

# ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

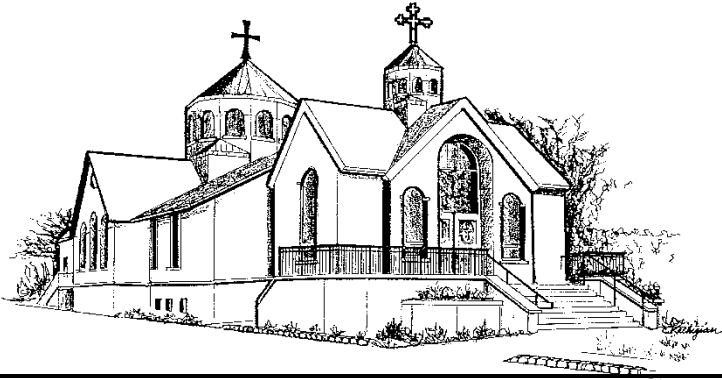
*Pentecost*

*May 31, 2020*

Morning Service

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

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## *Readings from the Holy Scripture*

Acts 2:1-21

Gospel According to John 14:25-31

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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# ALTAR SERVERS

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Diran Jebejian, Hrach Kasaryan, Nubar Kasaryan,  
Sebuh Oscherician, Sarkis Pilavdjian, Nurhan Ezik

**Subdns.** Paul Chamesian, Gregory Kazanjian, Vahe Kiljian,  
Jack Hamparian

## **CHOIR MASTER**

George Paroonagian

## **PRINCIPAL ORGANIST**

Sirvard Galstian



*“Krisdos ee méch me haydnetsav.” – “Orhnyal é haydnootyoonun 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.

## HOKEHANKISD



Harutoun & Taline Purut & Family, Herman & Laura Purutyan & Family request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Zabel Purut**, loving mother and grandmother on the 40<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Remember in your prayers and ask for the recovery of Kyle Wakefield, Karen Weidner, Robert John Karanfilian III, Annette Kouchshirin, Brandon Katz, George Ghazarian Jr., Robert Foronjy, Jim & Wendy Lathey, , Dan Patoyia (Moynihan), Juliette Haddad, James Azarian, Varoujan Harutunian, Mosses Bairamian, Jared Tashjian, 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*.

**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](mailto: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.

**The Diocesan Council approved our elections at our Parish Assembly Meeting on February 9, 2020. Our new Parish Council and Delegates for 2020:**

**PARISH COUNCIL**

Vicken Jessourian Chairman  
Hagop Cilingirian Vice Chairman  
Virginia DiBianca Treasurer  
George Kundakji Assistant Treasurer  
Haykanush Melkonian Assistant Treasurer  
Greg Parseghian Recording Secretary  
Dawn Hourdajian Corresponding Secretary  
Marilou Pinajian  
Glenn Ajamian  
Serda Belekdanian  
Dennis Tarzian

**NEW LIAISONS**

ACYOA Juniors- Hagop Cilingirian  
ACYOA Seniors- Serda Belekdanian  
Armenian School – Haykanush Melkonian  
Choir- Dawn Hourdajian  
Cultural Programs- Greg Parseghian  
Facilities- Glen Ajamian  
Membership/Stewardship- George Kundakji  
Men’s Fellowship -  
Sunday School- Dennis Tarzian  
Seniors- Marilou Pinajian  
Women’s Guild-Marilou Pinajian  
Sports Association-Vicken Jessourian  
Rental Facilities- Serda Belekdanian  
IT Committee- Vicken Jessourian

## **DELEGATES**

Ara Araz

Thomas Ashbahian

Lynn Beylerian

Ara Hourdajian

Berjouhi Parseghian

We want to thank all the past members who have worked throughout the years to make St. Leon fruitful and God-pleasing in its ministry. Thank you.

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**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

## **PENTECOST**

The Christian holiday of Pentecost, which is celebrated fifty days after Easter Sunday, commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1–31).





