ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
Feast of the Catholic Church of Holy Etchmiadzin
June 14, 2020

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

Readings from the Holy Scripture
Zec 3:7-4:9
Heb 9:1-10
Gospel According to John 10:22-30

God so loved the world that He gave His only son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life. John 3:16

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“Krisdos ee méc me haydnetsav.” – “Orhnyal é haydnoottyoonun Krisdosi.”
“Christ is revealed among us.” - “Blessed is the revelation of Christ.”

St. Leon Armenian Church is closed indefinitely. You can request Hokehankisd by calling the Church Office.

Before the singing of the Hayr Mer, Fr. Diran will conduct the prayer service for the Feast of Holy Etchmiadzin.

HOKEHANKISD

† Saro, Hilda, Nairi, Nanor and Aram Hartounian;
Mayda Kuredjian; Amen, Raffi & Lori Kelechian; Arsen, Marina and Perla Sarafian request Hokehankisd for the soul of
Makrouhi Kuredjian, (passed away in Beirut, Lebanon) loving mother and grandmother on the 6th day of her passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in her memory.

† Vartouhi Vapurcuyan, Alan & Arpena Vapurcuyan & Family request Hokehankisd for the soul of Vartkes Vapurcuyan, loving husband, father and 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.
The Women’s Guild request Hokehankisd for the soul of the Departed members of the Women’s Guild of their passing into eternal rest. Altar Candles are lit today in their memory. See insert for the departed members.

Eduard Ohanyan and Sahakanush Khachatryan request Hokehankisd for the soul of Tsolak Kachatryan, Vagarshak Ohanyan, Angela (Knarik) Ohanyan, Hovanes Ohanyan 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.

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.

NOTE: St. Leon Armenian Church is closed

Sunday services is behind closed doors

GRADUATES. If you are a 2020 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 6/30/20 When sending the information via email, please call the office to make sure the office received it.
stleon@stleon.org

ALL ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

Sunday School and Armenian School have been suspended
Bible Study has been suspended
St. Leon Social Club (Wednesday’s) is suspended
KIDNEY DONOR REQUESTS

Robert Ross is one of our St. Leon Parishioners and is in need of a kidney transplant. Please call Marlene Ross for further information (201-410-5840). Any donation of a kidney match or otherwise elevates the patient to the top of the list.

Sebuh Oscherician is one of our St. Leon Parishioners and Deacon and is in need of a kidney transplant. Please call Rita Oscherician for further information (201-417-7145). Any donation of a kidney match or otherwise elevates the patient to the top of the list.

ST. LEON SOCIAL CLUB. Suspended

Seniors have much to offer - our wisdom, our experience and our time. St. Leon Social Club meets every Wednesday from 11:00-4:00 PM. Donation $4.00 coffee and dessert. Bring a sandwich, lunch is at 12:00 noon. There are card games, backgammon, bring a board game or just sit around and have coffee and dessert. Bring a friend and enjoy the afternoon.
BIBLE STUDY  Wednesday June 17, 2020  at 7:30 p.m.
Bible Study is conducted by ZOOM

The Book of Ecclesiastes

Chapter 9 “Take life as it Comes”
Chapter 10 “Miscellaneous Observations”
Chapter 11 “The Value of Diligence”

The Book of Ecclesiastes is believed to have been written by King Solomon in his later years. The writings take stock of the world he experienced between the horizons of birth and death. There is much wisdom gleaned from the verses in Chapters 4-8, which were the subject of a Zoom Bible Study this past week. A sample of these wisdom verses follows:

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up.... A cord of three strands is not quickly broken." (Chapter 4:9-10; 12)

"Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income." (Chapter 5: 10)

"A good name is better than fine perfume, and the day of death better than the day of birth." (Chapter 7: 1)

"Who is like the wise man? Who knows the explanation of things? Wisdom brightens a man's face and changes his hard appearance." (Chapter
The Women’s Guild request Hokehankisd for the soul of their members of their passing into eternal rest.

