Readings from the Holy Scripture

Is 36:1-9
1 Thes 1:1-10

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

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

Deacon Levon Asdourian will be giving the Homily today.

HOKEHANKISD

✝ Bishop Daniel Findikyan requests Hokehankisd for the soul of
His Eminence Archbishop Sebouh Chouldjian, Primate of the
Diocese of Gougark, Armenia, and long-time member of the
Brotherhood of Holy Etchmiadzin on the 4th day of his passing into
eternal rest and for all those who perished during the Artsakh
War of Liberation, of their passing into eternal rest. The Altar
Candles are lit today in their memory.

✝ Mariana Grigoryants request Hokehankisd for the soul of
Yaroslav Pavulyak loving father on the 10th year,
Ondrei & Maria Durina, loving grandparents,
Ivan & Melanie Pavulyak loving grandparents and
Peter Birchak loving friend on the 22nd day and of their passing
into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers
and request the Altar Candles be lit in their memory.
† Zupur Kemurjian request Hokehankisd for the soul of Hagop Kemurjian, Mari Kemurjian, Zabelle Kemurjian, Khanem Kemurjian, Khoren Kemurjian and Yester Kemurjian of their passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in their memory.

† The Vezirian, Carmichael, Hovsepian and de los Reyes Families request Hokehankisd for the soul of Richard Mark Vezirian, loving father, brother, grandfather and uncle on the 18th year of his passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated towards Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in his memory.

† Auhanes & Levonik Demirdjian, Sylva Demirdjian and John & Cristina Demirdjian request Hokehankisd for the soul of Seta Tarakedjian, loving sister and aunt (passed away in Montreal, Canada) of her passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated towards Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in her memory.

PRAYER FOR REQUIEM – HOEKHANKISD
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, 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”.*

**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 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.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdgfQZaD3jqIlniHzucDY28vt95vZmstSYU7Oaj01y_Ib6nYhg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&gxids=7628

**BIBLE STUDY**  November 25, 2020  (Located in Jessourian Hall)

*Book of Ecclesiasticus*

**The Book of Sirach**

Chapter 8 “Prudence and Common Sense”

Chapter 9 & 10 “Advice Concerning Women”

Chapter 11 “The Deceptiveness of Appearances”

“Do not do evil and no evil will over take you. Stay away from wrong and it will turn away from you.” These opening words of Chapter 7 gives us guidance and advice on how to live with people. We hear the words of God’s wisdom to live a righteous life and avoid sin. Live life in a truthful and humble manner and do not deceive others.

Last Gospel John 12:24-26
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 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.
Special Baghaj Sale for Artsakh

By Barbara and Leon Hovsepian

on behalf of St. Leon Armenian Church collection for Artsakh

Sunday, December 20, 2020
12:15 PM to 1 PM

Perfect for Christmas

Pick up at the Community Center kitchen door on the patio.

Masks required to be worn.

Each Package of 12 Pieces is $10.00

Contains flour, sugar, yeast, eggs, milk, butter, salt, walnuts, and black caraway seeds.

You must pre-order by December 13

email Barbara Hovsepian at bhovsepian@optonline.net
or text your order to 551-206-6686

Give your name and phone number when ordering.

You will receive a confirmation of your order. If you don’t receive confirmation, call Barbara at 551-206-6686.

Make checks payable to St. Leon Armenian Church and put Artsakh on the memo line.
ARTSAKH
HISTORY, CULTURE
and
CONFLICT

WEDNESDAYS, STARTING NOVEMBER 11*
7:00 TO 8:15 PM

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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His Holiness Karekin II, the Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, issued a call this week to observe Sunday, November 22, as a worldwide “Day of Remembrance,” to honor the memory of the heroes who gave their lives in defense of our homeland during the Artsakh war. He made the declaration jointly with Armenia's President Armen Sarkissian, following a meeting of the two leaders.

