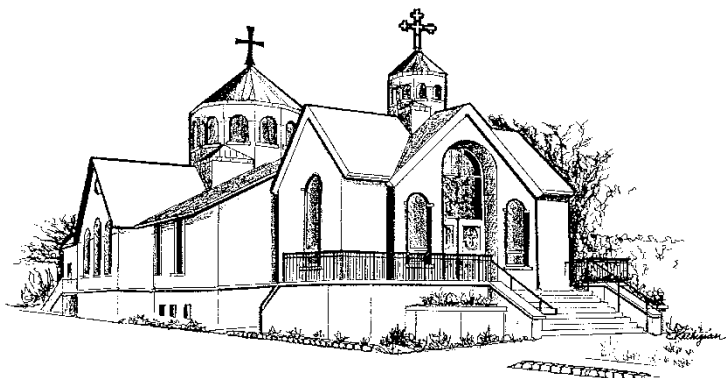


ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
Sunday of the Steward
March 7, 2021

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Is 56:1-57:21

Eph 4:17-5:14

Gospel According to Luke 16:1-31

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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Jack Hamparian

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PRINCIPAL ORGANIST

Sirvard Galstian



“Krisdos ee méch me haydnetsav.” – “Orhnyal é haydnootyoonun Krisdosi.”

“Christ is revealed among us.” - “Blessed is the revelation of Christ.”

Divine Liturgy on Sunday February 28 and Sunday March 7, as well as Lenten Services on Friday March 5 have been canceled.

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, 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.

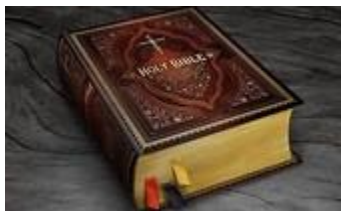
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Supreme Spiritual Council Meets at Mother See

Last week the Armenian Church's Supreme Spiritual Council convened at the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin. His Holiness Karekin II, the Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, is presiding over the gathering of distinguished bishops and lay members. To begin the meeting on February 23, he blessed the council members and led them in a requiem prayer for the clergy, soldiers, and civilians martyred in the Artsakh war.

The substance of the week's discussions will revolve around the challenges facing Armenia and Artsakh in the post-war period. Special attention will be given to the ongoing status of P.O.W.'s and M.I.A.'s; the effort to protect and preserve Artsakh's Armenian Christian heritage, sanctuaries, and monuments; and concerns over the social fabric of Armenia. The council will also review issues of pastoral ministry and worship under the pandemic conditions.

The Supreme Spiritual Council's agenda includes receiving reports on the outreach ministries of the Mother See during the past year; the continuing restoration of the Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin; and resuming plans for a National Ecclesiastical Assembly of the worldwide church—plans which had been postponed with the outbreak of the COVID-19 lockdown



BIBLE STUDY

March 10, 2021 POSTPONED

Located in Abajian Hall Lobby

TIME: 7:30 PM

The Book of Sirach

Chapter 34 “Dreams Mean Nothing”

Chapter 35 “The Law and Sacrifices”

Chapter 36 “A Prayer for God’s People”

In this week’s bible study the book of ‘Sirach’ continues to guide us, and advise us that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of all that is good. That the fear of the Lord will be our moral compass, which will show us the righteous way, in each situation that we face in our lives. Wise are those who are obedient and follow the commandments of God and live by them. Moreover when we have the fear of the Lord with us and uphold the commandments, we will love our neighbors, we will not speak with harsh words but with words that build up the other, and we will give mercy to those who ask from us.

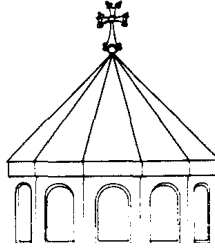
ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Lenten Service Only

Friday Night at 7:30 PM

March 12, 29, 26, 2021

Lenten Service 7:30 pm

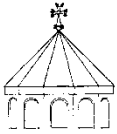


ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING

TO BE HELD ON

MARCH 14, 2021



On behalf of Der Diran and the Parish Council of Saint Leon Armenian Church, we would like to invite you to our rescheduled 2021 Parish Assembly meeting, which will be held at Saint Leon Abajian Hall on Sunday, March 14th at 1 PM. Dues-paying members will be able to attend either “in-person” or “virtually” (via Zoom).

