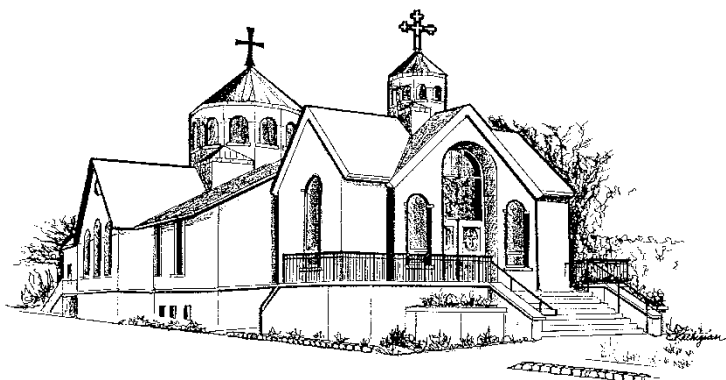


ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
Feast of the Catholic Church of Holy Etchmiadzin
June 6, 2021

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Zec 3:7-4:9

Heb 9:1-10

Gospel According to John 10:22-30

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten 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 haydnootyoonun Krisdosi."

"Christ is revealed among us." - "Blessed is the revelation of Christ."

Diocese Update - As the number of our faithful -fully vaccinated against COVID continues to rise, as local regulations and restrictions are loosened, we hereby ask everyone to continue to wear masks & social distancing should be respected.

Before the Singing of Hayr Mer Fr. Diran will be conducting the Prayer Service for the Catholicos and on the Feast of Holy Etchmiadzin.

HOKEHANKISD

✝ Saro, Hilda, Nairi, Nanor & Aram Hartounian request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Makrouhi Kuredjian** loving mother and grandmother on the **1st year** of her passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in her memory.

✝ The Sahagian Family from New Jersey, Hagop, Ani, Harout, Talar and from Beirut, the Families of Sona, Nelly and Missak Melidonian request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Vaskanoush Sahagian**, loving, caring, mother, grandmother and great grandmother on her **71st year** of passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in her and her husband's memory.

Vaskanoush was the widow of beloved Haroutioun Sahagian a survivor of the Armenian Genocide from Trebizond.

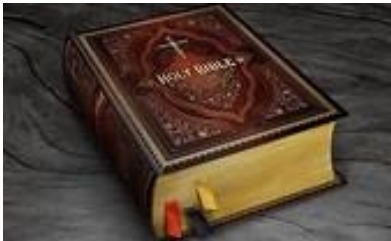
✝ Anthony Hazarian request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Kevork Hazarian**, loving father and all **The Hazarian Family**, **Nazik & Bogos Jaragoz**, loving grandparents, **Hamaz Beyleryan**, loving uncle, **Meline Hazarian** loving cousin, **The Ansir Family** of their passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit 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.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Remember in your prayers and ask for the recovery of Robert John Karanfilian III, Silva Jinivizian, Greg Tenbekjian, Annette Kouchshirin, Brandon Katz, Zoe Brooks, 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*.



BIBLE STUDY

TIME: 7:30 PM

Zoom Bible Study Wednesday,
June 9, 2021 If you would like to
participate please call or e-mail
Fr. Diran and he will send you the

link for the Bible Study.

The Book of Micah

Chapter 1 “Judgement Pronounced against Samaria”

Chapter 2 “Social Evils Denounced”

Chapter 3 “Wicked Rulers and Prophets

The Book of Hosea tells the story of when God told Hosea to marry a prostitute as a living, breathing symbol of Israel’s spiritual unfaithfulness, as he chose an appropriate metaphor. The people of Israel not only prostituted themselves spiritually, they also did it literally worshipping Canaanite gods involved in promiscuous relationships. Despite Israel’s sinfulness and ingratitude, God shows His compassion and love towards them in order to bring them back to a faithful and loving relationship with Him.

Fundamental Teachings of the Armenian Church

Seven Sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Penance, Holy Communion, Matrimony, Holy Orders, Unction with Oil (for the sick)

The Seven Spiritual Works of Mercy

- To instruct the ignorant.
- To counsel the doubtful.
- To exhort and convert sinners.
- To comfort the sorrowing and afflicted.
- To forgive offenses.
- To suffer wrongs patiently.
- To pray for others, living and dead.

