 Gospel of Luke 4:25-30

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"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

HOKEHANKISD

Nercess & Anayis Tavitian; Viken, Hilda & Garo Tavitian; John, Diana & Jacques Sarkis Kojoian. request Hokehankisd for the soul of <u>Hripsime Desteoglu</u> beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, on the occasion of her 11th year of passing into eternal rest and for the soul of Garabet Desteoglu, father grandfather and great-grandfather, on the occasion of his 29th year of his passing into eternal rest and for the souls of Apraham & Arshaguhi Desteoglu and Armen & Azniv Avizoglu of their passing into eternal rest and for all the deceased members of Kiyiciyan Families. The family has donated toward altar flowers and requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.

- Nercess & Anayis Tavitian; Viken, Hilda & Garo Tavitian; John, Diana & Jacques Sarkis Kojoian request Hokehankisd for the soul of *Roza Tavitian*, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, on her 22nd year of passing into eternal rest and for the soul of *Sarkis Tavitian*, father, grandfather and great-grandfather on the 23rd year of his passing into eternal rest and for the souls of all deceased members of *Tavitian* and *Kirkoc Families*. The family has donated toward altar flowers and requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved one.
- Hovannes Koushakjian and Zepur Kemurjian request Hokehankisd for the soul of <u>Avedis Koushakjian</u>, *loving father*, on the occasion of his **10**th **year** of passing into eternal rest . The family has donated toward altar flowers and requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved one.
- Linda Parseghian & family request Hokehankisd for the soul of, <u>Arax Parseghian</u>, loving mother & grandmother, on the occasion of her 40th day (KARASOONK) of passing into eternal rest. The family has donated toward altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved one.
- Takouhy Soultanian & family and Gail Soultanian request Hokehankisd for the souls of <u>Garabed & Armenouhi Soultanian</u>, <u>Deacon Sarkis Soultanian</u>, <u>David Soultanian</u>, <u>Hagop & Asdghig Sarkisian</u>, <u>Krikor Khatcherian</u>, <u>Vartkes Sinanian</u>, <u>Steve Gorgetti</u>, <u>George Parseghian</u>, <u>Hovhanes & Nourttsa Parseghian</u>, who have passed into eternal rest. The family has donated towards the altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.

<u>Hokehankisd Deadline:</u> Please note that Hokehankisd requests must be received by **3pm, Thursday** to be included in that week's Sunday bulletin. You may email or call the church office. Thank you.

→ PRAYER FOR REQUIEM – HOKEHANKISD

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. O Christ, Son of God, forbearing 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.

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Remember in your prayers and ask for the recovery of Glenn Ajamian, James Azarian, Mosses Bairamian, Hana Botie, Zoe Brooks, Frank Cornawchiulo, Jerry DiSant, Lynne Ford, Julie Frattarola, Ruben Grigoryants, John Hallak, Ryan Hallak, Varoujan Harutunian, Silva Jinivizian, Robert John Karanfilian III, Brandon Katz, Mary Ann Kral, Annette Kouchshirin, Jim & Wendy Lathey, Carmelina Mancini, Bill Manookian, Sebuh Oscherician, Dan Patoyia (Moynihan), Emily Ring, Michael Sakolsky, Melanie Sarkisian, Marie Tenguerian, Greg Tenbekjian, and Clara Yeramian. We commit our sick and shut-ins to our Heavenly Father who cares and watches over all Hischildren.

"I will never leave thee nor forsake thee"

Church Etiquette

<u>Reverence Required</u> ~ Please refrain from entering the pews when the following parts of the Divine Liturgy (Soorp Badarak) is taking place. You may stand in the back of the church until these parts have ended. The parish council will be happy to assist you.

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*.

<u>Kiss of Peace-</u> We **need** volunteers to perform the "Kiss of Peace" during Sunday Badarak. It's a beautiful way to partake in our service. Please consider volunteering & call our church office to be placed on a rotating list. Thank you.

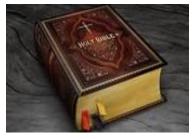
2022 Church Directory – Additional copies of our 2022 St. Leon Church Directory can be purchased. Call church office on weekdays or speak with a Parish Council member on Sundays.

<u>Coffee Hospitality</u>: Today's hospitality is hosted by our Women's Guild. Please join us in Abajian Hall after church services.

<u> Armenian School:</u>

All inquiries about upcoming purchase opportunities for *sujuk*, & *lahmajun* can be forwarded to **Nora Balekji at 973-513-2507** (sorry, no baghaj until further notice).

St. Leon's Social Club: Seniors have much to offer, wisdom, experience, and time! Our Social Club meets every Wednesday, 11:30am-3:00pm at the community center. You can play cards, backgammon, board games of your choice, or just enjoy a cup of coffee! We encourage you to bring a friend and spend an afternoon together! Donation is \$3. Hope to see you there this week!



BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday June 22nd, 2022. TIME: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM
Zoom Bible Study. Please call or e-mail Fr. Diran and he will send you the link for the Bible Study.

Book of Ezekiel

Chapter 24 "The Boiling Pot"
Chapter 25 "Proclamation against Ammon"
Chapter 26 "Proclamation against Tyre"

In Chapters 19-23 we see a compound lament, inspired by God whose subject is the royal leadership during Judah's tragic final days of degeneration toward destruction. In the Old Testament people worshipped by using idols. Idols were thought to be absolutely necessary for proper worship which was sometimes called sympathetic magic which is the ability to influence reality by manipulating an image of there reality. We see Israel's history of idolatry and also their future idolatry in exile which became a way of life. All the oracles in the book of Ezekiel are organized around the theme of the sword which is another word for warfare. Jerusalem the bloody was emphasized by Ezekiel, in which the Israelites were captured and the population was deported so that it would lie destroyed and abandoned which was a result of the injustices that the Israelite engaged on their inhabitants within its walls. The adultery of the two sisters Ohola and Oholibah represents the unfaithfulness of the Israelites toward God in the form of adultery and prostitution. God's continual rebuking of the Israelite is not to bring them into guilt but to repentance.

Remembrance of the Prophet Elijah



Why does the Armenian Church have a designated day to remember the Prophet Elijah, the Sunday following the Feast of Pentecost? Elijah is one of the greatest and most remarkable prophets of the Old Testament, and even makes an appearance in the New Testament, when together with Moses he appeared at Christ's Transfiguration. The person and ministry of Elijah points to Jesus as the fulfillment of the prophets who declared his mystery and foretold his coming as the Messiah. So much could be said about his magnificent life, but one can read an ode to Elijah in Wisdom of Sirach (48:1-12) from the Old Testament:

[1] Then the prophet Elijah arose like a fire, and his word burned like a torch.
[2] He brought a famine upon them, and by his zeal he made them few in number.
[3] By the word of the Lord he shut up the heavens, and also three times brought down fire.
[4] How glorious you were, O Elijah, in your wondrous deeds! And who has the right to boast which you have?

[5] You who raised a corpse from death and from Hades, by the word of the Most High; [6] who brought kings down to destruction, and famous men from their beds: [7] who heard rebuke at Sinai and judgments of vengeance at Horeb; [8] who anointed kings to inflict retribution, and prophets to succeed you. [9] You who were taken up by a whirlwind of fire, in a chariot with horses of fire: [10] you who are ready at the appointed time, it is written, to calm the wrath of God before it breaks out in fury, to turn the heart of the father to the son. and to restore the tribes of Jacob. [11] Blessed are those who saw you, and those who have been adorned in love: for we also shall surely live. [12] It was Elijah who was covered by the whirlwind, and Elisha was filled with his spirit; in all his days he did not tremble before any ruler, and no one brought him into subjection.

What also makes the life of Elijah uniquely extraordinary is that that he did not experience death. The only other figure recorded as having done so is Enoch, who "walked with God; and he was not, for God took him." (Genesis 5:21-24) And so for his life and for his ascent to God while still alive, we remember the Prophet Elijah. In II Kings 2:1-12, Elijah is conversing with his disciple, the Prophet Elisha when,

Behold, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! the chariots of Israel and its horsemen! "And he saw him no more. In the hymn h <code>\dthhubu</code>, which is sung during our <code>Hokehankeesd</code> service, Elijah together with Enoch are described as dwelling in glory with the angels, returned to

the harmony of Eden where they live agelessly like doves in unity with the merciful Lord. The choir sings:

In the supernal Jerusalem, in the dwellings of the angels, Where Enoch and Elijah live old in age like doves, worthily glorified in the garden of Eden, Merciful Lord, have mercy on the souls of those of us who have fallen asleep.

The Prophet Elijah represents all those who are alive in Christ. In Christ, we are all *aghavnagerb* «ພղաւմակերպ» – aging like doves. The dove, the symbol of God's peace which brings unity, is an image of what eternal life is like – ageless and in union with God. Every time we pray for the departed, we are confessing our own faith in the risen Lord and his promise of eternal life. The life of Elijah offers us, in this life, the same hope of those who are at rest. As we pray for those who died, we are reminded that this life is transient and that we too are going to die. But the eternal and divine life of God is experienced and granted to us here and now. "Now is the day of salvation," as St. Paul writes, and now is the time to practice repentance and to invite others to encounter the hope of eternal life *in* Jesus Christ.

