

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Octave of Easter (New Sunday)

April 16, 2023

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Acts 5:34-6:7

James 3:1-12

Gospel of John 1:1-17

“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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Please include Artsakh & our motherland in your prayers.



Parish Council Members

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Members at Large	<i>Serda Belekdanian, Hagop Cilingiryan,</i>

Welcome to our newly elected parish council members!

HOKEHANKISD

† Bert, Rosemary, Steven, and Jennifer Bedrosian request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Siroon Harootunian**, *beloved mother and grandmother*, on the occasion of **her 23rd year** of passing into eternal rest, and also for the soul of **Hagop Harootunian**, *beloved father, and grandfather*, on the occasion of **his 54th year** of passing into eternal rest. The family has donated towards the altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.

† Mari Yartim & family request Hokehankisd for the souls of **Diran Benzer**, **Anna Benzer**, **Hagop Benzer**, **Zabel Takici**, & **Hagop Takici** on passing into eternal rest. The family has donated towards the altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.

† Seta Boudoughian, George Boudoughian & family, Andrew Hallajian & family request Hokehankisd for the souls **Vartan R. Boudoghian**, *beloved husband, father, grandfather* on the occasion of **his 2nd year** on passing into eternal rest and for the souls of **Karnic & Agnes Boudoughian**, *beloved parents, grandparents*, and **Karekin & Arpine Cholakian**, *beloved parents, grandparents*, and **Hagop & Lousin Cholakian**, *beloved uncle & aunt* on passing into eternal rest. The family has donated towards the altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.

† Parris Capizzi, Aimee & Stephen Aslanian, Jason Capizzi, Gregory & Amy Beth Capizzi, Nikolas, Isabella, Michael Aslanian, Allegra Capizzi, Islie, & Mila Capizzi request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Linda Capizzi**, *beloved wife, mother, & grandmother* on the occasion of **her 2nd year** passing into eternal rest. The family has donated towards the altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.

† C. Richard & Jo-Ann Tashjian, Andre & Roxanne Crapanzano, Adam & Sylvia Tashjian request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Linda Capizzi**, *loving sister, and aunt*, on her **2nd year** of passing into eternal rest. The family has donated toward altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved one.



Dr. Haig Garjian, Janice Garjian, Atamian & Hiscoe families request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Rose M. Garjian**, *beloved mother, grandmother*, on the occasion of **her 4th year** of passing into eternal rest. The family has donated towards the altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.



Paul Pinajian, Lynn & Arthur Beylerian, Aline & Nick Knaian, Christine & Matt McNally, request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Grace Pinajian**, *beloved mother, grandmother*, on the occasion of **her 40th day (Karasoonk)** on passing into eternal rest and also for the soul of Dn **Charles Pinajian**, *loving father, grandfather* on the occasion of **his 6th year** on passing into eternal rest. The family has donated towards the altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.



Eduard Ohanyan & Sahakanush Khachatryan request Hokehankisd for the souls of **Tsolak Khachatryan**, and for the souls of **Vagarshak & Knarik Ohanyan**, *loving parents* and for *beloved infant son*, **Hovhannes Ohanyan**, on passing into eternal rest. The family has donated towards the altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.

Hokehankisd Deadline:

Kindly submit all Hokehankisd requests by **12 noon on Thursdays** to be included in that week's Sunday bulletin. Please note that there is a standard word format used to maintain consistency with all Hokehankisd requests.

You may email or call the church office to submit your Hokehankisd prayer request, M-F, 10am-4pm.



PRAYER FOR REQUIEM – *HOKEHANKISD*

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, Son of God, forbearing 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.

