

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Sunday of the World Church

(Green Sunday)

April 23, 2023

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Acts 9:23-31

1 Peter 2:1-10

Gospel of John 2:23-3:12

“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 keep Artsahk and
our Motherland, Armenia in your prayers.*



Parish Council Members

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Corresponding Sec'y	<i>Patricia Toofangjian</i>
Members at Large	<i>Hratch Beylerian, Hagop Cilingiryan, Dawn Hourdajian, Marilou Pinajian, Barbara Royland</i>

Welcome to our newly elected parish council members!

HOKEHANKISD

✝ Gary E. Bashian & family, E. Paul Bashian & family, Janet Perlstein & family, Nancy Bunin & family request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Araxi A. Bashian**, *loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother* on the **5th year** of her passing into eternal rest and for the soul of **Edward G. Bashian**, *loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather* on the **16th year** of his 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 ones.

✝ Sona Damergy, Anthony & Melanie Paxinopoulos, Sophia & Nikoletta, Seth & Megan Damergy, Zachary & Alexis, Carl & Anahit Goshgarian request Hokehankisd for the soul of **John Damergy**, *loving husband, father, grandfather*, & brother-in-law on the anniversary of **his 2nd 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 one.

✝ Nora & Bryan Mann & family, Stella & Razmik Avanesian & family request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Dr. Zareh Hovanesian**, *dear father & grandfather* on the anniversary of **his 8th 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 one.

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, Sebulh 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
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

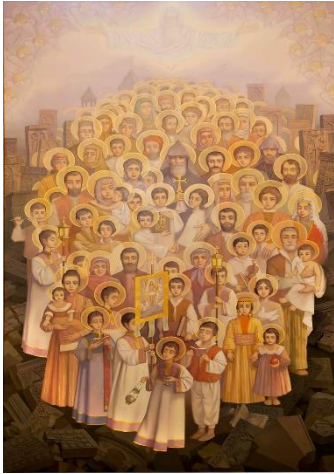
The Four Symbols of the Gospels...

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.

The Icon of Holy Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide



The icon of Holy Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide is a unique work of iconography, depicting the first “new” saints recognized by the Armenian Church in several centuries: the martyrs who (in the words of the official prayer of intercession) “gave their lives during the Armenian Genocide for faith and for the

homeland.” The Holy Martyrs are portrayed in the dress typical of the Ottoman empire in 1915 and represent all ranks of Western Armenian society: men, women, children, and the elderly; merchants, intellectuals, artists, clergymen, farmers—all of whom perished in the brutal crime of 1915.

Although the icon directly depicts God the Father and the Holy Spirit, the figure of Christ is not explicitly shown. However, the artist’s intention is that the multitude of figures represents the mystical Body of Christ: his holy Church. In this way, all three Persons of the Holy Trinity are present in the icon.

In the manner of our Lord at his resurrection, the martyrs travel from Death to Life, emerging upon the precincts of God’s heavenly kingdom as the Church Victorious. Their path is bordered by desecrated khatchkars and the shattered remains of Armenian monuments, suggesting the centuries of sacred and material culture lost to the Armenians when they were driven from their historic land.

The icon of Holy Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide was commissioned by the Catholicos of All Armenians, His Holiness Karekin II, and painted by Tigran Barkhanajyan specifically for the 2015 ceremony of canonization, marking the 100th year of remembrance of the Armenian Genocide.

His Holiness Karekin II and a special council of bishops approved the icon for display as a sacred image. The original is on view at the museum of the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin, in the Republic of Armenia.



BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday, May 17th & 24th, 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.

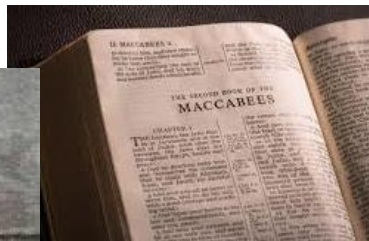
First Book of Maccabees

Chapter 11 “Ptolemy Invades Syria”

Chapter 12 “Alliance with Rome and Syria”

Chapter 13 “Simon Takes Command”

Matthathias, along with his sons and grandsons, who led the military resistance of the Jews to the tyranny of a series of Greek and Asian Kings who dominated the region. Apart from the obvious lessons of zeal for the Lord and the Law, tremendous courage and the favor God showed the men He had chosen to defend Israel. The Israelites defended their faith against Pagan oppression. We can see today how secularism can easily digress us from our faith if we are not anchored in the teaching of Christ.



