

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Easter Sunday-Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

April 9, 2023

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Acts 1:15-26

Mark 16:2-8

“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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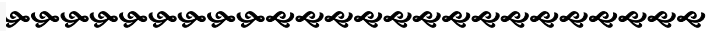
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“Krisdos haryal i merelots”
(Christ is risen from the dead),
to which you reply,
“Orhnyal e harutyun' Krisdosi”
(Blessed is the resurrection of Christ).



*After Der Diran's Homily, the service of the Blessing of
the Fields (Antasdan) will take place asking
God to grant Peace to the World.*



Parish Council Members

Chairman	<i>Vicken Jessourian</i>
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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.



Նոր նշանակումներ

Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ծայրագույն Պատրիարք և Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսի հայրապետական տնօրինությամբ կատարվել են եկեղեցականների նոր նշանակումներ:

Հոգեշնորհ Ս. Հուսիկ աբեղա Սմբատյանը, ազատվելով Գևորգյան հոգևոր ճեմարանի ասպիրանտուրայի բաժնի ղեկավարի պաշտոնից, սույն թվականի ապրիլի 1-ից նշանակվել է Գևորգյան հոգևոր ճեմարանի փոխտեսուչ և գիտական խորհրդի քարտուղար:

Արժանապատիվ Ս. Հովել քահանա Օհանյանը սույն թվականի ապրիլի 1-ից, ազատվելով Գևորգյան Հոգևոր ճեմարանում ստանձնած պարտականություններից, ծառայության է կոչվել ԱՄՆ Արևելյան Հայոց թեմում:





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.





HOW ARMENIANS CELEBRATE EASTER

On Easter day, Christians rejoice over the resurrection of our Lord and the altar curtains are now drawn. The forty-day period of fasting now comes to an end. Armenians celebrate the joyous occasion with eggs that are dyed red, with which children and adults alike play tapping contests.

The Easter Bunny tradition that began in the 17th century among Protestants in Europe is now popular all over the world, according to which the bunny hatches colored eggs and brings them in baskets to children. The red egg symbolizes the suffering of Christ and His crucifixion as well as the blood spilled by him. The shell of the egg represents the rock-cut tomb of Jesus, and the cracking is the victory of Jesus over death and the resurrection from His grave.

On Resurrection Sunday, Armenian Christians around the world exchange the Easter greeting: Զրիստոս յարեալ ի մեռելոց. օրհնեալ է յարութիւնն Զրիստոսի (Krisdos hanyav ee merelots! Orhnyal eh harootiunun Krisdosee!) Christ is risen from the dead! Blessed is the resurrection of Christ!

Easter Sunday is followed by a period of 40 days, during which time there are no saints' days or fasting days. This period, dedicated to the glory of Christ's Resurrection and to the 40 days He spent on earth after His Resurrection, leads up to Ascension Day, commemorating our Lord's entry into heaven.





Youghakin is made up of two Armenian words: “yough” and “kin.” “Youghakin” literally means the price of oil or donation in lieu of oil.

In olden days, prior to electricity, oil lamps and lanterns illuminated homes and worship places. Parishioners donated oil to keep the church lighted.

After the invention of electricity, as oil lamps were replaced with electrical lamps, the Armenian Apostolic Church continued asking members to bring symbolic contributions for the illumination of the church through the youghakin program at Christmas and Easter.

The context of this practice is inner illumination rather than stewardship. When you send in your youghakin gift, you are not merely helping the church financially but are helping centuries of Armenian faith shine. Through youghakin, you are in effect refueling the traditional symbolic lantern of faith, which St. Gregory the Illuminator lighted.

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 orders for lahmajun, sujuk, and baghaj must be in **today** for pick up April 16 (after church- 1 PM). All other inquiries 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 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.

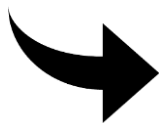


Holy Name Medical Center provides
**COMPLIMENTARY BLOOD PRESSURE
SCREENING at St. Leon**

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!