# Lament and Mourn 100,000

**A call to grieve and honor those who have died from COVID19 and join together in a day of remembrance and prayer for the healing of our nation.**

Our nation will soon pass a grievous point in history: 100,000 Americans will have died from COVID-19. As people of faith, we cannot allow this grim number to go unnoticed. Always and everywhere, it is the duty of religious communities to remember the dead and mourn their passing. From generation to generation, we have been given this task: to speak their names and honor their lives. One hundred thousand dead Americans from COVID-19 shall not pass by unmarked and unlamented.

It is hard to comprehend the magnitude of deaths in so short a time. The past three months have been some of the deadliest months in US history, and Americans have endured more deaths than those who died in many of our wars, as we have just memorialized last weekend. At 100,000 deaths COVID-19 becomes the fifth most deadly event in US history. The numbers of deceased are the equivalent of whole towns and cities. The pandemic now ranks among those moments in the life of our nation that are marked by national remembrances, somber memorials, and moving tributes. As people of faith, we cannot let this moment pass unnoticed. The nation must be given the chance to mourn, lament, and remember the dead.

The rapid spread of the disease, the scope of its impact, and the mitigation through “social distancing” has prevented the time or space for us to grieve. It has been impossible to bury our dead as people have for thousands of years—communally and intimately with friends, family, and neighbors. As religious leaders, we are deeply connected with our nation’s pain. Both as individuals and collectively as a nation, we need time to stop, reflect, pray, mourn, and honor the dead.

To meet this need, religious communities across faiths are acting with unprecedented unity. People of faith and others of good will gather together to mourn, memorialize, and remember their lives both in our diverse faith traditions and in our public squares. And together, we will pray for the healing of our nation.

On May 29, 30, and 31st—Friday, Saturday, and Sunday—America’s religious communities will gather for the first time following this grim 100,000 marker—many of us still virtually. Each in keeping with their own traditions and practices will mourn our American dead and pray for the healing of our nation.

On Friday, with Ramadan finished, Muslims will remember the reception of the Quran. On Friday and Saturday, Jews will remember God’s covenant as they celebrate Shavuot and read their *yizkhor* (remembrance) prayers. On Sunday, Christians will celebrate Pentecost Sunday, when the first Christians were given courage through the reception of the Holy Spirit. We will name, honor, lament, and offer our tributes to the lives and families of those who have died. The Christian prayers of mourning for the 100,000 dead will be offered across our Protestant, Orthodox, Catholic, Evangelical, Pentecostal, African American, Hispanic, Asian American, and Native American traditions and communities.

But religious communities do not act alone. We call too on political leaders—the President, Senators and Members of Congress, Governors, and Mayors—to lead a national day of prayer and remembrance on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> – at noon local time— to pause to remember those who have died. It will be appropriate for flags to be lowered and to observe moments of silence, mourning, memorial, prayer, reflection, and bell ringing. We will stop. We will remember. We will mourn and honor our dead. We will pray for the healing of the nation.

In the week prior to our national weekend of remembrance, we invite Americans to use social media and all other communication platforms to post prayers and laments, names, photos, and tributes to those who have died of the coronavirus in the United States. In many civic spaces, outside places of worship and outside of our homes, groups

or individuals may place empty chairs with the names, dates, and photos as tribute and remembrance to those who are no longer with us.

We will ask God to help heal our land with a moment of mourning and honoring those many who have died, often without their loved ones around them. We come together both to weep and to rejoice for those lives which have been lost. We shall mourn the loss of so many humble Americans and ordinary citizens, known only to families and friends, coworkers and neighbors. We will mourn family members and friends whom we loved; worked and worshipped with; ate, played, and prayed with; important members of our communities, some who were on the front lines of caring for and serving others; and those we passed on the street with a smile and nod. By God's grace, we will mourn with families who have not been able to memorialize, mourn, or properly bury their COVID dead.

