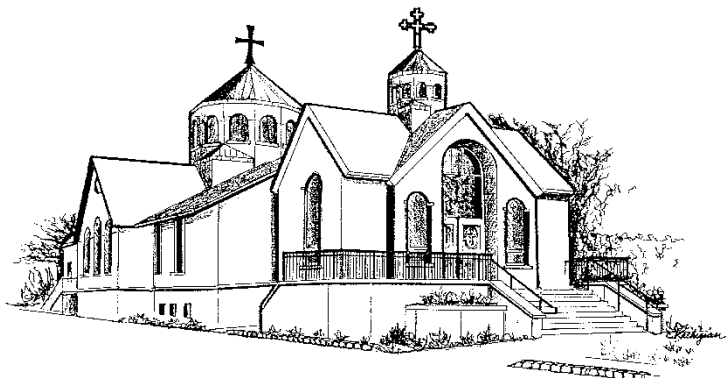


ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 13, 2021

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Is 1:1-15

Rom 6:12-23

Gospel According to Mathew 12:1-8

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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Sirvard Galstian



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

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

Diocese Update - As the number of our faithful -fully vaccinated against COVID continues to rise, as local regulations and restrictions are loosened, we hereby ask everyone to continue to wear masks & social distancing should be respected.

Today Deacon Levon Asdourian will be offering the Homily

HOKEHANKISD

✝ The Women's Guild has requested Hokehankisd for the soul of the **Departed Members of the Women's Guild** on their passing into eternal rest. Altar Candles are lit today in their memory. See insert for the departed members.

✝ Ayda Borekciyan, Christine Borekciyan & Antranig Medzadourian, Philip Borekciyan, Marcello & Julie Arpino request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Yervant Borekciyan**, loving husband, father and grandfather on the **1st 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.

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*.



BIBLE STUDY

TIME: 7:30 PM

Zoom Bible Study Wednesday,
June 23, 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.

The Book of Micah

Chapter 6 "God Challenges Israel"

Chapter 7 "The Total Corruption of the People"

The Book of Isaiah

Chapter 1 The Vision of Isaiah/The Wickedness of Judah

In chapter one from the Book of Micah, Micah the prophet describes the destruction of Samaria by the hand of the Lord: "I will make Samaria become as a shed in the field and a vineyard for planting, and I will tear down her stones in confusion and expose her foundations. Judgement upon Israel and Judah for their ungodly ways, for them not worshipping with their hearts, their souls, their strength. and they shall cut all her carved images into pieces..." (1:6-7)

Today we look at Micah's prophecy and his words of judgment for the Israelites. One must ask, how can we today, living almost 2700 years later, relate to such words? Firstly, we have a very narrow path that leads to righteousness, where one must constantly reject the evils of the world and the worship of 'carved images' -- that is, all that is sinful and does not lead to righteousness and the kingdom of God. Every instance we oppose this way of righteousness towards God, we suffer naturally, being apart from our Creator and His will for us, as too the Israelites suffered. The Israelites needed to be in communion with God continually, just as we should as well. The prophet brings to our attention the harsh reality of the day of judgement which comes for all peoples from the beginning of time until the end of ages. God will protect his faithful people --that is you and I -- and He will purify us as we strive to pursue that narrow path towards the kingdom.

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

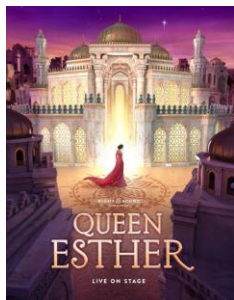
- The spirit of wisdom and understanding.
- The spirit of counsel and spiritual strength.
- The spirit of knowledge and true godliness.
- The spirit of holy fear of the Lord.

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 |

The Last Gospel

Mark 4:26-34



A Timeless Story of Relentless Strength **QUEEN ESTHER**

*Sight and Sound Millennium Theatre
Where the Bible Comes to Life
Lancaster, Pennsylvania*

Saturday, November 6, 2021

Sponsored by the St. Leon Parish Council

Subsidized cost (for St. Leon dues-paying members only)
includes performance, transportation and a lavish buffet lunch
before the performance.

ADULTS: \$75 subsidized **KIDS: \$35**
\$140 unsubsidized **(3-12) \$80 unsubsidized**

ONLY 50 TICKETS – FIRST COME – FIRST SERVED

Schedule of Day's Events

9:30 a.m. *Bus departs from St. Leon Church*

12:30 – 2:00 p.m. *Lavish buffet Lunch – Local Restaurant*

3:00 p.m. *Performance*

5:45 p.m. *Bus departs Lancaster, PA – please bring a sandwich/drink for the ride home*

9:15 p.m. *Bus arrives at St. Leon Church.*

Check payable to St. Leon Armenian Church (write Esther in memo line)

Check confirms reservation

Mail to: Berdjouhi Parseghian, 727 Chestnut Pl. Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417

(Provide e-mail, cell number, name and ages of children with reservation.)

For additional information please contact Berdjouhi Parseghian (201) 848-9294 or Berdjouhi1@gmail.com

VOCATIONS

FULFILLING THE PROMISE
OF ST. NERSESS SEMINARY

SATURDAY, NOV. 13, 2021

OLD TAPPAN MANOR, OLD TAPPAN, NEW JERSEY

St. Nersess to Honor First 12

Armonk, NY – St. Nersess Armenian Seminary will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary on November 13 at a special banquet which will honor the vocations of the first 12 priests who graduated from St. Nersess and St. Vladimir's Seminaries and were ordained.

The celebratory dinner will take place on November 13 at the Old Tappan Manor in Old Tappan, N.J. This event is the first in a series to recognize the alumni of St. Nersess, both ordained and lay, who are in service to the Armenian Church, in any capacity.

