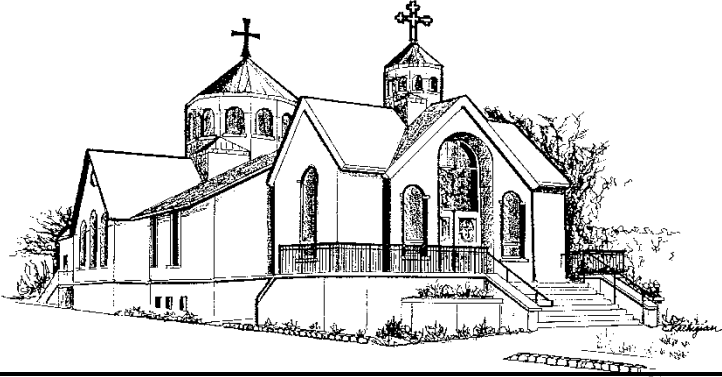


# ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross  
October 25, 2020

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



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## *Readings from the Holy Scripture*

Is 33:22-34:1

1 Cor 1:18-24

Gospel According to Matthew 24:27-36

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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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**

**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](http://ArmenianFund.org) and [ArmenianChurch.us](http://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.

**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, 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*.

**ALL ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED**

**Sunday School and Armenian School** have been suspended.

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

**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/1FAIpQLSdggfQZaD3jqInIHZucDY28vt95vZmstSYU7Oaj01yIb6nYhg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&gxids=7628>

**BIBLE STUDY**    October 28, 2020 (Located in Jessourian Hall)

Book of Ecclesiasticus

- Chapter.3            “Duties toward Parents”  
Chapter 4            “Duties toward the Poor and the Oppressed”  
Chapter 5            “Precepts for Everyday Living”

As we ended the book of Wisdom, we see the focal point of the covenant by God who brings mankind to His level. The contrast is seen in the darkness of the Egyptians and the light of the Israelites. Divine election and divine grace is the meaning of the book of Wisdom. God makes us equal with him so he can enter into a relationship with us. We have entered into a new era which is the time of God.

The Book of Ecclesiasticus, or the Wisdom of Jesus Son of Sirach is the last book of the Apocrypha. Ecclesiasticus comes from the Latin translation which means “Church book” or “belonging to the Church”. Sirach is not only the longest book in the Apocrypha but it is the only book named for its author, Jesus Ben (which means “son of”) Sira. In his writings, Ben Sira manages to combine secular wisdom with biblical wisdom. Most of the book consists of short blocks of sayings on a variety of topics. Jesus Ben (son of) Sira was a religious teacher and scribe in Jerusalem around 200-180 BCEm which was a volatile time for the Hebrew people. Ben Sira writes about the timeless value of wisdom especially focusing on the youth.

## **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 Badar

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**Նվիրատվություններ՝ ի գորակցություն Արցախի**

Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում շարունակում են ստացվել Հայաստանյայց Առաքելական Սուրբ Եկեղեցու աշխարհասփյուռ թեմերում և համայնքներում ի գորակցություն Արցախի հանգանակված նվիրատվություններ, որոնք փոխանցվում են «Հայաստան» համահայկական հիմնադրամին:

Ռուսաստանի և Նոր Նախիջևանի հայոց թեմից փոխանցվել է ևս ութ միլիոն ռուբլի գումար, Կանադայի հայոց թեմից՝ երկու հարյուր հիսուն հազար ԱՄՆ դոլար:

Ռումինիայի հայոց թեմից ստացվել է տասներեք հազար երեք հարյուր ԱՄՆ դոլար, Ամստերդամի Սուրբ Հոգի եկեղեցուց՝ հինգ հազար եվրո, Միլանի համայնքից՝ երկու հազար երեք հարյուր եվրո գումար:

Բարերար Հարություն Մխչյանի կողմից հատկացվել է տասը հազար ԱՄՆ դոլար:



## **“You Are Not Alone”: Messages of Solidarity with the Armenian People**

“It was an evening of deep consolation for me, and for all our people, to see these profound figures of prayer standing with us—with the Armenian Church, and with our people in Armenia and Artsakh,” said Bishop Daniel, following the October 21 ecumenical service at St. Vartan Cathedral.

“These were the leaders of the Catholic, Greek Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, Episcopal, and many other church traditions in America, showing solidarity with the Armenian Church and its ancient Christian heritage,” the Primate added. “It was a rare occasion, and profoundly moving to witness.”

Indeed, a spirit of support and common purpose was powerfully on display in the formal remarks of the evening.

“We are here at St. Vartan Cathedral this evening to help,” pleaded Catholic Archbishop of New York Cardinal Dolan. “You are not alone.... The shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, the sword of the Spirit: that’s our artillery; that’s our strategy.”

Archbishop Elpidophoros of the Greek Orthodox Church eloquently stated: “Today, we continue to pray for the Armenian people, that they may continue to cherish their historic land and sacred sanctuaries.”

“The suffering of the Armenian people is *our own* suffering,” said Bishop David of the Coptic Orthodox Church, in emotional remarks that captured the spirit of clergy and worshippers alike.