The Four Cardinal Virtues: Prudence, Justice, Temperance and Fortitude.

Four Notes of the True Church: One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic

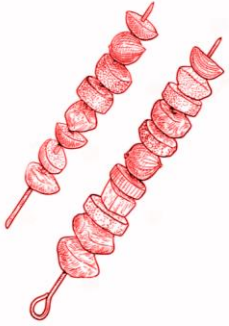
The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

- The spirit of wisdom and understanding.
- The spirit of counsel and spiritual strength.
- The spirit of knowledge and true godliness.
- The spirit of holy fear of the Lord.

The Four Symbols of the Gospels

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| The Angel-St. Matthew | The Winged Ox-St. Luke |
| The Winged Lion- St. Mark | The Eagle-St. John |

Dear St. Leon Church Parishioners and Friends:



We are very pleased to bring back our annual St. Leon Church Picnic on **Sunday, June 6, 2021** immediately following church services. We invite you to come and enjoy delicious kebab, bulghur pilaf, desserts and more all made with care by our talented volunteers. This year we are also excited to have Vicken Makoushian who will be performing live Armenian music all afternoon.

This year's picnic will be conducted with safety in mind as all attendees will be expected to practice social distancing and mask wearing as appropriate.

For those of you who want to skip the food line, we are implementing an online pre-ordering system this year. Starting on May 3, follow this link <http://bit.ly/StLeonPicnic> or scan the QR code with your smartphone to place your order in advance then just visit our designated pre-order table during the picnic to pick up your food. *Pre-ordering is strongly encouraged as supplies may be limited on the day of the picnic.*

In the event of rain, the outdoor seating area will be closed and all food orders will only be available to take home via curbside pickup. Online ordering will be available until 10:00am on June 6.

Want to help? Here are a few ways to participate and support our Annual Church Picnic...

Become a volunteer: From making and serving food, to running supplies to breaking down at the end of the day, there are numerous ways to help. If you are not sure where your talents can be best used we are certain we have a perfect spot for you! Please contact Lynn Markarian (lynn.markarian@gmail.com).

50/50 Raffle: As long as the sun is shining, we will be selling raffle tickets during the picnic for a drawing to be held at 4:00pm. Look for ticket sellers around the picnic grounds. *No purchase required.*

Picnic Sponsorship: Consider becoming a Picnic Sponsor and provide your financial support for all our wonderful activities. Visit <http://bit.ly/StLeonPicnic> to make an online payment or use the attached sponsorship form to mail in your pledge of support.



We look forward to another enjoyable gathering. Bring your family, friends and appetites for great Armenian food, music and community.

See you on Sunday, June 6.

Haig Buchakjian
Picnic Committee Chair

Picnic Sponsorship

Dear St. Leon Church Parishioners and Friends,

The St. Leon Armenian Church Annual Picnic has become a long-standing tradition of our community. This year's picnic will be held on June 6, 2020 from 12:30 – 4:30 pm on the church grounds. We have delicious Armenian food, live Armenian music by **Vicken Makoushian**. Due to COVID restrictions, in the event of rain, we will be unable to host attendees in person, but will go forward with serving our delicious food via online order and curbside pickup.

As in previous years the Picnic Committee is welcoming Picnic Sponsors as a way participants can help offset the burden of higher food costs and raise additional funds for our church.

We kindly ask that you consider becoming a Picnic Sponsor and lend your financial support.

You can participate by visiting <http://bit.ly/StLeonPicnic> or by detaching the lower portion of this notice and returning it along with your donation to the church office. If you have any questions call the church office or **Haig Buchakjian at 201-317-8619**.

Our committee of volunteers gathers every year to plan a memorable event for our parish and extended community. Our beloved Women's Guild spends hours preparing our favorite foods for the big day. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful dedicated people in our church family working for the benefit of our parish.

We look forward to hearing from you; with your support we make the St. Leon Church Annual Picnic better each year!

Picnic Sponsorship Form

(Detach the section below and mail along with your payment)

Yes, I would like to be a Picnic Sponsor for the 2021 Annual St. Leon Armenian Church Picnic.

_____ \$50 pledge _____ \$100 pledge _____ \$250 pledge
_____ \$500.00 pledge \$_____ Other pledge amount

Please write "Picnic Sponsor" in the memo portion of your check.

