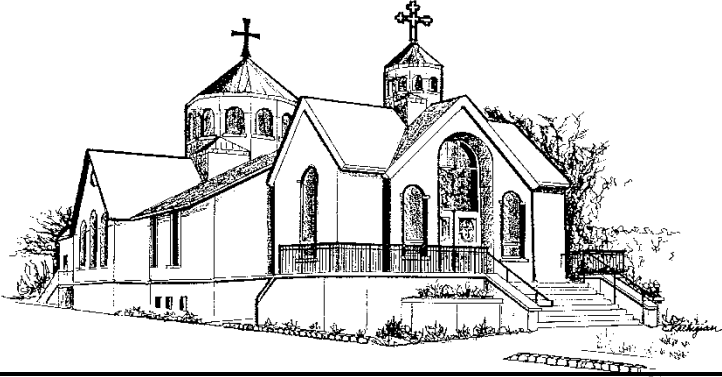


ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday after Exaltation
October 11, 2020

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Is 19:1-11

Gal 2:1-10

Gospel According to Mark 12:35-44

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



UNITED IN DEFENCE OF ARTSAKH

Contributions can be directed to the Armenia Fund, on its new and secure website: Himnadram.org. You may also contribute by phone at (800) 888-8897.

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.

✝ Viktorya Sariminyan, Rita, Aylin & Ari Kartalyan, Alex, Rehan, Karin & Dina Simonian request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Senior Deacon Hacik Sariminyan**, dear husband, father & grandfather on the 2nd year of his passing into eternal rest and for the soul of **Mari & Karekin Shendil**, dear grandparents, **Arpine & Avedis Kocyan**, **Markrid & Kamer Kocyan** dear godparents, **Mihran Zafrazian** dear uncle of their passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated towards the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in their memory.

✝ Harry Ashbahian, Thomas, Carol, Adrienne, Kathryn Ashbahian, Lauren & Charles Avery, David, Daniella, Sophia, & Victoria Ashbahian, Timothy, Michelle & Mason Ashbahian, Jill Ashbahian request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Irene Ashbahian**, loving wife, mother & grandmother on the 1st year of her passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated towards the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in her memory.

✝ Greg & Janet Ashbahian, Eric, Danielle & Eve Ashbahian, Kristen, Richard & Taline Schmidt request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Irene Ashbahian** loving mother & grandmother on the 1st year of her passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated towards the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in her memory.

✝ Guluzar Berberyan, Ivan & Ovsanna Gonzales, Harut & Jessica Berberyan and their Families request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Rupen Berberyan** loving husband, father & grandfather on the 1st year of his passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated towards 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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Remember in your prayers and ask for the recovery of Arthur Ohnikian, 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, Jared Tashjian, Ruben Grigoryants, Michael Sakolsky, Lynne Ford, Frank Cornawchiulo, Ryan Hallak, John Hallak, Carmelina Mancini, Marie Tenguerman, 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*.

ALL ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

Sunday School and Armenian School have been suspended.

St. Leon Social Club (Wednesday’s) have been suspended.

KIDNEY DONOR REQUESTS

Robert Ross is one our St. Leon Parishioners and is in need of a kidney transplant. Please call Michael Ross (201- 417-3041) for further information (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.

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/1FAIpQLSdgfQZaD3jqInihZucDY28vt95vZmstSYU7Oaj01yIb6nYhg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&gxids=7628>

BIBLE STUDY October 14 & 28, 2020

Book of Wisdom

Chapter 18 “Light Shines on the Israelites”

Chapter 19 “The Red Sea”

The Book of Ecclesiasticus, Or the Wisdom of Jesus Son of Sirach

The Prologue

Chapter 1 “In Praise of Wisdom”

Chapter 2 “Duties toward God”

Chapter 3 Duties toward Parents”

We must always seek wisdom and not fall to prey to the worshipping of idols. Let us not forget the history of the chosen people as an ongoing demonstration of the profound wisdom-in-action that is Divine Providence. There is an instructive spiritual interpretation of Israel’s trials and triumphs in the desert. The author concludes that it is the great error of idolatry, which is the tendency to put things in the place of God, that lies at the root of Both Israel’s woes and those of all mankind. Let us reflect on which seems to be written for us today. Regardless of how far the Jews or we ourselves have strayed, the last verse of the Wisdom of Solomon reminds us that the Lord has never neglected to help his people “at all times and in all place”.

Last Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

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 Badarak



St. Leon Armenian Church

Paving the Way...Brick by Brick

Assist in paving the way to St. Leon Armenian Church's new education and recreation building. A common area at the entry to the building will consist of engraved bricks. This is a wonderful way to make your support of this facility permanently known. You may choose to have your name, the name of a child or grandchild, birthday, anniversary or graduation day, engraved on the brick. The possibilities are numerous and the help invaluable in meeting our goal of expanding our ministry by expanding our facilities.

There are two sizes to choose from in English and Armenian letters. Each donor will receive a certificate of ownership and the satisfaction of knowing that your support will help our St. Leon family continue to grow in faith in the Armenian Church well into the 21st century.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Commemorative Brick Purchase:

English Letters

_____ 4" x 8" Brick @ \$100.00

Maximum of two lines, 13 letters per line

For 4" x 8" - engraving to read as follows: (please print clearly)

_____ 8" x 8" Brick @ \$250.00

Maximum of four lines, 13 letters per line

For 8" x 8" - engraving to read as follows: (please print clearly)

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please return this form to:

Barbara Royland

44 Benson Avenue

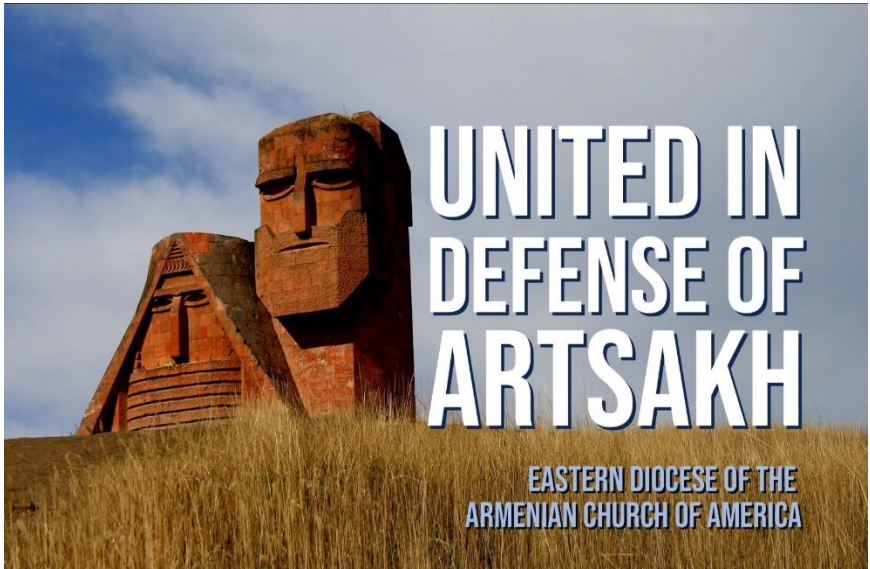
Westwood, N.J. 07675

Email: hyemom@optonline.net

201-666-5735

Check payable to: St. Leon (Memo: Brick Campaign)

All donations are tax deductible.



Rallying Support for Artsakh and Armenia

In these tense days, we are all acutely aware of the daily developments in Artsakh and Armenia. The forces arrayed against our homeland may be vast in both their strength and inhumanity. But our courageous, faithful, Christ-loving people continue to show incredible heroism, resolve, and sacrifice as they fight a life-or-death battle for the preservation of holy Artsakh and Armenia.

This morning, October 8, brought the heartbreaking news that enemy shelling had severely damaged one of the architectural wonders of Artsakh: the Sourp Prgich (Holy Savior) “Ghazanchetsots” Cathedral. A landmark in the city of Shushi, the cathedral is 150 years old, and the seat of the Armenian Church’s Artsakh diocese.

In a message to the public, Bishop Daniel called the bombardment of the Holy Savior Cathedral “evidence of the barbarity of the enemy Armenians face today.”

“In their attack on Artsakh and Armenia, [Azeris] have targeted civilian

populations, rural villages, cities filled with women and children, power-generating facilities, hospitals, humanitarian aid stations—and now religious sanctuaries,” the Primate said. “The world must condemn these outrages—and the entire military assault Azerbaijan has launched against Artsakh and Armenia.” [Click here to read the entire message.](#)

Bishop Daniel has expended much effort over the past weeks rallying support in the surrounding society, and encouraging Armenian faithful to speak and act in defense of our homeland.

On October 1, Bishop Daniel joined the “Rally for Artsakh” in New York, where he stood at the United Nations Building with Archbishop Anoushavan Tanielian to appeal for peace and express outrage at Azerbaijan’s unprovoked surprise attack on Artsakh.

In remarks extolling the spirit of unity among all Armenians, he said: “If there is any day for us Armenians to be together, it is this day. At this very moment, the greatest imaginable catastrophe is unfolding, and escalating, in our homeland of Armenia and Artsakh.... As Armenians, we must come together with one spirit, in prayer and in tangible support of our soldiers and our people—who are our brothers and sisters in the homeland.” [Click here to read more.](#)

As reported last week, Archbishop Vicken Aykazian, the Diocesan Legate and Ecumenical Director, has been at work among leaders of the worldwide ecumenical community, garnering statements of support for Armenia and Artsakh in their struggle. This week he spoke with more than 70 religious leaders, including a lengthy presentation with the Conference Catholic Bishops. In recent days Bishop Daniel spoke with the Roman Catholic Archbishop of New York Cardinal Timothy Dolan, who expressed his determination to help the Armenian cause.

In the coming days, Bishop Daniel will lead an online meeting of clergy and leaders from throughout the Eastern Diocese, to update them on developments in the homeland and the role that the Diocese is playing in support of our countrymen.

Throughout this urgent time, the Eastern Diocese has appealed to people to act for the defense and preservation of Artsakh and Armenia. Here's how:

(1) ADVOCATE: The Armenian Assembly of America and the Armenian National Committee are urging Congress and the Administration to condemn the Azeri aggression and demand its immediate cessation; to end U.S. financial aid to Azerbaijan; and to rein in Turkey from its military support of Azerbaijan. Both ANCA and the Assembly have made it easy for you to make your voice heard in support of these goals. Click these links to access their websites: ANCA.org and Armenian-Assembly.org. You can also take part in local and national public events in support of our homeland.

(2) DONATE: Armenia's government is looking to the diaspora for financial as well as moral support. At the direction of the Primate, the Eastern Diocese will direct its fundraising efforts to Armenia Fund, with all American-Armenian organizations united in this approach. All funds collected will support civilian humanitarian aid. Contributions can be directed to the Armenia Fund, on its secure websites: ArmeniaFund.org and Himnadram.org. (Donations to the ArmeniaFund site are tax-deductible in the U.S.) You may also contribute by phone at (800) 888-8897.

(3) 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.

Eastern Diocese 10/08/20

Donations for Artsakh and Armenia will go thru St. Leon Armenian Church, mail your check payable to St. Leon Armenian Church MEMO LINE: Armenia. St. Leon will issued a check and mail to Diocese going to the ArmeniaFund from the Members of St. Leon Armenian Church.