ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

21st Anniversary of the Enthronement of Karekin II,
Catholicos of All Armenians

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

Readings from the Holy Scripture
Is 22:15-24
Ep 1:1-14

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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“Krìsdoš ee méch me haydêntsav.” – “Orhnyal é haydnooyoonun Krìsdosi.”
“Christ is revealed among us.” - “Blessed is the revelation of Christ.”

St. Leon Armenian Church is open on Sunday’s at 10:00 AM
Please call the office to reserve your seat. Only 70 people are
allowed at one time.

Before the singing of Hayr Mer a Special Prayer for the Catholicos
on the Feast of Holy Etchmiadzin

HOKEHANKISD

✠ Bishop Daniel has requested Hokehankisd for the brave
Soldiers, Women and Children, who lost their lives this past few
weeks in Armenia. Altar Candles are lit today in their memory.

✠ Nadya Caparyan & Family request Hokehankisd for the soul of
Sarkis Caparyan, dear husband, father & grandfather of his
passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar
Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in his memory.

✠ Lillian Kasparian Chapian, Michael & Nancy Kasparian,
David Kasparian, Viken & Lisa Sarkissian and their Families
request Hokehankisd for the soul of Edward M. Chapian, loving
husband, father & grandfather on the 2nd 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. Amen

**UNITED IN DEFENCE OF ARTSAKH**

**DONATE:** Armenia’s government is looking to the diaspora for financial as well as moral support. At the behest of the Armenian government, the Eastern Diocese is directing contributions to the Armenia Fund. Donations can be made directly to Armenia Fund, on its secure website.

You can also donate on the secure website of the Eastern Diocese (choose “Artsakh/Armenia Relief” in the dropdown menu). All monies collected by the Eastern Diocese for this cause will be transferred to Armenia Fund, in the name of the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin. Whichever avenue you choose, all funds collected will support civilian humanitarian aid. Click these links to donate now: ArmenianFund.org and ArmenianChurch.us.

**PRAY:** Keep Artsakh, Armenia, and our people in your prayers. As our Primate stresses, calling on the name of the Lord “is the most powerful weapon we have at our disposal.” May God attend to our heartfelt prayers, and continue to bless, protect, and strengthen our sacred homeland, its peace-loving citizens, and its courageous defenders.

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.
**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  We are happy to announce that we will be opening VIRTUALLY on 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.

To register here the link is below. We are asking that you register each child separately. The payment (PayPal) is at the end of the registration.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdgfQZaD3jqIIniHzucDY28vt95vZmstSYU7Oaj01y_lb6nYhg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&gid=7628
Our duty to our parents is being respectful and always honoring them. This will bring joy and long life. We honor our parents through word and deed.

The work that we do should always be done with humility which will give us favor in the sight of the Lord. The humble will be glorified by the Lord. God warns us not to meddle in the affairs of others, for we can be led astray. As God’s children, the most important virtues are goodness and love. The power of goodness itself does not depend on a result or a response. All goodness is the presence of the Lord. We must always take care of the poor by giving alms by listening to their needs. Whoever loves and reveres is a person who loves life. The Lord loves those who love and embrace wisdom. We must not live a haughty life by depending and focusing on power and wealth.

This is a sin, which God will hold us accountable. We must gain friends through testing, which will show us who our true friends are. Friends are many but a true friend, will be an advisor to you. We must be watchful, that friends can turn our to be our enemy.

Last Gospel is Matthew 11:25-30
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 not take place in the church. As you exit the church at the end of Badarak, please place your offering in the plate which is located in the Narthex.

**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.
ARTSAKH
HISTORY, CULTURE
and
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WEDNESDAYS, STARTING NOVEMBER 11*
7:00 TO 8:15 PM
EASTERN TIME
NEW YORK

75-MINUTE CLASSES / TUITION FOR 4 SESSIONS: $50 DONATION TO ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
ALL DONATIONS WILL BENEFIT ARMENIA FUND/ARTSAKH RELIEF

Explore the history and culture of Artsakh—as its people confront an existential threat—and discover a legacy of creativity and resistance.

College students, adults and high school students are invited to join Professor Khatchig Mouradian and his featured guests—scholars, artists, and journalists—in this 4-week multi-media seminar that will employ photography, poetry, and art to delve into the past and shed light on the present of Artsakh and its people.

*NO CLASS WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 25

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