Ruzanna Arevshatyan, Felicia Asomani, James Azarian, Mosses Bairamian, Hana Botie, Zoe Brooks, Frank Cornawchiulo, Jerry DiSant, Mike Fenarjian, Julie Frattarola, Ruben Grigoryants, Varoujan Harutunian, Lusine Hovsepyan, Silva Jinivizian, Robert John Karanfilian III, Brandon Katz, Annette Kouchshirin, Jim & Wendy Lathey, Fran Loiacono, Carmelina Mancini, Bill Manookian, Sebu Oscherician, Emily Ring, Michael Sakolsky, Melanie Sarkisian, Marie Tenguerian, Greg Tenbekjian, Clara Yeramian.

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.”

(Kindly assist with the updating of the prayer list. If a name needs to be added or removed, notify the church office. Thank you).

Church Etiquette

Reverence Required



* Please refrain from entering the pews when the following parts of the *Divine Liturgy (Soorp Badarak)* are taking place. You may stand in the back of the church until these parts have ended. The parish council members will be happy to assist you.

1. Chanting of the Gospel, pg. 17,
2. Recitation of the Creed (Havadamk), pg.18,
3. Chalice Procession, pg. 24-25,
4. Hayr Mer, pg. 41,
5. Hymn, “Der Voghormya,” pg. 45, and
6. Holy Communion, pg. 49.

* Also, please do not chew gum or cross legs during church services. * Please observe the “arrows” in the liturgy books, they indicate when you should *Stand, Sit, or Kneel* *For your convenience, liturgy book pages are indicated on the monitor located on the right side of the altar.

Do you know what the writing above the altar says?



*It is written in classical Armenian which says,
“Love one another, because God is Love.”*

(“Seeretsek izmeemeeyanis, zee Asdvadz ser e”)

Fundamental Teachings of the Armenian Church



The 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 & convert sinners,
To comfort the sorrowing & afflicted,
To forgive offenses,
To suffer wrongs patiently,
To pray for others, living & dead.

The Four Cardinal Virtues...

Prudence, Justice, Temperance, Fortitude

The Four Notes of the True Church...

One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic

The Four Symbols of the Gospels...

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

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit...

Wisdom & understanding,
Counsel & spiritual strength,
Knowledge & true godliness,
Holy fear of the Lord.



**Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը
ցավակցել է
գոհված զինձառայողների
ընտանիքներին**

Ցավով տեղեկացանք Տեղ գյուղի սահմանային հատվածում աղբբեջանական սաղրանքի պատճառով ապրիլի 11-ին սկսված փոխհրաձգության մասին, որի հետևանքով ունենք գոհեր և վիրավորներ:

Մեր վշտակցությունն ենք բերում մեր հերոս զավակների ծնողներին ու հարազատներին՝ աղոթելով, որ Բարեգութն Աստված երկնային լուսեղեն Իր օթևաններում խաղաղության մեջ հանգչեցնի նրանց արդար հոգիները:

Շուտափույթ ապաքինում ենք մաղթում վիրավորներին՝ հայցելով Տիրոջ հովանին և գորակցությունը Հայոց բանակի հրամանատարներին և զինվորներին:

Հայրենյաց պաշտպան մեր քաջարի զավակների սխրանքները միշտ արիությամբ կոգեշնչեն մեր ժողովրդին՝ աննկուն ոգով անառիկ ու անվտանգ պահելու տերունապարզ մեր հայրենիքը և մեր անկախ պետականությունը:

Թող հավետ օրհնությամբ ապրի արդարների հիշատակը:

Վշտակցությամբ՝

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BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday, April 19th, 2023.

TIME: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Zoom Bible Study.

Please call or e-mail Fr. Diran and he will send you the link for the Bible Study.

First Book of Maccabees

Chapter 9 “Bacchides Returns to Judea”

Chapter 10 “Revolt of Alexander Epiphanes”

Chapter 11 “Ptolemy Invades Syria”



We see the Jewish revolt and war of independence after Gentile Empires desecrate the Temple and try forcing the Jews to abandon their religion. The Israelites do not ask God for help but instead begin a movement and resistance. Leading the resistance is a priest and his five sons, known as the Maccabees. After winning the war they set up what becomes known as the Hasmonean dynasty, which rules Israel for a century until Rome arrive.



