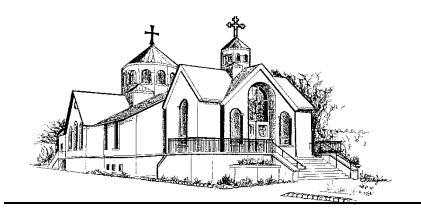
ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Apparition of the Holy Cross May 2, 2021

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Acts 17:1-15 1 Jn 1:1-10 Gospel According to John 7:14-23

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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HOKEHANKISD

Margaret, Taline & Nora Janikian; Ani Janikian; Akian Family and Touryan Family request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Hrachia Janikian**, loving husband, father, son, uncle, brother and cousin 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.

Maida & Arda Garabedian and Viken, Taleen & Arden Banelian request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Arka Garabedian** loving husband, father and grandfather on the **6**th **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.



The Shushi Dance Ensemble have donated toward the Altar Flowers in memory of Hrachia Janikian.

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, Greg Tenbekjian, Annette Kouchshirin, Brandon Katz, 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".

<u>Reverence Required</u> ~ 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*.

<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u> 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.

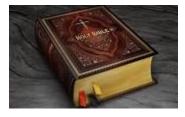
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SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATION

CLASS OF 2020 AND 2021

MAY 16, 2021

DETAILS TO FOLLOW



BIBLE STUDY TIME: 7:30 PM

Zoom Bible Study Wed. May 12, 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 the Prophet Hosea

Chapter 1 "The Family of Hosea"

Chapter 2 "Israel's Infidelity, Punishment and Redemption

Chapter 3 "Further Assurances of God's Redeeming Love"

God tells the prophet Amos to prophesy against Israel, which is the Northern Kingdom of God's people. They have multiplied their inequities and work unrighteously, "they have sold the upright for silver and the poor for a pair of sandals," writes the prophet Amos. God the righteous one is warning them of the coming perils for their crooked ways although they don't want to hear it and they drive off HIs prophet from Israel. God's people are not making the choice to follow God, instead they continue their ritualistic ways of offerings that are void of true worship, which God abhors. Do we choose God and follow Him or do we live as we please and continue to offer worship that lacks our heart, our soul, ourselves? SIn is missing the mark and the mark is God! If we don't make a choice everyday to go after God our offerings may seem like good works but won't be acceptable to God. Amos's prophecy and warnings are not just for the Northern Kingdom of God's people but for us here today! Are we going towards God or are we missing the mark and believing that everything will be fine because we come to church and pray. May we boldly go towards our God and leave off every injustice and inequity and seek our Lord's justice and His mercy.

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.

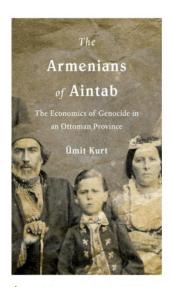
Kiss of Peace- will not be offered in the traditional manner Fr. Diran will offer the Kiss of Peace from the altar. From a distance you can acknowledge your fellow parishioners with the Kiss of Peace without approaching them.

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.



A CONVERSATION WITH
HISTORIANS

ÜMIT KURT AND DIRK MOSES

"If genocide, as a practice that includes murder and plunder, is orchestrated by a central authority but implemented at the local level," ÜMIT KURT asks, "what is the relationship between local and central authorities?" What are the incentives and motives that lead to mass participation?

THE ARMENIANS OF AINTAB: THE ECONOMICS OF GENOCIDE IN AN OTTOMAN PROVINCE challenges the depiction that state-sponsored genocide in all its dimensions could be carried out by edict by a central government and, instead, examines how local actors and even ordinary Muslims are complicit.

Uncover with <u>ÜMIT KURT</u> and <u>DIRK MOSES</u>, primary sources from Armenian, Ottoman, Turkish, British, and French archives, as well as memoirs, personal papers, oral accounts, and newly discovered property-liquidation records that together provide an invaluable account of genocide at ground level.

Register now to discover why Raymond Kevorkian writes that Kurt's work is a "perfect illustration of a local story yielding broad historical insights."

TUESDAY, MAY 11 | 7:30 P.M.

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Registration for Zoom http://bit.ly/Aintab



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THE EVENT IS FREE.

2021 Saint Leon Annual Picnic Sunday, June 6th



