

Padus-Araxes Cultural Association
38th INTENSIVE SUMMER SCHOOL
OF ARMENIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE IN VENICE

GENERAL PROGRAMME OF CULTURAL & LEISURE ACTIVITIES

August 2024

1^o Week

1st Thursday, 8.45 -10.00 am – **Inauguration** of the Intensive Summer School and regular classes
18.30 (6.30 pm) – **Public Lecture** on "Armenian Identity and Its Challenges" by Prof. Boghos Vrd. LEVON ZEKIYAN

2nd Friday, 19.45 (7:45 pm) – Փոխադարձ ծանոթութեան Ուրախ երեկոյ / **Evening party** for mutual knowledge

4th 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 Zekiyan. **Departure** from Residences: **9.30 am**.

2^o Week

5th Monday, 20.30 (8.30 pm) – **Public Lecture** on “Armenian Identity and its Challenges” by prof. Boghos Vrd. LEVON ZEKIYAN.

6th Tuesday, 20.30 (8:30 pm) – **Book Presentation** “LITTLE ARMENIAS. The Travel Guide of the Armenian Diaspora” (2022) and discussion with the author RUBEN M. KULAKSEZIAN.

7th Wednesday, 18:30 (6:30 pm) – **Concert of Armenian Traditional Music** by NAREG ENSEMBLE (Aram Ipekdjian, duduk; Burag Mesropyan, percussions) at Chiesa dei SS. Apostoli, Cannaregio.

8th Thursday, 18.30 (6:30 pm) – **Concert of Armenian Traditional and Spiritual Music** by NAREG ENSEMBLE at Chiesa di San Trovaso.

9th 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.

11th 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 H.G. Archbishop Levon Zekiyan. **Departure** from Residences: **9.30 am**.

3^o Week

12th Monday, 20.45 (8:45 pm) – **Film screening.** #MAESTRO95. Hommage à Serge Parajanov by Arturo Sayan (2019, Germany).

13th Tuesday, 18.30 (6:30 pm) – **Guided visit** of one of the first Armenian Diaspora centres in the West, **Armenian Venice**, by Dr. EVELYN KORSCH.

14th Wednesday, 20.45 (8.45 pm) – **Film screening.** AMERIKATSI by Michael Goorjian (2022, Armenia), first Armenian Academy-award shortlisted film. Artsvi Bakhchinyan will comment on the movie.

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

16th Friday – **Last day** of classes.

18.30 (6:30 pm) – **Open Discussion** with *HAKOB ASATRIAN*, journalist, chief-editor of the Czech based Armenian monthly newspaper *Ozer* and member on the expert committee on Armenian Diaspora Unity (The Future Armenian Development Foundation)

17th Saturday, 9.00-12.00 – **Exams**

19.45 (7.45 pm) – Հրաժեշտի երեկոյ / **Farewell evening**

18th Sunday, 11 pm – Feast of *Our Lady's Assumption* / Աստուածամոր Վերափոխման տոն, in the Armenian rite. Solemn Divine Liturgy of the **Holy Mass** Սուրբ Պատարագ at the Monastery of San Lazzaro. **Departure** from Residences: **9 am**, **Boat** from San Zaccaria: **10.25 am**.

19th Monday – **Check-out & Departures**

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