Church Campus Happenings...

Kiss of Peace: “Krisdos ee mech mer haydnetsav.”-
“Orhnyal e haydnootyoonun Krisdosi.”
(Blessed is the revelation of Christ.)

We need volunteers to perform the “Kiss of Peace” during Sunday Badarak. It’s a beautiful way to partake in our service. Please consider volunteering & call our church office if interested. Thank you.

Armenian School:

All previously ordered *lahmajun*, *sujuk*, and *baghaj* should be picked up **today** (until 1pm) in our Community Center. All inquiries of upcoming purchasing opportunities of *lahmajun*, *sujuk*, & *baghaj*, can be forwarded to Barbara Hovsepian by texting 551-206-6686, or by emailing bhovsepian@optonline.net

Sunday School:

Runs from 10am -12pm, PreK thru 11th grades.
Click on the following link to register students; <https://bit.ly/3zLZoF6>.
For further inquiries contact
Andrea Carden at 201-264-2805, or email at acarden56@gmail.com.

St. Leon’s Social Club:

Social Club meets every Wednesday, 11:30am-3:00pm at our community center. We encourage you to bring a friend and spend an afternoon together! Donation is \$3. Hope to see you there this week!

Coffee Hospitality:

Today’s coffee reception is hosted by our ACYOA Srs.
Please join us after Badarak, in our newly renovated Abajian Hall, for refreshments and fellowship.

Please Note: All St Leon Campus postings must be pre-approved by the church office. All others will be removed. No taping on any glass is permitted & sorry, no personal business promotions can be posted. Consider, inquiring about advertisement space in our Lradoo, instead.

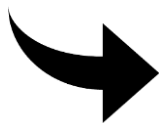


Holy Name Medical Center provides
**COMPLIMENTARY BLOOD PRESSURE
SCREENING at St. Leon**

Typically, every third Wednesday of each
month, **from 2-3pm.**

We need more participants for this service to
continue.

