

Padus-Araxes Cultural Association

39th INTENSIVE SUMMER COURSE OF ARMENIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE IN VENICE

GENERAL PROGRAMME OF CULTURAL & LEISURE ACTIVITIES

August 2025

1^o Week

1st Friday, 8.45 -10.00 am – Inauguration of the Intensive Summer School and regular classes

3rd Sunday, 11.00 am – Liturgy of the Holy Mass / Սուրբ Պատարագ (*Surb Patarag*) in the Medieval Armenian church of the Holy Cross / Սուրբ Խաչ (*Surb Khach*), celebrated by H.G. Archbishop Levon Zekian. **Departure from Residences: 9.30 am.**

2^o Week

4th Monday, 19.45 (7:45 pm) – Փոխադարձ ծանոթութեան Ուրախ երեկոյ / Evening party for mutual knowledge

6th Wednesday, 17.30 (5:30 pm) – Guided visit of Armenian Venice, one of the first Armenian Diaspora centres in the West, by Dr. EVELYN KORSCH.

7th Thursday, 20.30 (8:30 pm) – Public Lecture: ՎԵՆԵՏԻԿԻ ԴԱՍԸՆԹԱՅՔԻՆ ՔԱՌԱՍՈՒՆ ՏԱՐԻՆԵՐԸ / FORTY YEARS OF THE VENICE SUMMER INTENSIVE COURSE by Fr. Levon ZEKIYAN.

8th Friday, 15.00 (3:00 pm) – Group visit to *Surb Ghazar*, the Monastic Island of San Lazzaro in Laguna, Headquarters of the Mekhitarist Order and cradle of the modern Armenian Renaissance in the 18th century.

10th Sunday, 11 am – Liturgy of the Holy Mass / Սուրբ Պատարագ (*Surb Patarag*) in the Medieval Armenian church of the Holy Cross / Սուրբ Խաչ (*Surb Khach*), celebrated by Fr. Levon Zekian. **Departure from Residences: 9.30 am.**

3^o Week

11th Monday, 20.30 (8:30 pm) – Public Lecture: ԱՐԵՎՍՏԱՀԱՅ ՄԱԿՈՅԷԸ ԵՒ ՀԱՅ ԻՆՔՆՈՒԹԻՒՆԸ / WEST ARMENIAN CULTURE AND ARMENIAN IDENTITY by Fr. Levon ZEKIYAN

13th Wednesday 20.30 (8.30 pm) – Meeting with Estonian writer KALLE KÄSPER and the presentation of her trilingual (Armenian-English-Italian) booklet "Armenian Women"(Armenian translation by Karine Khodikyan; English translation by course teacher Artsvi Bakhchinyan, Italian translation by former course attendee Stefano Bertolletti).

14th Thursday, 20.30 (8.30 pm) - 20.30 (8.30pm) Celebration of the Course's 40th anniversary.
Prof. Theo van Lint – Oxford University, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies / Pembroke College "On the Road of Discovery to Untold Riches of Human Culture: Learning Western Armenian in Venice"

15th Friday, Festival Day, free-lesson day.

16th Saturday, last day of classes.

17.30 (5.30PM) CELEBRATION OF THE COURSE'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY – Suren Danielyan, Founder and President of SPYURK Research Centre "The present and the perspectives of Western Armenian Education" (<<Արեւմտահայ կրթութեան ներկան եւ հեռանկարները

17th Sunday, 11 am – Feast of *Our Lady's Assumption* /Աստուածամօր Վերափոխման տօն, in the Armenian rite. Solemn Divine Liturgy of the **Holy Mass Սուրբ Պատարագ** at the Monastery of San Lazzaro. **Departure from Residences: 9.00 am, Boat from San Zaccaria: 10.25 am.**

18th Monday - 9.00-12.00 – Exams

19.45 (7.45 pm) – Հրաժեշտի երեկոյ / Farewell evening

19th Tuesday – Check-out & Departures

The locations for the events will be communicated at a later time. The program is subject to change.