Armenian churches throughout the Eastern Diocese will mark the Day of Remembrance this Sunday with a special prayer during the requiem service. As we ask our Lord Jesus Christ to remember His devoted servants, we should also give thanks for the bravery they showed, the sacrifice they endured. We should be thankful that such exemplary souls have arisen from every rank of the Armenian people, in our times of deepest need. We should affirm that the terrible losses suffered—as individuals, as families, and as a people—will not be in vain.
It is a spirit we should carry forward with us, as we approach America’s traditional day of thanks. Like so much else in 2020, the coming Thanksgiving Day will be different from the familiar holiday of the past. But in light of all the travails we have witnessed this year, the deep inner meaning of the day—to acknowledge, with gratitude, God’s presence in our lives—can shine through with greater intensity.

“Thanksgiving,” in its deepest sense, is something that we cannot, as a Christian people, ever consent to abandon. The word is the literal meaning of Eucharist, the holy sacrament at the heart of our Badarak (which itself means “sacrifice”). So we must never cease to thank God, to praise Him, to ask for His blessing and seek His guidance. We must do so even when His purposes are mysterious to us; even when the surrounding world tries to discourage us; even when ancient Armenian sanctuaries are closed to us.

In the coming days, every Armenian home can be a house of prayer, where God is thanked, and where His servants are remembered. As a church, we will continue to sing grateful hymns to our risen Lord, until all of His hallowed places can be filled once more with the music of Armenian prayers.

*Diocesan news*
This week, the influential magazine *Christianity Today* (*CT*) features a guest opinion column by His Holiness Karekin II, titled “A Plea to Save Artsakh’s Armenian Heritage.”

Expressing his grave concerns to CT’s worldwide online audience, the Catholicos of All Armenians warns about the vulnerable status of the Armenian Christian patrimony in Artsakh:

“Today, one of the last remaining regions of our ancient culture is at risk of destruction. The land of Artsakh, known to the wider world as Nagorno-Karabakh, was at the center of a brutal war, an assault on its indigenous Armenian population. Our people have lived in this land for thousands of years, making it home to sacred sites and precious relics. According to our tradition, the 13th-century monastery of Gandzasar contains the head of St. John the Baptist. The Monastery of Dadivank contains the tomb of St. Dadi, a direct follower of St. Thaddeus, the apostle of Christ who was one of the founders of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

“It was with the utmost pain in our hearts that we watched this land come under grave danger over the past six weeks. Thousands of people, soldiers and civilians, elderly and children, were lost as our heritage took a direct hit. On October 8, Azerbaijani missiles struck the Cathedral of the All Holy Savior in Shushi, twice in one day.”

Catholicos Karekin II concludes: “With our communities and congregations now driven from the land, left behind are thousands
of sacred monuments, a testament to our history and faith. What will happen to them next? I hope and pray that it will not be a tragic fate.”  

Diocese News

Bishop Daniel Urges UNESCO to Rescue Armenian Sites in Artsakh

In the aftermath of the Artsakh war, with ancient Armenian monuments and precious Christian sites in danger of desecration and worse, Diocesan Primate Bishop Daniel Findikyan reached out to leaders at UNESCO’s World Heritage Committee, to intervene on behalf of Artsakh’s Armenian Christian heritage.

In his letter to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Bishop Daniel warned that, “The treaty ending the war endangers dozens of Armenian cultural and religious heritage sites throughout the region. Armenians have the heartbreaking example of Nakhichevan (Julfa), where centuries of the Armenian culture and faith were bulldozed and ground into sand. Azerbaijan erased all evidence of the Armenians’ existence and then claimed that there had never been a single trace of Armenian architecture or heritage.”
Among the endangered sites is the ancient monastery of Dadivank (above left), and the Ghazanchetsots Cathedral, which was damaged by Azeri shelling and vandalized in the war's aftermath.

The letter ends with an appeal on behalf of the Armenian community: “Please, do not be silent on this matter.”