Please consider stopping by on our next
scheduled screening-

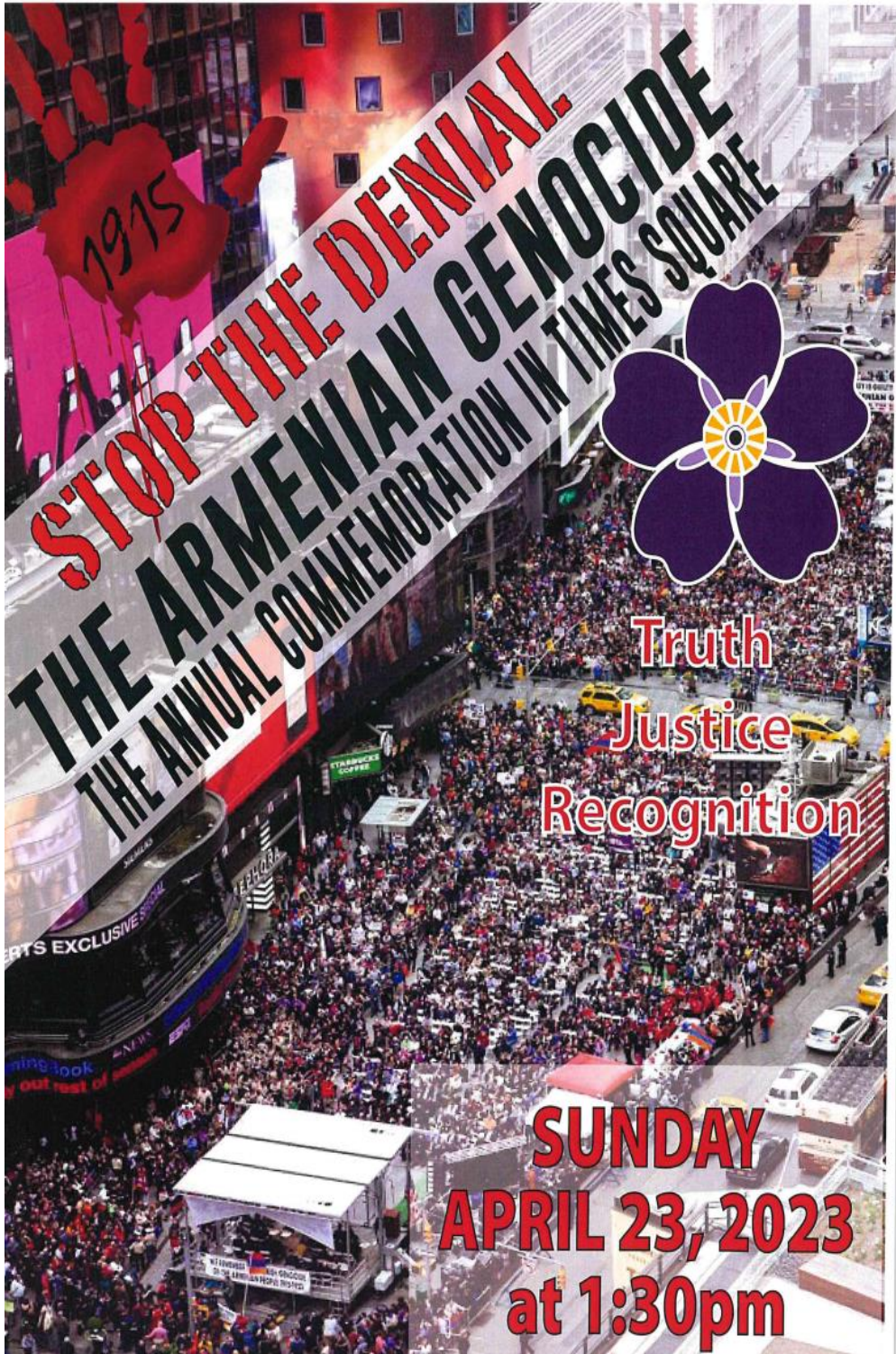


April 19th, 2023
(Mark your calendars)

It's a walk-in service, no appointment needed.
Feel free to call the church office with any
questions.

Your heart will thank you!





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STOP THE DENIAL.
THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE.
THE ANNUAL COMMEMORATION IN TIMES SQUARE



Truth
Justice
Recognition

SUNDAY
APRIL 23, 2023
at 1:30pm



Knights and Daughters of Vartan

Armenian Genocide Commemoration in Times Square

Sunday April 23, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

**FREE BUS TRANSPORTATION FOR ALL STUDENTS, SCOUTS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC
TO AND FROM TIMES SQUARE**

New York: Call Bruce Ashbahian 516-616-1099

Holy Martyrs, Bayside, NY

St. Sarkis, Douglaston, NY

Brooklyn: Call Tigran Sahakyan 212-245-4145 for transport

New Jersey: Call Leo Manuelian 917-418-3940

St. Leon, Fair Lawn, NJ (201) 791-2862

Sts. Vartanantz, Ridgefield, NJ (201) 943-2950

St. Thomas, Tenafly, NJ (201) 567-5446

Armenian Presbyterian Church, Paramus, NJ (201) 265-8585

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Armenian Schools

Youth and Professional Organizations

Armenian University & College Clubs

Armenian American Health Professionals Organization (AAHPO)

TUNE IN LIVE

Watch: WWW.ARMEIANRADIONJ.NET

Listen: WSOU 89.5 FM

Saturday April 15, 2023 at 2 pm

Armenian Flag Raising Ceremony to honor 1915 Armenian Martyrs

309 Main Street

Fort Lee, NJ

Sponsored by ANC-NJ

Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 4 pm

Armenian Genocide Commemoration

Huff Park (at the Armenian Genocide Memorial Plaque)