Helen (Hegehineh) Abajian
Baidsar Abajy
Shamena Afarian
Ann Aginian
Aghavni Agzigian
Azniv Ajemian**
Gadar Aljian
Tooma Aljian
Elena Suzy Amirian
Vartir Arakelian
Leonig Arslanian
Irene Ashbahian
Baidsar Atamian
Esther Avedisian**
Araxie Azarian
Maritza Baghdadlian
Victoria Baghdadlian
Lucia Bakalian
Vartouhi Bakalian
Lucie Baroutjian
Azniv Bazazian
Lucy Bedrosian
Mary Bedrosian
Tooma Berberian
Elizabeth Beshlian
Siranoush Boyajian
Shakae Bozian
Arminoohy Osdanikian Caldara
Jenev Chakamian
May Chakmakian
Rose Chookazian
Virginia Dabaghian
Emilin Dabagian
Lucy Dabagian**
Mary Dabbakian
Agavni Danielian
Yeranig Dermanjian**
Lillian DePalma
Armenouhie Der Aprahamian
Anna Der Boghosian**
Arax Der Boghosian
Haiganoush Diradourian
Arshalous (Charlotte) Dishian
Fanny Dishian
Makrouhi Dishian**
Vartanoush Dishian
Marge Donabedian
Elsie Donigian
Rose Donigian
Sara Egarian
Nadine Aljian Fatzinger
Ann Kafafian Formica
Manooshag Froonjian
Siran Gabrellian**
Almas Gamarekian
Elsie Gamarekian
Macrouhi Gamgochian
Rebecca Garbooshian
Tooma Pinajian Garjian
Maritza Giragosian
Florence Grunstra**
Florence Gulkasian**
Elizabeth Hachigian**
Azniv Hagopian
Helen Haig**
Andrea Halejian**
Floraine Halejian
Diramayr Meline Hallajian
Yn. Rose Hallajian
Margaret Hartunian
Nevart Hartunian
Linda Harutunian**
Arpine Holopikian
Virginia Holopikian
Elizabeth Homan
Araxie Jamgochian
Nazelle Jamgochian
Arek Jerahian
Araxie Jerahian
Nectar Jerahian
Ardemis Jesraly
Anita Jessourian
Ann Kachigian
Annette Kafafian
Lucia Kafafian
Mary Kalajian
Agnes Kapoian
Dorothy Karamian
Rose Kardashian
Tooma Kardashian
Satenig Kazanjian
Mary Ann Kinoian
Rose A. Koseyan
Violet Kougasian
Sirvart Kurkjian
Anahid Lamb
Haiganoush Mardirosian
Helen Mardirosian
Grace Margosian
Vivian Margossian
Aghavni Marookian
Anne Marootian
Berjouhi Marootian
Tansif Marootian
Vartouhi Marootian**
Manoosh Mazejian
Helen Mazoujian**
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Emma Tarakajian
Marge Tfank Tarakajian
Helen Tarzian
Esther Tashjian
Mary Tfank
Dovie Tilbian**
Mary Tilbian**
Shoushan Tombalakian
Mary Toofangjian
Stella Toolookjian
Mary Torosian
Varsen Torosian**
Sophie Turpan
Elsie Vahanian **
Sara Vahanian**
Arpie (Cook) Vartanesian
Elizabeth Vartanesian
Mary Vartanesian**
Yeranuhe Vartanesian
Mary Varteresian
Agnes Voskian **
Violet Voskian
Yeranig Yacoubian
Alice Yazmajian**
Kora Zadigian

** Denotes Chair or Co-Chair

Last Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30
The Feast of Holy Etchmiadzin

Its name means “The Place Where the Only Begotten Came Down,” and its eternal message—that the Son of God touched the earth, shared in our humanity, even mystically struck the soil of our homeland—is as deeply meaningful today as it was seventeen centuries ago.

We will honor that message on Sunday, June 14, as the Armenian Church celebrates the Feast of the Catholic Church of Holy Etchmiadzin (canonically known as Don Sourp Etchmiadzini Gatoghiguh Yegeghetzin).

The cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin was built in A.D. 303, after St. Gregory the Illuminator had a vision in which Christ struck the ground with a golden hammer and instructed Gregory to erect a church on the site.

The feast day commemorates the founding of the Universal Church (the idea that there was one church, founded by Jesus Christ and spread by the Apostles) and St. Gregory’s vision. It follows the Feast of St. Gregory the Enlightener’s Deliverance from the Pit, which will be observed on Saturday, June 13.

A special ceremony marks the day, in which the “Prayer for the Catholicos and the Feast of Holy Etchmiadzin” is offered in the world’s Armenian churches.

Above: Detail of the St. Gregory Gate, the entryway to the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin, constructed by the order of His Holiness Karekin II. The impressive relief depicts King Drtad and St. Gregory the Illuminator, the principal figures in Etchmiadzin’s foundation.
Նոր ուղղագրություն

Ի նպաստ Մայր Աթոռի կողմից իրականացվող ծրագրերի համավարակի հետևանքների հաղթահարման ուղղված Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնի սոցիալական աջակցության ծրագրերի խթանման նպատակով Մայր Աթոռում շարունակվում են նվիրատվություններ ստացվել աշխարհասփյուռ թեմերից, անհատներից, տարբեր ազգային հաստատություններից ու հիմնադրամներից։

Մեծ Բրիտանիայի և Իռլանդիայի հայոց թեմը նվիրաբերել է 5.000 (հինգ հազար) ԱՄՆ դոլար գումար։

Ուկրաինայի հայոց թեմը կարիքավոր ընտանիքներին բաշխման նպատակով Մայր Աթոռին փոխանցել է 5.000 (հինգ հազար) ԱՄՆ դոլար գումարին համարժեք պարենային մթերք։

Քըրք Քըրքորյանի «Լինսի» հիմնադրամի կողմից Մայր Աթոռին հատկացվել է 25.000 (քսանհինգ հազար) ԱՄՆ դոլար։

«Ջինիշյան» հիշատակի հիմնադրամը փոխանցել է 20.000 (քսան հազար) ԱՄՆ դոլար գումար՝ ի զորակցություն Սիրիայի հայ համայնքի։

Կանադայի հայոց թեմի հոգևոր Արժանապատի Տ.Զարեհ ավագ քահանա Զարգարյանի կողմից Սուրբ Էջմիածնին է նվիրաբերվել հավաքագրված 5.000 (հինգ հազար) կանադական դոլար գումար։
RACIAL INJUSTICE and RESPONSIBILITY

When it comes to historical violence and contemporary inequality, none of us are completely innocent. Join us to examine the legacy of racial violence and inequality from post-emancipation to the present and the responsibility of non-perpetrators of historical and contemporary violence in sustaining systemic injustice, domination and racism.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23 / 7:30 P.M.

Henry C. Theriault, Ph.D.
Moderator
President of the International Association of Genocide Scholars and Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs at Worcester State University

Jermaine McCalpin, Ph.D.
Discussant
Chair of African & African American Studies at New Jersey City University

Michael Rothberg, Ph.D.
Discussant
Professor of English and Comparative Literature and the 1939 Society Samuel Boltz Chair in Holocaust Studies at UCLA

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