“I implore you to please take action to preserve the world-historical works of the indigenous Armenians of Nagorno-Karabakh/Artsakh,” the Bishop concludes.
1986 թ. Մարտինը պաշտպանել է ավարտաճառ՝ «Ղուկաս Խարբերդցու թարգմանչական գործունեությունը» թեմայով:

1987 թ. Հոգևոր ճեմարանական ուղին, Հայոց Պատմական Մատենագրական սրբահարական միության համար պատգամման գրականություն

1987 թ. Հայդություն Վեհարանում ընդունարանի քարտուղար:

1989 թ. Հոգևոր ճեմարանի վերակազմակերպման ավարտաճառ գրականություն;

1990 թ. Վեհափառ Հայրապետի կարգադրությամբ նշանակվել է Հոգևոր ճեմարանի վերակազմակերպման ավարտաճառ գրականություն;

1991 թ. Շվեյցարիայի Ժնևի քաղաքի հայ համայնքի հոգևոր հովիվ

1995 թ. Հայաստանի Հանրապետության կառավարության մարդասիրական օգնության ու էկոզիմոլոգիական գործերի համար պահպանման հետազոտություններ

1996 թ. Հայաստանի Հանրապետության կառավարության երկրաբանական համագումարում պահեստային տնտեսության համար հաշվարկ իրավունքներ:
կենտրոնական հանձնաժողովում որպես Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջըածնիներին ներկայացուցիչ:

1996 թ. արձանագրվեց ՀՀ և Հայոց Եկեղեցու հարաբերությունների խմբին՝ պետության կողջների և եպիսկոպոսության վերադարձման հանձնախմբի նախագահ:

1996 թ. զույգի 3-րդ Թարգը Մ. Պարոնինի Հայոց կաթողիկոսները որպես Հայոց Կաթողիկոսական Սուրբ Եկեղեցու խմբի պրեsidиոմ անդամ հանձնաժողովում հիշատակվեց:

1997 թ. զույգի 15-րդ Նոր Թարգը Մ. Մանուկյան Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը համագործակցության և սպասավորության կողջների և գործադիր պետության անդամ գլխով համաձայնագրվեց:

2000 թ. մարտի 24-րդ Ա.Ս.ՍՍ. Թարգը Մ. Մանուկյան Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը նոր Հայոց Կաթողիկոսական Սուրբ Եկեղեցու խմբերի պետության համաձայնագրություն է հանձնաժողովում հարևանների:

2000 թ. տեղական խմբերի Հայոց Կաթողիկոսական Սուրբ Եկեղեցու խմբերի համաձայնագրի պետության:

2000 թ. արձանագրվեց Հայաստանի Հանրապետության 1700-ամյակի ուսումնահանրագիտական գրականության կազմակերպչական վիզուալական գործի համար:

2012 թ. մայիսի 17-ին Թարգը Մ. Պարոնինի Հայաստանի առաջին Խորհրդարանի նշանակալից Սարգիս Սեպուհը աննահատից է Հայոց Աթոռի Հայրապետական Սրբազան Ներկայացուցիչ Նախագահի համար եկեղեցական 15-ամյակի պատերթի: «Հայաստանում Հայոց Կաթողիկոսական Սուրբ Եկեղեցու խմբի Սարգիս Սեպուհի Թարգը միջազգային պատմության 25-ամյակի տվյալները»:
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
We are again offering the opportunity of sending greetings to your fellow Parishioners through a special St. Leon Christmas Greeting Card. Please complete this form and return it to the Church Office.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS:
DONATION: _____________
PLease PRINT
Name ___________________________________________
Address ________________________________________

POINSETTIA’S FOR THE HOLY ALTAR
The Poinsettias that decorate the Altar during the Christmas season, please complete the form below and return it with your check, to the Church Office.
(Please mail by Sunday, December 20, 2020)
The list will appear in the January Bulletin & January Lradoo.

POINSETTIA’S FOR THE ALTAR
DONATION: ______________
PLease PRINT
Name _______________________________
Address _____________________________
Telephone __________________________
In Memory of ______________________
In Honor of __________