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 inquiries about upcoming purchasing opportunities of lahmajun, sujuk, & baghaj, can be forwarded to Barbara Hovsepien by texting 551-206-6686, or by emailing bhovsepien@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:

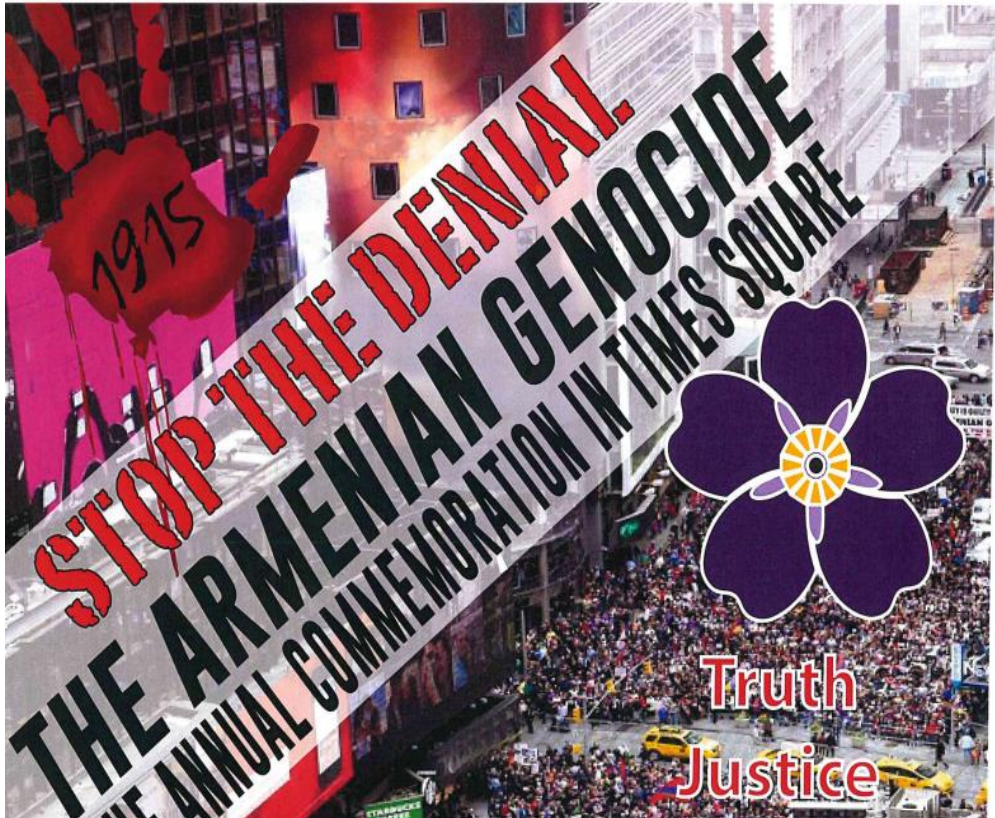
Social Club meets every Wednesday, 11:30am-3:00pm at our community center. We encourage you to bring a friend and spend an afternoon together! Donation is \$3. Hope to see you there this week!

Coffee Hospitality:

Today’s coffee reception is hosted by our Men’s Fellowship.

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.



T O D A Y

**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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T O D A Y

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

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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

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Proceeds to benefit St. Leon ACYOA Srs Sports Weekend

St. Leon ACYOA Jrs.

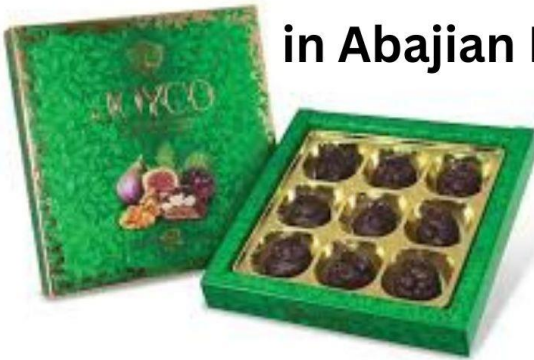
CHOCOLATES FROM ARMENIA ARE BACK!

**AND HOMEMADE
HALVA TOO!!**

Sunday, May 14th , 2023

Sale will take place immediately after
church

in Abajian Hall



Quantities are limited so please pre-order by scanning the QR Code.

Proceeds from this sale will be used to help renovate the ACYOA Room!!

For more info: youthdirector@stleon.org

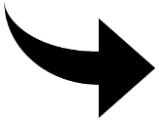


Holy Name Medical Center provides
**COMPLIMENTARY BLOOD PRESSURE
SCREENING at St. Leon**

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-



May 17th, 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!



GOMIDAS CHOIR

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

LOUSAPER YOUTH CHOIR

OF HOLY MARTYRS ARMENIAN CHURCH
NARGIZ MKRTCHYAN, DIRECTOR

FOR TICKETS PLEASE VISIT

gomidas-choir.ticketleap.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION

gomidaschoir@gmail.com





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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Aline Tashjian'.

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 the 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 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 <i>Murder Mystery</i> 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
Fri	May 12	Armenian School
Sun	May 14	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School, Mother's Day
		

Last Gospel
Mark 4:26-34

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

Armenian Christmas – January 6, 2024

Easter –March 31, 2024

Transfiguration – July 16, 2023

Assumption of the Virgin Mary – August 13, 2023

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