By Dn. Eric Vozzy

(Information copied from Vemkar website, please visit for more information online)



Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում տեղի ունեցաւ վարդապետական թեզի պաշտպանութիւն

Յունիսի 8-ին, Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ծայրագոյն Պատրիարք եւ Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսի օրհնութեամբ, Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնի «Վաչէ եւ Թամար Մանուկեան» մատենադարանում, տեղի ունեցաւ վարդապետական թեզի բանաւոր պաշտպանութիւն։

Մասնաւոր վարդապետական աստիձան ստանալու համար թեզ պաշտպանեց Կ.պոլսի հայոց պատրիարքութեան միաբան Հոգեշնորհ Տ. Յարութիւն աբեղայ Տամատեանը՝ «Կ. Պոլսոյ պատրիարքութեան վանական/դպրեւանական կ'եանքը» թեմայով։

Յանձնաժողովը նախագահում էր Տաւուշի թեմի առաջնորդ Գերաշնորհ Տ. Բագրատ եպիսկոպոս Գալստանեանը։ Յանձնաժողովի կազմի մէջ ընդգրկուած էին նաեւ Շիրակի թեմի առաջնորդ Գերաշնորհ Տ. Միքայէլ եպիսկոպոս Աջապահեանը, Արագածոտնի թեմի առաջնորդ Գերաշնորհ Տ. Մկրտիչ եպիսկոպոս Պոօշեանն ու Մասեացոտն թեմի առաջնորդ Գերաշնորհ Տ. Գեւորգ եպիսկոպոս Սարոյեանը։

Պաշտպանութեան ընթացքում Հոգեշնորհ Հայր Սուրբը ներկայացրեց իր վարդապետական թեզը, պատասխանեց յանձնաժողովի անդամների ու ներկաների հարցերին։

Հաւարտ բանաւոր պաշտպանութեան, քննիչ յանձնախումբը դրական եզրակացութիւն տուեց վարդապետական թեզի պաշտպանութեանը եւ արժանի համարեց Հոգեշնորհ Տ. Յարութիւն աբեղայ Տամատեանին շնորհելու մասնաւոր վարդապետութեան աստիձան։

Առաջիկայ օրերին, Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսի հայրապետական բարձր տնօրինութեամբ, ձեւաւորուած աւանդութեան համաձայն, Օշականի Սուրբ Մեսրոպ Մաշտոց եկեղեցում կը կատարուի մասնաւոր վարդապետական աստիձանի տվչութեան յատուկ արարողութիւն։

Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսն ընդունեց Վենետիկի լանձնաժողովի նախագահին

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Հանդիպման սկզբում պրն. Դիլանեանը Նորին Սրբութեանը ներկայացրեց Հայաստանի Հանրապետութեան ՄԴ–ի եւ Վենետիկի յանձնաժողովի միջեւ ձեւաւորուած ջերմ ու գործակցային յարաբերութիւնները` յոյս յայտնելով, որ այս այցը նոր զարկ կհաղորդի այդ համագործակցութեանը։

Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսն իր գոհունակութիւնը յայտնեց ՀՀ դատաիրաւական համակարգի եւ Վենետիկի լանձնաժողովի առկայ սերտ գործակցութեան եւ այն արդիւնաւորելու ուղղութեամբ ներդրուող ջանքերի համար։ Նորին Սրբութիւնն իր գնահատանքը բերեց Վենետիկի լանձնաժողովին Հայաստանի Հանրապետութեանը ցուցաբերուող աջակցութեան անհրաժեշտ nι խորհրդատուութեան համար։

Վեհափառ Հայրապետն անդրադարձաւ նաեւ արցախեան 44օրեայ պատերազմի հետեւանքերին, գերիների վերադարձման
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ոտնձգութիւններին։

Իր հերթին Վենետիկի յանձնաժողովի նախագահ Կլէր Բազի-Մալորին նշեց, որ ՀՀ Սդ-ի եւ Վենետիկի յանձնաժողովի միջեւ առկայ փոխըմբռնման ոգին էլ աւելի կնպաստի երկու կառոյցների յարաբերութիւնների խորացմանը։ Զրոյցի ընթացքում կարեւորուեց նաեւ Եկեղեցու առաքելութիւնը մարդու իրաւունքների եւ արդարութեան պաշտպանութեան գործում։

Fundamental Teachings of the Armenian Church



The 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 & convert sinners,
To comfort the sorrowing & afflicted,
To forgive offenses,
To suffer wrongs patiently,
To pray for others, living & dead.

The Four Cardinal Virtues...