Name: _____

Check #: _____

Address:

City: _____ State: _____

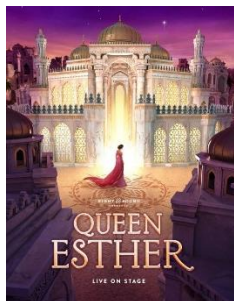
Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Thank you for your support.

<p><u>GRADUATES</u> If you are a 2021 High School and/or College Graduate from the St. Leon Church Sunday School/ACYOA, there will be a Graduate Page in our July/August Lradoo. Please e-mail your picture and ONE paragraph of your accomplishments to the Church office by 6/30/21 When sending the information via email, please call the office to make sure the office received it. stleon@stleon.org 201-791-2862 Mary Ann Mozian</p>



A Timeless Story of Relentless Strength **QUEEN ESTHER**

*Sight and Sound Millennium Theatre
Where the Bible Comes to Life
Lancaster, Pennsylvania*

Saturday, November 6, 2021

Sponsored by the St. Leon Parish Council

***Subsidized cost (for St. Leon dues-paying members only)
includes performance, transportation and a lavish buffet lunch
before the performance.***

ADULTS: \$ 75 subsidized KIDS: \$35
\$140 unsubsidized (3-12) \$80 unsubsidized

ONLY 50 TICKETS – FIRST COME – FIRST SERVED

Schedule of Day's Events

9:30 a.m. *Bus departs from St. Leon Church*

12:30 – 2:00 p.m. *Lavish buffet Lunch – Local Restaurant*

3:00 p.m. *Performance*

5:45 p.m. *Bus departs Lancaster, PA – please bring a sandwich/drink for the ride home*

9:15 p.m. *Bus arrives at St. Leon Church.*

Check payable to St. Leon Armenian Church (write Esther in memo line)

Check confirms reservation

Mail to: Berdjouhi Parseghian, 727 Chestnut Pl. Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417

(Provide e-mail, cell number, name and ages of children with reservation.)

For additional information please contact Berdjouhi Parseghian (201) 848-9294 or Berdjouhi1@gmail.com



The Feast of Holy Etchmiadzin

Its name means “The Place Where the Only Begotten Came Down,” and its eternal message—that the Son of God touched the earth, shared in our humanity, even mystically struck the soil of our homeland—is as deeply meaningful today as it was seventeen centuries ago.

We will honor that message on Sunday, June 6, as the Armenian Church celebrates the Feast of the Catholic Church of Holy Etchmiadzin (canonically known as *Don Sourp Etchmiadzini Gatoghiquh Yegeghetzin*).

The cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin was built in A.D. 303, after St. Gregory the Illuminator had a vision in which Christ struck the ground with a golden hammer and instructed Gregory to erect a church on the site.

The feast day commemorates the founding of the Universal Church (the idea that there was one church, founded by Jesus Christ and spread by the Apostles) and St. Gregory’s vision. It follows the Feast of St. Gregory the Enlightener’s Deliverance from the Pit, which will be observed on Saturday, June 5.

A special ceremony marks the day, in which the “Prayer for the Catholicos and the Feast of Holy Etchmiadzin” is offered in the world’s Armenian churches.

Above: Detail of the St. Gregory Gate, the entryway to the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin, constructed by the order of His Holiness Karekin II. The impressive relief depicts King Drtad and the Illuminator, the principal figures in Etchmiadzin’s foundation.



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Last Gospel is Matthew 11:25-30

“WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IN?”

“If you believe in the Gospel, with only what you like, and reject what you don’t like, it is not the Gospel you believe, but yourself.”

St. Augustine (354-430)

“THE ESSENCE OF THE CHURCH”

“The Church is neither ritual nor ceremony, it is neither conditional nor obligatory. Rather, it is the expression of life: life in Christ; in His heavenly existence and earthly experiences.”

Bishop Karekin of Trebizon (1880-1961)

Later Patriarch of Constantinople.

“The Light of the World in Armenia, Volume I.”

“RELATED BY FAITH”

“Let no one make such an evil statement that so and so is neither dear to me, nor is he/she related or my neighbor, so how can I approach and talk to him/her? But consider that he/she is also a human being and as such shares the same nature as you, and you two have the same Lord. And if he/she shares the same faith as you, then he/she is a part of you, and there is no closer relation than the sharing of faith.”

Exhortation- Parsegh Vartabed of Mashgevor (1280-1345”