ST. LEON ARMENIAN SCHOOL SPRING PLANT SALE 2023

St. Leon Armenian School is having its annual Spring Plant Sale. We are selling flowers and herbs. If ordering flats, please note there are 48 or 24 plants to a flat. Our plants are top of the line, delivered directly from the greenhouse to St. Leon on the day of pick up. We know you will be satisfied with their quality. Please order early.

Your plant orders must be submitted as soon possible, no later than April 10. Your plant order will be ready for pick up around 5:00 PM on Friday, May 12th.

Thank you for supporting St. Leon Armenian School. Order *Early* to avoid items which sell out quickly! Copies of this notice and order form are in the church narthex. Give it to family and friends.

Fill out the order portion, attach your check, and give the form and check to Nora Balekji, Barbara Hovsepian, Tom Ashbahian or mail it to the church office St. Leon Armenian School, 12-61 Saddle River Road, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410. If you have received this notice by email, please print it out and give or send it as above directed.

Write how many flats, pots, baskets on the line of each item you wish to purchase.

FLATS OF 48 \$16

Ageratum (48)
Blue _____

Alyssum (48)
White _____

Begonias (48)
Red _____
White _____

Coleus (48)
Mixed _____

Impatiens (48)
Mixed _____
Pink _____
Red _____
White _____

Marigolds (48)
Orange Lg. Fl _____
Yellow Lg. Fl _____

Marigolds (48)
Dwarf Bicolor _____
Dwarf Orange _____
Dwarf Yellow _____

Impatiens (48)
Red _____
White _____
Pink _____
Salmon _____
Lavender _____

Portulaca (48)
Mixed _____

Salvia (48)
Dwarf Red _____

Zinnia (48)
Tall _____
Medium _____

Vinca (48)
Red _____
Pink _____

Lilac _____
Mixed _____
White _____

Wave Petunias
Flat of (24) \$17

Lavender _____
Purple _____
Pink _____
White _____
Red _____
Blue _____

**POTS,
PLANTERS,
BASKETS:**

Geraniums
6" Peach Basket
\$12

Red _____
Pink _____
Fushia _____
Salmon _____

6" PLANTS \$6.50
**PURPLE
FOUNDATION
GRASS**
(annual) _____

**4 " SWEET
POTATO VINE**

Tri Color _____
Greenleaf _____
Darkleaf _____

4 " Lantana
Trailing Gold _____
Trailing _____
Lavendaer _____
Multicolor _____

**PATIO
PLANTERS**
**13" with mixed
flowers \$30 _____**

**10" with mixed
Herbs**
\$18 _____

**12" Geraniums,
spike and vinca
vine**
\$24 _____

**12 " Ivy
Geraniums**
Red _____
Rose _____
Lavender _____

Hanging Basket
10" \$20.00

Impatiens:
Blue _____
Red _____
Rose _____
White _____
Violet _____

**4" PLANTS
\$3.50**
Vinca Vine _____
Spikes _____
Sunpatiens/New
Guinea _____
Impatiens _____
Lobelia _____

**10 " HANGING
BASKET \$12.00**
Strawberry _____
(Everblooming)

HERBS 4: \$3.00
Arugula _____
Basil _____

Purple Ruffles _____
Genova _____
Italian _____
Large Leaf _____

Chives _____
Cilantro _____
Dill Fernleaf _____
Lavender _____
Oragano _____
Parsley _____
Plain _____
Curly _____

Peppermint _____
Spearmint _____
Sage _____
Purple _____
Golden _____
Rosemary _____
Taron _____
Thyme _____
Lemon _____
Silver Queen _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____



Genocide Commemoration

Sun, April 23rd, 2023, at 12:30pm

(Bus Departure From St Leon to)

Times Square, NYC

(Transportation provided by

Knights & Daughters

of Vartan – no reservations needed)





Mon, April 24, 2023, at 12 noon

Hackensack, NJ

(commemorative plaque by court house)



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

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 MKRTRYAN, 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

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 9	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy- Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! No Sunday School
Tues	April 11	WG meeting at 6:30pm & Stained Glass Presentation at 8pm
Fri	April 14	Armenian School
Sun	April 16	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School
Fri	April 21	Armenian School
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

~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)**