Montvale, NJ

Sponsored by ANC-NJ



Monday, April 24, 2023 at 12:30 pm

March for Justice and Reparations

From: St. Illuminator's Cathedral (221 E. 27th St, NYC)

To: Turkish Consulate and Azerbaijan Consulate

Sponsored by: AYF NY/NJ and ANC NY/NJ

Monday, April 24, 2023 at 12:30 pm

Bergen County Courthouse Green

10 Main Street, Hackensack, NJ

Featuring Bergen County Elected Officials


Sponsored by: Knights & Daughters of Vartan

Bakradouni Lodge, NJ

Sahag Anoush Otyag, NJ



DEATH OF AN ITALIAN GUNKAHAYR (GODFATHER)



A 1920's
Mafia Marriage
Dinner & Mystery
Party


Join us for a night
of Mangia, Mystery
& Mayhem

St. Leon Abajian Ballroom
12-61 Saddle River Rd.
Fair Lawn, NJ


Saturday, April 29th, 2023 @ 7:00PM
Reservations By April 20th:
Gladys Fenarjian
201-328-7276

Tickets \$65 Per Person
Includes Dinner, Dessert & Show

1920's Dress Code Suggested:
Flapper / Zoot Suit / Fedora / Boa's, etc.



Mail checks payable to St. Leon Women's Guild
Gladys Fenarjian
163 Kensington Rd., River Edge, NJ 07661
Provide names of people that you wish to sit with





St. Leon Armenian Church

BINGO NIGHT

GAMES | PRIZES | DINNER

Friday, May 5, 2023

\$25 pp includes 2 game boards,
pasta dinner, salad & dessert

10 & under - \$10 pp

Cash Bar

Tricky Tray Raffles

Additional Game Boards \$3 each

Doors Open 6:30 Game Starts 7:00 sharp

No Tickets Sold At Door

For Reservations contact

Susan Chamesian at 201-704-1052 or
susanchamesian@gmail.com

Mail checks to: 694 William Bliss Drive New Milford, NJ 07646

Proceeds to benefit St. Leon ACYOA Srs Sports Weekend

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KRIS D. KALFAYAN, MUSICAL DIRECTOR

65th Anniversary Concert

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF

VERY REV. FR. MESROP PARSAMYAN, PRIMATE
DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA (EASTERN)

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023
7:15PM

ST. VARTAN ARMENIAN CATHEDRAL
630 2ND AVENUE, NYC 10016

GUEST ARTISTS

HUYSER MUSIC ENSEMBLE

AND

ARI TERJANIAN, PIANIST

SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY

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NARGIZ MKRTRYAN, DIRECTOR

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Dear Parishioners & Friends:

We are thrilled to announce the ACYOA Seniors of St. Leon are hosting the 2023 ACYOA General Assembly & Sports Weekend this coming Memorial Day Weekend. For over 70 years, the young adults of our Diocese have gathered in Christian fellowship at national events to celebrate a shared faith and culture; and this year's weekend will be the continuation of a proud legacy!

With over 350 participants from across the country expected to attend, we could not be more excited to welcome all of them to our spiritual home to see what our community has to offer. Our committee has been working diligently over the past several months coordinating what will prove to be a unique and memorable weekend for all in attendance, including you!

We are writing to ask you for a donation to our Ad Booklet. We have enclosed a convenient form to help you make your donation today! Our Ad Booklet will provide a highly visible platform through which you can offer a personalized message to an individual, or the entire ACYOA community in attendance. **All donations are tax-deductible and will help offset the cost of this enormous undertaking.**

We are truly humbled by all the encouragement we've received thus far and look forward to partnering with you moving forward in this exciting endeavor.

