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

Readings from the Holy Scripture
Is 17:7-14
2 Cor 13:5-13
Gospel According to Mark 11:27-33

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 mécch me haydnetsav.” – “Orohyal 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.

Dn. Levon Asdourian will be offering the Homily today.

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.

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


*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/1FAIpQLSdgfQZaD3jqIIniHzucDY28vt95vZmstSYU7Oaj01y_lb6nYhg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&gfxids=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:  Matthew 12:25-30
KEEPPING 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
APOLOGIES
NON-APologies
AND REPARATIONS

A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

WEDNESDAYS, STARTING AUGUST 26 / 7:00 TO 8:15 PM

75-MINUTE CLASSES / TUITION FOR 4 SESSIONS: $50 DONATION PER HOUSEHOLD TO ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Why do we apologize?
What are the elements of an effective apology?
How can we repair the long-term consequences of discrimination, slavery, and genocide?
Can resentment and unforgiveness be a virtue?

College students, adults and high school students are invited to join Professor Mouradian in this 4-week multi-media seminar to examine these questions by surveying research in the fields of history, sociology, linguistics, philosophy, political science, and psychology. We will analyze apologies offered and reparations made by governments, political leaders, and other public figures, ascertaining their weaknesses and strengths, and their reception by various stakeholders.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: ARA@EDGARPNET / 917 837 1297
EXCITING NEWS!!
St. Leon Armenian Church’s Online Food Festival is coming.

This year, for the health and safety of the community and our volunteers, all food items will pre-ordered and pre-paid online and you will be pick up your order at our drive-through site on the grounds of St. Leon.

The dates of the drive through pick up are Friday, October 16\textsuperscript{th} and Saturday, October 17\textsuperscript{th} from 4:30pm-7:30pm

All orders must be placed & paid for by October 6 at midnight. We cannot accept any orders or payments on the pickup days.

The link to the website is https://st-leon-armenian-church.square.site/
All the information you need is on the site along with the menu, ordering, payment & pick up instructions.

All food items are to be picked up and enjoyed at home. There will not be any seating available on the St. Leon grounds.

Please consider becoming a Food Festival sponsor to help offset our expenses & raise some extra money for St. Leon.

Also, if you are able to, please consider making a donation to Eva’s Shelter for Women. They are in need of food items & any monetary donations we receive; we will purchase ShopRite gift cards for the women.

We hope and pray that next year, we can once again have our traditional Food Festival and you will be able to sit down and enjoy our delicious foods and some KEF inside our Community Center.

Thank you for supporting St. Leon!!
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

______ 8" x 8" Brick @ $250.00
Maximum of four lines, 13 letters per line

Amount Enclosed: $________

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

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

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Please return this form to:
Barbara Royland
44 Benson Avenue
Westwood, N.J. 07675
Email: hyegom@optonline.net
201-666-5735

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

All donations are tax deductible.
Նոր ուղղության հայրերին ուղղված հայտարար

Մայիսի 30-ին Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում, նախագահությամբ Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ծայրագույն Պատրիարք և Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսի, տեղի ունեցավ Գերագույն հոգևոր խորհրդի ժողով։

Այս օրը պատմական հիշատակություն էր Բերդիշենում Հայոց Հայրապետը հայրենիքի սահմանների պաշտպանության հարցին ներկայացավ հայրենիքի համար զոհված հայորդիների հոգիների հանգստավորման համար։

Ժողովին անդրադարձ կատարվեց Արցախի Հանրապետության շուրջ ստեղծված իրավիճակում Արցախի ժողովրդի և հայոց բանակի աջակցության ուղղված Մայր Աթոռի և թեմերի կողմից ձեռնարկված քայլերը։

Վեհափառ Հայրապետը ժողովականներին տեղեկացրեց, որ մշտական կապի մեջ է Արցախի թեմի առաջնորդ Տ.Պարգև արքեպիսկոպոս Մարտիրոսյանի և ՀՀ ԶՈՒ հոգևոր առաջնորդ Տ.Վրթանես եպիսկոպոս Աբրահամյանի հետ։

Իրազեկվեց, որ Ադրբեջանի սանձաված ռազմական գործողությունների առնչությամբ Ամենայն Հայոց Հայրապետի կողմից ուղերձներ են հղվել պետությունների ղեկավարներին, քույր Եկեղեցիների առաջնորդներին, կրոնապետների և միջկրոնական կազմակերպությունների ղեկավարներին։

Արցախի ժողովրդի իրավունքների պաշտպանության գործում ԳՀԽ անդամները կարևորեցին նաև թեմերի աշխատանքը Քույր Եկեղեցիներ, միջեկեղեցական ու միջկրոնական կազմակերպությունների հետ։

Առանձին քննարկման նյութ դարձավ գնդերեցների ծառայության և այս օրերին նրանց շարքերը համալրող,
Արցախի հարցին և իր առակտորության համար Մայր Աթոռի մի քանի միաբանները, լուսավորված հաղորդատերը հանդիպել են Հայաստանի Հանրապետության Հեռախոսի վրա։