Prudence, Justice, Temperance, Fortitude

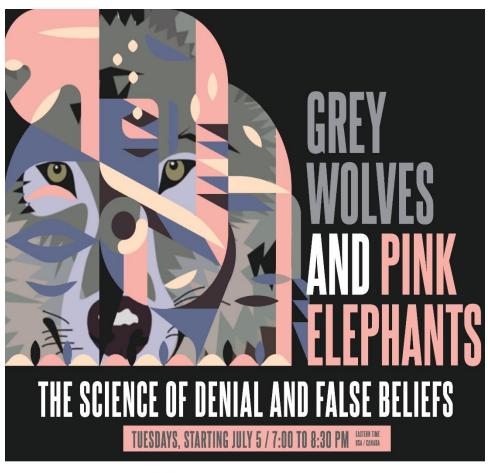
The Four Notes of the True Church... One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic

The Four Symbols of the Gospels...

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

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit...

Wisdom & understanding, Counsel & spiritual strength, Knowledge & true godliness, Holy fear of the Lord.



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90-MINUTE CLASSES / TUITION FOR 4 SESSIONS: 875 DONATION PER HOUSEHOLD TO ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

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Relying on scientific research in various fields of study, the course examines denial and false beliefs. Each session surveys research on aspects of false beliefs and their propagation, and then delves into case studies, primarily from the United States, Turkey and Armenia.

Ի՞նչ կը մտածէ Սփիւռքը



What does the Diaspora think?

Դայկական Սփիւռքի Դարցախոյզը (ԴՍԴ)
աշխարհի տարբեր երկիրներու մեջ հայկական
համայնքներու հասարակական կարծիքը
ուսումնասիրող գիտահետազօտական
աշխատանք մըն է որու նպատական
են կայացնել այն հարցերը, դիրբորոշումները
եւ հակումները որոնք կը ձեւաւորեն 21-րդ
դարու հայկական աշխարհը։

Ակադեմական փորձագետներու եւ մասնագետներու խմբակի մը առաջնորդութեամբ, 3Ս3-ը կը փորձե ներկայացնել սփիւռքի արդի պատկեր մը։ Այս ծրագիրը կու գայ ամբողջացնելու սփիւռքագիտութեան հիմնական պակաս մը եւ կը տրամադրե սփիւռքեան կեանքերն կերաբերող այլազան եւ բազմաշերտ հասկացողութիւն մը։

ՅՍՅ-ը կը գործէ Լոնտոնի Յայկական Յիմնարկի հովանաւորութեամբ եւ Գալուստ ԿիւլպԷնկեան Յիմնարկութեան նիւթական աջակցութեամբ։

Այս տարի հարցախոյզ<mark>ը Միացեալ</mark> Ն<mark>ահանգներու եւ Օնթարիօ, Գանատայի</mark> համայնքներուն մեջ պիտի կատարուի։

Մեկնարկը **6 Մայիսին** է եւ կաւարտի 29 Յուլիս 2022-ին։

Ձեր տեսակէտն ու կարծիբը կարեւոր են։

Յարցախոյզը կրնաբ լրացնել առցանց այցելելով՝ www.armeniandiasporasurvey.com The Armenian Diaspora Survey (ADS) is a research project on public opinion in Armenian diaspora communities around the world, to inform the public, scholars, policy-makers and community leaders about the issues, attitudes and trends shaping the Armenian world in the 21st century.

Led by a team of academics, researchers and experts, the ADS aims to provide a snapshot of the contemporary Diaspora. The project fills a critical gap in the knowledge of the Diaspora and provides evidence-based understanding of the multilayered and diverse aspects of diasporic life.

ADS is funded by the Armenian Communities Department of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation and carried out under the auspices of the Armenian Institute in London.

This year, the survey will be held in the Armenian communities in the United States and Ontario, Canada.

The survey will be launched on **May 6** and close on July 29, 2022.

Your views and opinion matter.

Complete the questionnaire online: www.armeniadiasporasurvey.com

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May 6, 2022

July 29, 2022



Congratulations Class of 2022!

We would love to acknowledge all recent graduates* in our next LRADOO publication.

Please email names and photos (if applicable) of all diploma recipients, to churchoffice@stleon.org



*Pre-school, Kindergarten, Grade, High, College, Trade, Doctorate Schools are all welcomed! (Please submit by July 8th, 2022)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Jun 5	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy,
		Pentecost, Sunday School Awards,
		Annual Picnic
Fri	Jun 10	Armenian School Commencement
Sun	Jun 12	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy
Sun	Jun 19	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy,
		Father's Day
Sun	Jun 26	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy

Last Gospel is John 12:24-26

*There are no wedding sacraments permitted on the five major feast days in the Armenian Church which are:

Armenian Christmas – January 6, 2022

Easter – April 17, 2022

Transfiguration – July 24, 2022

Assumption of the Virgin Mary – August 14, 2022

Exaltation of the Holy Cross – September 11, 2022