This year's honorees, listed by ordination dates, are

Rev. Fr. Kevork Arakelian (1973)

Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian (1976)

Rev. Fr. Yeprem Kelegian (1977)

Rev. Fr. Mardiros Chevian (1985)

Rev. Fr. Shnork Demirjian (1991)

Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian (1993)

Rev. Fr. Sahak Kaishian (1993)

Rev. Fr. Tavit Boyajian (1993)

Rev. Fr. Arakel Aljalian (1993)

Rev. Fr. Vasken Kouzouian (1994)

Rev. Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian (1996)

Very Rev. Fr. Simeon Odabashian (1996)

Two honorees are from the Western Diocese.

The tribute has ignited numerous memories amongst the honorees. “When reflecting upon the first time I knew I wanted to become a priest, I recall how impactful the first St. Nersess Summer Conference was in 1963,” reveals Fr. Kevork Arakelian, the first American-born graduate of St. Nersess Armenian Seminary to be ordained a priest. Another recollection, by Fr. Yeprem Kelegian, includes the greatest influences on his path to the seminary. “I remember the ‘luminaries’ of my youth - Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan, Der Arsen Barsamian, Der Dajad Davidian, and Der Karekin Kasparian.”

The evening will be filled with more nostalgic and celebratory reflections, as well as a special award. Invitations will be mailed in August, as well as commemorative keepsake booklet information to include your best wishes to the honorees. All donations will benefit the seminary and its ongoing mission.

For more information, please contact event co-chair Lynn Beylerian at (201) 914-0354 or lynnbeylerian@gmail.com or go to www.stnersess.edu.

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.
stleon@stleon.org 201-791-2862 [Mary Ann Mozian](#)



24th Annual
Saint Leon Armenian Church
Golf Open



Save the date, Monday Oct 4th, 2021

Details to be announced



Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսն
ընդունեց ՀՀ-ում Ղազախստանի նորանշանակ դեսպանին

Յունիսի 10-ին Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ծայրագոյն Պատրիարք եւ Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում ընդունեց Հայաստանի Հանրապետութիւնում Ղազախստանի Հանրապետութեան նորանշանակ արտակարգ եւ լիազօր դեսպան Բոլատ Իմանբաեւին:

Դեսպանին բարեմաղթելով արդիւնաւոր առաքելութիւն Հայաստանում՝ Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսն ընդգծեց, որ Մայր Աթոռի եւ Ղազախստանի դեսպանատան միջեւ ձեւաւորուել են ջերմ յարաբերութիւններ եւ արդիւնաւետ փոխգոծակցութիւն: Նորին Սրբութիւնը առանձնացրեց միջկրօնական երկխօսութեան ոլորտում գործակցութիւնը՝ վերյիշելով Հայոց Եկեղեցու մասնակցութիւնը Համաշխարհային եւ ասանդական կրօնների առաջնորդների համագումարի աշխատանքներում եւ համագումարի շրջանակներում իր այցը Ղազախստան:

Իր խօսքում Ամենայն Հայոց Հայրապետն անդրադարձաւ յետպատերազմեան դժուարին իրավիճակին՝ յոյս յայտնելով, որ բարեկամ Ղազախստանն իբրեւ ՀԱՊԿ-ի անդամ երկիր իր նպաստը կը բերի տարածաշրջանում խաղաղութեան եւ կայունութեան հաստատմանն ուղղուած ջանքերին: Նորին Սրբութիւնը դեսպան Իմանբաեւի ուշադրութիւնը հրաւիրեց Հայաստանի սահմանների նկատմամբ աղբրեջանական զինուած ուժերի ոտնձգութիւնների մտոհոգիչ փաստին, ինչպէս նաեւ Ադրբեջանի վերահսկողութեան տակ գտնուող արցախեան տարածքներում հայկական հոգեւոր, մշակութային ժառանգութեան հանդէպ վայրագ վերաբերմունքին:

Իր հերթին Ղազախստանի նորանշանակ դեսպանը Հայոց Հովուապետին փոխանցեց երկրի նախագահի եւ

ղեկավարութեան բարեմաղթանքները: Դեսպանը ժողովուրդների խաղաղ եւ ներդաշնակ կեցութեան գործում կարելոր նկատեց նաեւ միջկրօնական երկխօսութիւնը: Այս առումով դեսպան Իմանբաւեն իր երախտագիտութիւնը յայտնեց Նորին Սրբութեանը Ղազախաստանի Հանրապետութեան նախաձեռնութեամբ կազմակերպուող Համաշխարհային եւ աւանդական կրօնների առաջնորդների համագումարի կազմակերպչական աշխատանքներին եւ անցկացմանը Հայոց Եկեղեցու կարելոր մասնակցութեան համար:

Խօսելով երկրների միջեւ առաւել զարգացող եւ ամրապնդուող քաղաքական եւ տնտեսական համագործակցութեան մասին՝ Ղազախաստանի դեսպանն ընդգծեց, որ իր համար մեծ պատիւ է շարունակել ձեւաւորուած բարեկամութեան աւանդոյթները: Պրն. Իմանբաւելը հաւաստիացրեց նաեւ Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսին, որ պիտի շարունակի ջանքեր ներդնել Մայր Աթոռի եւ Ղազախաստանի միջեւ գործակցութիւնն առաւել խորացնելու ուղղութեամբ:

Զօրացակիցներն անդրադարձան նաեւ Ղազախաստանի հայ համայնքի կարելոր դերակատարութեանը երկկողմ յարաբերութիւնների սերտացման գործում:

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COFFEE HOSPITALITY –St. Leon will be serving coffee only each Sunday following Church Services.

The Women’s Guild and the Borekciyan Family will be hosting Hospitality today, on behalf of the Borekciyan Family’s loved one and the Women’s Guild Members who have passed.