If you choose to attend our Parish Assembly “in-person”, you must first **register** by calling MaryAnne Bonjuklian at (201)-934-8930 or emailing your first and last name, and cell phone number to maryannebonjuklian@gmail.com by Thursday, March 11th of all those in your household who will be attending. Finally, you must **check-in** on Sunday, March 14th in Abajian Hall in order to receive your paper ballot. “In-person” attendees must vote with paper-ballot. **Check-in** will begin at 12 PM. Please note that face masks are required.

If you choose to attend our Parish Assembly meeting virtually (on Zoom), you must **register** by visiting the following website bit.ly/StLeonZoom and entering your first and last name, email and cell phone number. Registration cut-off is Thursday, March 11th. Each virtual attendee must complete a separate registration form. Once you have registered and been verified as an eligible voter, you will be sent an email with your Zoom invitation link. On the day of our assembly meeting, click on your Zoom invitation link at 12:45 PM to access the meeting. Please note that each virtual attendee must have their own email and device to access the assembly meeting, vote on assembly motions (via Zoom), and vote for candidates (via ElectionBuddy). Please make sure Zoom is installed on your electronic device prior to the day of our parish assembly.

Hope to hear from you soon if you plan on attending our Parish Assembly meeting.

Very truly yours,

Vicken Jessourian



LILIES FOR THE HOLY ALTAR

Parishioners who wish to make a contribution to the Lilies that will grace the Holy Altar on Easter Sunday by filling in the form below and submitting it to the Church Office by Monday, March 22, 2021 Enclosed please find the amount of \$_____.

LILIES - Please print:

Name _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Telephone _____

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--- *“Alleluia! Alleluia”* Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise. Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise. He who on the cross a Victim for the world’s salvation bled, Jesus Christ the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead. Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat. See the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat. Once he died and once was buried; now he lives forevermore. Jesus Christ, the world’s Redeemer, whom we worship and adore. Christ is risen, Christ the first fruits of the holy harvest field, Which will all its full abundance at his second coming yield. Then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before Him wave, Ripened by his glorious sunshine from the furrows of the grave. Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high; Alleluia! to the Savior, who has won the victory; Alleluia! to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity: Alleluia, alleluia! to the Triune Majesty. *(Christopher Wordsworth 1865)*



PLANTS FOR CHRIST'S TOMB

Good Friday is the day Christians around the world commemorate the death and burial of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the Armenian Church tradition, during the Evening Vespers a tomb is placed in the Chancel of the Church and decorated with flowers and candles, reminding the congregation of the sacrificial crucifixion and death of our Lord for the sake of our salvation. It is a tradition in the Armenian Church for the congregation to bring flowers to the church to decorate the Tomb of the Lord. The flowers are placed on the tomb throughout the service. At the conclusion of the service, they are distributed to the congregation. This year at St. Leon Church, in addition to flowers, the tomb will once again be decorated with indoor potted plants. Every family will be invited to take a plant from the Tomb of the Lord and place it in their homes. As they grow and flourish, these plants will remind each member of our community of the beautiful bond we enjoy with each other and with our Church as our family in Christ.

Please help us maintain this beautiful spiritual custom in our Church. Your donation will help defray the cost of the purchase of these plants.-----✂-----

-Plants for Christ's Tomb

Yes, I would like to support/maintain the beautiful tradition of our Armenian Church. Enclosed please find the amount of \$ _____ towards the purchase of plants for Christ's Tomb. Please return this form with your donation to the Church Office by Monday, March 22, 2021. **Please print:**

Name _____

In Honor of _____

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Telephone _____

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 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.



ST. LEON WOMEN'S GUILD

Easter Fundraiser

The Women's Guild is offering

Women's Guild Choreg, Hantes Choreg and Cheese Boreg
in time for Easter.

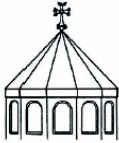
Everything will be made to order, frozen, packed and ready to be
picked up on Palm Sunday, March 28th and Easter Sunday, April 4th
in front of the rectory garage

Deadline for orders is March 23, 2021. Please fill out the order
form below, make your check payable to **St. Leon Women's Guild**
and mail to

Marilou Pinajian 10 Wyckoff Terrace, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

Call 201-791-0621 or email your order to mpinajian@gmail.com (new)

Quantity	Item	Price	Total
_____	Women's Guild Choreg Packed 12 Braids in one bag	\$13/dozen	_____
_____	Hantes Choreg (a little sweeter) (1 large braid individually wrapped)	\$12/loaf	_____
_____	Cheese Borag 6 per package	\$15/pkg	_____



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)

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_____ 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)

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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.