Sincerely,

Fr. Diran Bohajian
Pastor

Aline Tashjian
Chairperson, ACYOA Seniors and GASW Committee

The ACYOA Seniors of St. Leon Armenian Church will be hosting the ACYOA General Assembly & Sports Weekend from May 26-29, 2023. We ask you to please support us as we welcome young adults from ACYOA chapters across the nation. In your ad, you will be able to share your greetings or support your favorite team. You can also promote your business, honor a loved one, and share photos of your ACYOA days. Please email Christine Beylerian with any questions regarding the ad booklet.

\$500 (Full Page) _____
\$250 (Half Page) _____
\$100 (Quarter Page) _____
\$50 (Business Card) _____
\$25 (One Line Listing) _____
Other _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Message:

1. Print your message below and attach your photo/artwork. Hi resolution JPEGs are strongly recommended.

OR

2. Email your message and photo/artwork to: christinebeylerian@gmail.com

Deadline for submission is April 21, 2023. Checks made payable to **St. Leon ACYOA Seniors** and mailed with form to Christine Beylerian, 58 Chestnut Street Unit 1, Morristown, NJ 07960.



**Annual St. Leon
Armenian Church Picnic
Sunday, June 4, 2023
12:30p.m. to 4:30p.m.**



**Bring your family, friends and appetites for great Armenian food,
music and community.**





ONLINE REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR

ST. VARTAN CAMP

Staff Training: June 21 - June 24

Session A: June 25 - July 8

Session B: July 9 - July 22

Session C: July 23 - August 5

Faith, fun, and fellowship!

CAMPERS AGES 8 - 15

CITS AGES 16 & 17

STAFF AGES 18 & OLDER

CIT & Staff applications due April 15

Visit diocesansummercamps.org to find out more information and to register.



CALLING ALL WALKERS!

Sponsored by The St. Leon Woman's Guild



Mondays, 10:00 am – 11:00 am

We will meet weekly and hope that you can
join us!

Where: St Leon Front Parking Lot
Bring water and your sneakers!
Enjoy fun & fellowship with your friends!

Questions? Please call Lisa Boyajian at 551-265-1105

Hope to see you!



Saint Leon Church Membership

How do we understand membership
in the Armenian Church?

By receiving the sacrament of baptism in the Armenian Church, we are all members. However, per the bylaws of our diocese, membership is further understood as those who annually pay dues to a specific parish.

A dues-paying member is one who takes responsibility for offering their service for the spiritual and financial growth of our parish and in the advancing our Diocesan Christian mission.

“The mission of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church is to preach the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and to proclaim its message of salvation. This mission is realized through worship, education, witness, service, and the common life in Christ as expressed in the distinctive faith-experience of the Armenian people.”



Further, dues-paying members are eligible to participate in the governance of our parish by voting at the Parish Assembly and may run for office in any of the executive bodies of the various organizations of the parish, including Parish Council.

The St. Leon Parish Assembly has designated the following amounts as the required minimum dues for St. Leon Parish Membership. Please consider becoming a dues-paying member & contribute as generously as the Lord leads you.



Individual (18+): \$175
Student (18-24): \$50
Senior (65+): \$100

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	April 16	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School
Fri	April 21	Armenian School- April 24 th commemoration ceremony on YC lot @ 6:30pm
Sun	April 23 	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School Genocide Commemoration at Times Square- see flyer
Mon	April 24 	Feast of the Holy Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide Commemoration Hackensack, NJ see flyer
Fri	April 28	Armenian School
Sat	April 29	WG Murder Mystery Event- see flyer
Sun	April 30	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School
Fri	May 5	Armenian School
Sun	May 7	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School

Last Gospel
Matthew 11:25-30

~There are no wedding sacraments permitted on the five major feast days in the Armenian Church which are:

Armenian Christmas – January 6, 2024

Easter – April 9, 2023

Transfiguration – July 16, 2023

Assumption of the Virgin Mary – August 13, 2023

Exaltation of the Holy Cross – September 17, 2023
(and Palm Sunday)

