Readings from the Holy Scripture
Is 66:1-24
Col 2:8-3:17
Gospel of Matthew 22:34-23:39

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 méch me hayd netsav.” – “Orhnyal é hayd nootyoonun Krisdosi.”
“Christ is revealed among us.” - “Blessed is the revelation of Christ.”

Parish Council Members: Lorig Chorluyan, Vicken Jessourian,
Marilou Pinajian, Alex Avedis, Hagop Cilingiryan, Diran Jebejian,
David Kasparian, Gregory Parseghian, Dennis Tarzian,
Dawn Hourdajian and Haykanush Melkonyan.

Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian will be conducting Morning Service
followed by Joshou Service (Midday Service) followed by
Hokehankisd. Sunday Services can be watched on live stream at
Stleon.org at 10:00 AM

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

HOKEHANKISD

†Lorraine Khatchadourian, Rev. Fr. Avedis &
Yn. Karen Kalayjian & Children, Berj & Corinne Khatchadourian,
request Hokehankisd for the soul of Aram Khatchadourian,
loving husband, father & 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 today in his memory.
The Ohnikian and Royland Families request Hokehankisd for the soul of Katherine Ohnikian, loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother on the 15th year of her passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit today in her memory.

The Nargizian Family, Toufayan Family, and Casali Family request Hokehankisd for the soul of Siranoush Toufayan, loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother on the 18th 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.

Vahe Naltchayan & Family, Khoren & Zepure Pashalian & Family request Hokehankisd for the soul of Vartan Naltchayan, loving brother and uncle on the 4th year, Lucine Kharadjian Naltchayan, loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother on the 4th year and Mihran Naltcharyan, loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather of their passing into eternal rest. The Family 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, forebearing 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.

THE OFFICE IS ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR CHRIST TOMB AND LILIES ON THE ALTAR.
ALL ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED.

Sunday School and Armenian School have been suspended
The Lenten Service & Lecture series has been cancelled.
Bible Study has been suspended
Palm Sunday has been cancelled
St. Leon Social Club (Wednesday’s) is suspended

KIDNEY DONOR REQUESTS

Robert Ross is one 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.
If you’d like to be in our 2020 Church Directory or if you’d like to update your current entry, please complete the following and send to our Church office ASAP.

Name

Address

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

E-mail address:

You can also email your information to Barbara Royland @ hyemom@optonline.net with “St. Leon Directory” in the subject line.

In accordance with the direction given by Governor Phil Murphy and Bishop Daniel, Primate, the Easter Fundraiser has been canceled. Hopefully we can reschedule later this year.
Parishioners who wish to make a contribution to the Lilies that will grace the Holy Altar on Easter Sunday by filling in the form below and submitting it to the Church Office by Wednesday April 1, 2020. Enclosed please find the amount of $________.

**LILIES - Please print:**

Name ______________________________

In Honor of __________________________

In Memory of __________________________

Telephone ____________________________

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---“**Alleluia! Alleluia**” Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise. Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise. He who on the cross a Victim for the world’s salvation bled, Jesus Christ the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead. Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat. See the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat. Once he died and once was buried; now he lives forevermore. Jesus Christ, the world’s Redeemer, whom we worship and adore. Christ is risen, Christ the first fruits of the holy harvest field, Which will all its full abundance at his second coming yield. Then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before Him wave, Ripened by his glorious sunshine from the furrows of the grave. Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high; Alleluia! to the Savior, who has won the victory; Alleluia! to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity: Alleluia, alleluia! to the Triune Majesty.  

*(Christopher Wordsworth 1865)*
Good Friday is the day Christians around the world commemorate the death and burial of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the Armenian Church tradition, during the Evening Vespers a tomb is placed in the Chancel of the Church and decorated with flowers and candles, reminding the congregation of the sacrificial crucifixion and death of our Lord for the sake of our salvation. It is a tradition in the Armenian Church for the congregation to bring flowers to the church to decorate the Tomb of the Lord. The flowers are placed on the tomb throughout the service. At the conclusion of the service, they are distributed to the congregation. This year at St. Leon Church, in addition to flowers, the tomb will once again be decorated with indoor potted plants. Every family will be invited to take a plant from the Tomb of the Lord and place it in their homes. As they grow and flourish, these plants will remind each member of our community of the beautiful bond we enjoy with each other and with our Church as our family in Christ.

Please help us maintain this beautiful spiritual custom in our Church. Your donation will help defray the cost of the purchase of these plants.

-Plants for Christ’s Tomb

Yes, I would like to support/maintain the beautiful tradition of our Armenian Church. Enclosed please find the amount of $________ towards the purchase of plants for Christ’s Tomb. Please return this form with your donation to the Church Office by Wednesday, April 1, 2020. Please print:

Name _______________________________________________

In Honor of_____________________________________________

In Memory of_____________________________________________

Telephone____________________________________________
With every possible facet of the art of healing, Lord Jesus,
Cause of all healthy life,
Mighty heavenly King,
God of all things apprehended by the mind and by the eye,
Join me in the words of the prophet,
“And behold, through this union with you through these words
Your light shall break forth in me to heal my breath and body,”
You who are mighty and invincible.
Glory and worship to you,
For every and ever. Amen.

St. Gregory of Nareg, Prayer 43

Last Gospel Mark 4:26-34