Նոր Արցախի հայրենիքների համազգային աղոթքը տեղի է ունենում հայ հայկական տերության կենտրոնություններում, որոնք կազմում են միայն այդ աղոթքի կազմը։

Մայր Աթոռը Սուրբ Էջմիածինում հրավիրում է մասնակցող այս կազմածմանը, որպեսզի հայրենագրական խորհուրդները կռավ հայոց ազատության համար։
A True Day of Infamy

Armenian faithful across the world expected to greet the morning of Sunday, September 27, in a spirit of joy, to celebrate the unique Armenian Church feast day of the Holy Cross of Varak. Instead, we awakened to the horror of a vicious attack on our homeland, including the shelling bombardment of the entire border of the Artsakh republic, and its capital city of Stepanakert.

As Diocesan Primate Bishop Daniel Findikyan expressed it: “It was a true 'Day of Infamy' in the modern history of the Armenian people: an unprovoked surprise attack by the hostile neighboring country of Azerbaijan.” To make matters worse, the aggressor is being supported militarily by Turkey.

The government of Artsakh and Armenia confirm that our homeland is in a state of war, with Armenian casualties surpassing (at this writing) 100 individuals: military personnel and civilians alike, including women and children. We pray to our merciful Lord Jesus Christ for the repose of every lost soul among our countrymen, and for the consolation of their grieving families.
In the Eastern Diocese, Primate Bishop Daniel was from the start in close consultation with Armenia’s Ambassador to the U.S. Varuzhan Nersesyan, as well as with bishops and church leaders in America, and leaders of Armenian-American cultural, political, and advocacy organizations. In his messages to the public, the Primate called on the public to unite in prayer for Artsakh, and warned that “the war has many fronts, including cyber attacks … and a campaign of disinformation” against Armenia.

“My dear people,” he said, “this is a war in which we all have a stake—in which we all, in our humble ways, have some role to play, some action to take … for the defense and preservation of Artsakh and Armenia.” (Click here to read more.)

In a video message, Bishop Daniel designated Wednesday, September 30 as a day of Diocesan-wide “Prayer for Artsakh.” In parishes across the Eastern Diocese, and via online broadcasts, the faithful joined their voices to ask for God’s protection over Armenia and Artsakh, for deliverance from every adversary, and for peace and justice for all our people.

Presiding over the service at New York’s St. Vartan Cathedral, Bishop Daniel urged listeners: “We as Armenian Christians must set our hopes on the most powerful weapon that we have at our disposal.” By way of explication, he quoted the words of the Old Testament Prophet Joel (Jl 2:32): “Whoever calls on the name of the Lord will live; this short message gives all of us great hope and great consolation in the midst of awesome tragedy, pain, and fear.” (Watch Bishop Daniel’s sermon and the recorded service.)

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Throughout this week, Bishop Daniel has appealed to all our 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. Make your voice heard in support of these goals; click these links to access their websites: [ANCA.org](http://ANCA.org) and [Armenian-Assembly.org](http://Armenian-Assembly.org).

(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 new and secure website: [Himnadram.org](http://Himnadram.org). You may also contribute by phone at (800) 888-8897.

(3) **PRAY:** Keep Artsakh, Armenia, and our people in your prayers. As our Primate stressed, 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.
Diocese Appeals to Sister Churches to Condemn Attack on Artsakh

Throughout this tense week, the Eastern Diocese has been reaching out to sister churches to gain support for Armenia and Artsakh in the wake of the Azeri attacks.

In a personal appeal to Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, and Roman Catholic hierarchs in America, Diocesan Primate Bishop Daniel Findikyan described the attack on Artsakh and asked the leaders to “pray alongside the Armenian Church faithful, as we implore our Lord Jesus to place his protection over the people of Armenia and Artsakh.”

In asking for the church leaders to share the information with their respective clergy and faithful, he made a special plea to help “dispel the terrible misinformation” that has attempted to cast blame on both sides of the conflict, or characterize Armenia as the aggressor, “against every shred of evidence.”

Archbishop Vicken Aykazian, the Diocesan Legate and Ecumenical Director, has been working among the world’s major inter-church groups—resulting in strong statements from the National Council of Church in the U.S.A. (NCC) and the World Council of Churches (WCC) condemning the escalation of violence, and calling for the international community to take
diplomatic action.

The strongly-worded NCC statement was explicit in its condemnation of Azerbaijan as the aggressor, affirming that the “NCC opposes this unprovoked surprise attack by Azerbaijan that has brought Armenia into a state of war.” It further states: “The NCC stands in solidarity with the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, the World Council of Churches, and people of goodwill everywhere in expressing our outrage and deep sadness at this conflict.”

“This is an extremely important statement issued by America’s largest, most influential ecumenical body,” said Archbishop Aykazian, who is a former NCC President and present board member, a board member of the WCC, and a senior leader on the worldwide ecumenical stage.