Our lament will also honor hard truths we have learned during this pandemic: our suffering has been unequal, elders have been vulnerable and alone, black and brown neighbors have borne disproportionately both the brunt of sickness and death and having been drafted to the frontlines of fighting this disease. Native communities, our lands original caretakers, have been particularly hard hit— as they have been so many times in the past. Asian Americans have been targeted by hateful words and actions. Our prayers for the healing of the nation must acknowledge the brokenness of our democracy and rededicate ourselves to repair the injustices this pandemic has revealed, even as work for the healing of those who are afflicted with the virus

And this vocation of the faith community to stop, name, feel, remember, memorialize, and pray for the dead, their families and their friends; unites all our traditions and transcends our politics.

This momentous and tragic 100,000 marker will not be an empty data point on death's grim graph; rather we will remember those whom we loved and pray for both healing and hope—for our nation and the

world. As a people we have borne this pandemic's cost in the lives of our loved ones; as a nation we shall honor and mourn them together.

As faith leaders we must help to lead our congregations, communities, and country in this time of grief and lament in a way that will lead us forward more united as a country to address the very real challenges we face ahead. And that we must do together.

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### ՆՈՐ ՈՒՂՂԱԳՐՈՒԹՅԱՄԲ

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Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնից Հանրապետության օրվա առիթով ողջույն ենք հղում համայն մեր ժողովրդին ի հայրենիս և ի սփյուռս և բերում Հայրապետական Մեր օրհնությունն ու բարեմաղթանքները:

Այսօր ոգեկոչում ենք Առաջին Հանրապետության հաստատման հիշատակները, որոնք մատուցում են մեզ հայրենասիրության, հավատքի, միասնականության ոգով հաղթանակելու օրինակը: Նվիրական այս օրը մեր հայացքն ուղղում ենք դեպի Սարդարապատի հուշահամալիր, որը պանծացումն է մեր ժողովրդի ազատատենչ ու հերոսական մաքառումի, մայիսյան հերոսամարտերում հայոց բանակի, աշխարհագործի և զինվորյալ հոգևորականների անձնուրաց պայքարի գնով ձեռք բերված փառավոր հաղթանակի: Այսօր նաև մեր խոնարհումն ենք բերում երջանկահիշատակ Գևորգ Ե Հայոց Հայրապետին, ով իր աննկուն կեցվածքով, խրոխտ խոսքով զորացրեց ոգին հայոց քաջերի և

անուրանալի վաստակ ունեցավ հաղթանակների կերտման լուսավոր գործում: Մայիսյան հերոսամարտերում գերագույն ջանքերով պաշտպանելով հայրենիքը՝ մեր ժողովուրդը երկարատև դադարից հետո վերականգնեց ազգային պետականությունը, որին նվիրեց իր բոլոր ուժերը, իր զավակների կյանքը՝ իրագործելու վաղնջական իր բնօրրանում ազատ ապրելու իրավունքը և խաղաղ զարգանալու տեսլականը:

Միրելիներ, մեր պարտքն է այդ վառ տեսլականով ջանքեր ներդնել՝ հանուն հզոր հայրենիքի, մեր ժողովրդի բարօր ու ապահով կյանքի և ազգային մեր նվիրական իղձերի իրականացման: Վստահ ենք, որ բազում դժնդակ օրեր հաղթահարած մեր ժողովուրդը հայրենասեր ոգով, միաբան ջանքերով կհաղթահարի նաև մեր ազգի ու երկրի առջև ծառայած ներկա մարտահրավերները՝ բարձր պահած անկախ պետականության դրոշը, հավատարիմ՝ քրիստոնեական արժեքներին, մեր հայրերի առ Աստված սրբազան հավատքին:

Աղոթում ենք և հայցում, որ Ամենակալ Տերը Իր Սուրբ Աջի ամենախնամ հովանու ներքո խաղաղության մեջ պահի ու պահպանի աշխարհը համայն, հայրենի մեր երկիրը և գորակից լինի մեր ժողովրդին՝ նորանոր հաջողություններ արձանագրելու ազգային ու հայրենական մեր անդաստանում:

Աստծո ողորմությունն ու շնորհները թող մեզ հետ լինեն և բոլորի՝ այսօր և միշտ. ամեն:

