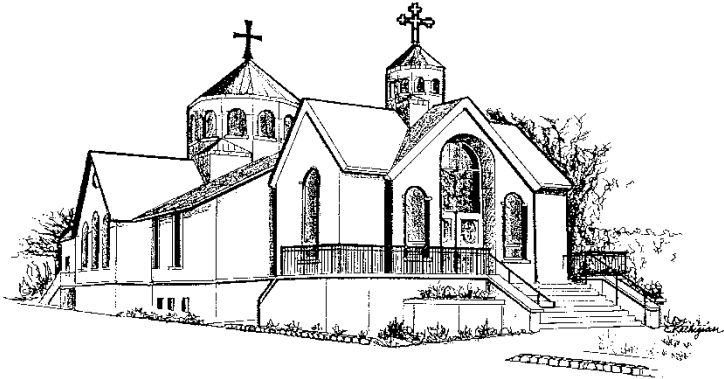


ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Feast of the Assumption of the
Holy Mother of God
August 14, 2022

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Isaiah 65:8-10

Heb. 6:18-7:7

Gospel of Luke 2:1-7

"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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Daniella Ashbahian Dawn Donofrio



After Fr. Diran's Homily, he will lead a procession with the Choir and Altar Servers to the Pinajian Youth Center for the Service of the Blessing of the Grapes and Madagh.



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.
- * *You are especially reminded not to do so during,*
 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 new liturgy books.

* They indicate when you should *Stand, Sit, or Kneel.*

*For your convenience, liturgy book pages are indicated on monitors above and to the right of the altar.

HOKEHANKISD

Hokehankisd Deadline: Please note that Hokehankisd requests must be received by **3pm, Thursday** to be included in that week's Sunday bulletin. You may email or call the church office. Thank you.

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 *Glenn Ajamian, James Azarian, Mosses Bairamian, Hana Botie, Zoe Brooks, Frank Cornawchiulo, Jerry DiSant, Lynne Ford, Julie Frattarola, Ruben Grigoryants, John Hallak, Ryan Hallak, Varoujan Harutunian, Barbara Hovsepijan, Silva Jinivizian, Robert John Karanfilian III, Brandon Katz, Mary Ann Kral, Annette Kouchshirin, Jim & Wendy Lathey, Carmelina Mancini, Bill Manookian, Sebu Oscherician, Very Rev. Father Mesrop Parsamian, Dan Patoyia (Moynihan), Marilou Pinajian, Emily Ring, Michael Sakolsky, Melanie Sarkisian, Marie Tengerian, Greg Tenbekjian, and 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 update of the prayer list names.

if a name needs to be added or removed, notify the church office. Thank you.)



BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2022.

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.

Book of Ezekiel

The book of Habakkuk, “The Prophet’s Complaint”

The book of Jonah, “Jonah Tries to Run Away from God”.

The book of Ezekiel is faithful and God recognizes that in him, trusting him to carry out his message to Israel. Through Ezekiel, we learn that the spiritual is just as important as the physical. God’s power and plan for His people surpasses the physical limitations of our life on Earth and He will make things new again.



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*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 following reflections are based on the Gospel reading for the

Feast of the Assumption of the Mother of God:

Background

Every year, on the Sunday nearest August 15, the Armenian Church celebrates one of the five major feasts and the oldest of the seven Marian feasts, the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God (Վերափոխումն Սուրբ Աստուածածնի), a feast lasting nine days. According to tradition, St. Bartholomew, who was absent at the time of Mary's funeral, returned to Jerusalem to visit her tomb one last time only to find that her body was not there. The empty tomb along with singing angels for three days and nights confirmed that Jesus had assumed (taken up) his mother to be with him. The Armenian Church celebrates her assumption as she is now with her Son as Protector and Intercessor for the Church.

Offering Our First Fruits

On this feast day, following Badarak, we celebrate a ceremony of blessing grapes called *Khaghoghornek*.

The Blessing of Grapes service begins with a hymn giving praise to God for his divine gifts by way of the Cross, scriptures are read about our stewardship and dependence on God as a response to his faithfulness toward us, and a beautifully rich prayer composed by St. Nerses Shnorhali, is read giving God further glory for his creative acts, blessings, and our thankfulness and petition to sustain us. The service concludes with the blessing of grapes with the sign of the Cross and invoking the Holy Trinity.

Traditionally, our ancestors conducted this blessing whenever grapes were ripe and harvested in Armenia, and so it is not originally or directly associated with the veneration of the Mother of God. It echoes the ancient Law of Moses which required the people to sacrificially offer the finest portion of their first fruits as thanksgiving to God from whom all gifts are given.

What is so special about grapes?

Grapes are considered a precious crop in Armenia and symbolize the *entire* harvest. The Blessing of Grapes reminds us of God's providence, that he is the source of all things, whatever we receive, own, or achieve. And so, we, in turn, offer what is most precious to us – our lives. The love of Christ knew no limits. His death on the Cross was because of our own sin and ugliness, and so we do not offer just a portion of our lives, but our lives in their entirety, our very being. As we bring to God abundant clusters of grapes, we give thanks and

acknowledge our dependence on God for everything, knowing that “all good gifts and all perfect bounties come down from above” (p. 53) as we sing together at the end of Badarak, itself a “Eucharist,” a thanksgiving offering.

In another way, grapes remind us of the Holy Communion we share with God by way of his Body and Blood, the flesh of humanity that Jesus took on through the Virgin Mary. Just as we offer grapes to God and receive them back as blessed, the gifts of the bread and wine are brought to the holy altar, offered to God on behalf of the people so that he will bless them and give them back to us as his own Body and Blood. As a community, we essentially bring to God ourselves, our most basic needs to sustain our lives (symbolized by wheat and grapes), and ask him to take us, change us, to bless us by giving himself back to his people for forgiveness, healing, and salvation.

May the fragrant grapes we offer on the Feast of the Assumption of the Mother of God remind us of the lives we are called to offer God on a daily, a momentary basis, lives that emulate the pure and immaculate Virgin, a life that reflects an unceasing “yes” to the will and blessings of the Son of God.

By Dn. Eric Vozzy For the complete article, please visit, https://vemkar.us/our_team/dn-eric-vozzy/



Church Happenings...

Kiss of Peace: “Krisdos ee mech mer haydnetsav.”-

(Christ is revealed among us.)

“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 to be placed on a rotating roster beginning in September. Thank you.

Armenian School:

All inquiries about upcoming purchase opportunities for *sujuk*, & *lahmajun* can be forwarded to **Nora Balekji at 973-513-2507, or email at nbalekji@gmail.com**. (Sorry, no baghaj until further notice).

Sunday School:

Sunday School is scheduled to resume on September 18, 2022. Registration will be online. For further details contact **Andrea Carden at 201-264-2805, or email at acarden56@gmail.com**.

We need teachers for grades 6 & 10. Please consider donating your time to our children, in this manner. It would be much appreciated! ~ Thank you.

St. Leon’s Social Club:

Seniors have much to offer, wisdom, experience, and time! Our Social Club meets every Wednesday, 11:30am-3:00pm at the community center. You can play cards, backgammon, board games of your choice, or just enjoy a cup of coffee! We encourage you to bring a friend and spend an afternoon together! Donation is \$3. Hope to see you there this week!

2022 Church Directory:

Additional copies of our 2022 St. Leon Church Directory can be purchased. Call church office on weekdays or speak with a Parish Council member on Sundays.

Coffee Hospitality.

Please join us in front of the **Youth Center**, after church service, for the *Blessing of the Grapes* and *Madagh* distribution.



ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
12-61 Saddle River Road
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

July, 2022

To Our Dear Parish Community,

During our 2020 Parish Assembly and just prior to the pandemic breakout, we passed a resolution to spend significant funds to undertake the much-needed refurbishment of our Saint Leon Abajian Hall. We were ready to start the hall renovation that summer. However, as we are all painfully aware, much of New Jersey went into a "shelter in place" mode. Our parish council decided to hold off renovations until the pandemic was in a less severe state.

Fast forward two and a half years and we are now in a better state relative to the pandemic and we are now going forward with our renovations. Over the past two years our Abajian Hall Committee members have been hard at work and continuously meeting with each other, many vendors and with Saint Leon leadership to make sure that our renovation will be executed with minimal disruption to our parish life. Our hall renovation committee members are Lorig Chorluyan, Rose Najarian Kedeshian and Nancy Zoraian. In addition to their planning, execution and oversight, our committee has spent much time to ensure that we receive as much value as possible for the considerable monies we are spending. At the same time, they have ensured that the renovation will be aesthetically attractive and welcoming.

The hall renovation will include the installation of carpeting, wallpaper, stage curtains, ballroom windows and window treatments, chandeliers and lighting, speakers and molding for the stage and cabinet doors. It will also include the purchase of four hundred ballroom chairs and removal of the ballroom mirrors. As you can appreciate, this will be a near total renovation.

For 88 years our loving parish has been a uniting force for faith, fellowship and giving. As we begin our 2022 Abajian Hall renovation, and most especially during this unique hour of need, please consider a special donation to our church and help finance our significant renovation. Those who donate will be invited to an inaugural celebration to be held in our newly renovated hall and will be presented with a commemorative pamphlet thanking and listing all our donors.

Give, and it will be given to you. (Luke 6:38)

The Parish Council has formed a special fundraising committee for our hall renovation. If you would like more information or have questions, please contact Karen Nargizian at karen@toufayan.com or (201) 446-1033 or Linda Berenson at lindaberenson@me.com or (201) 805-4743, and/or fill out the enclosed donation form and mail it with your check in the enclosed self-addressed envelope to our church office.

May the Lord bless you and your family with health, peace and wishing you a safe 2022 summer.

Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian
Pastor

Vicken Jessourian
Parish Council Chairman

St. Leon 2022 Abajian Hall Ballroom Renovation
Donation Form

Donor \$1-100_____

Supporter \$101-250_____

Sponsor \$251-500_____

Contributor \$501-1,000_____

Advocate \$1,001-2,500_____

Patron \$2,500 -5,000_____

Benefactor \$5001-10,000_____

Philanthropist \$10,001 & Up_____

Name_____

Address_____

Phone_____

Email_____

Kindly make your check payable to St. Leon Armenian Church
& note "Hall Renovation" in the memo area.

Thank you for your donation.

Mail your check to:
Saint Leon Armenian Church
12-61 Saddle River Road
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

As an expression of gratitude those who donate will receive an invitation to an inaugural celebration which will be held once work has been completed.



Holy Name Medical Center provides
**COMPLIMENTARY BLOOD
PRESSURE SCREENING**
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-
August 24th, 2022.

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 Men's Fellowship



Weekend in the Catskills 2022

Date: Sept. 16, 17, 18

Location: Camp Nubar, Andes, NY

Cost: \$175

GREAT FOOD, BEAUTIFUL SCENERY &
FUN!!

*Golf, Tennis, Basketball, Hiking, Fishing,
Swimming, Canoeing, Tavloo, Cards, Etc.*

For reservations and information call:
Barry (evenings) 201-888-2668

Reservation deadline September 9, 2022

Mail your check to: Barry Halejian, 412 Glendale
Rd., Wyckoff, NJ 07481
Make checks payable to
St. Leon Men's Fellowship

25th Annual St. Leon Armenian Church Golf Outing

We are excited to announce the 25th Annual St. Leon Armenian Church Golf Outing. Over twenty-five years ago the founders of this event, Arthur Ohnikian, Dick Keurajian assisted by Rich Ohnikian, George Kachagian and Gabe Kaprelian set out to create a day of fellowship, competition, and great fun. We honor their tradition and legacy and this year we are taking the event to the next level. The enhancements for 2022 include:

- Hosting the event on the championship layout at Haworth Country Club
- Adding a tennis option to attract non-golfers who want to enjoy fellowship on the courts
- Live entertainment starting at the cocktail hour featuring “On the Lam band”
- Commemorative 25th anniversary hat included for each player
- Ideal fall season timing on September 26th

We are actively seeking participants and sponsors with 100% of the sponsorship proceeds going to St. Leon Armenian Church. There are a range of opportunities at different levels. Please keep in mind this is a big year for St. Leon Armenian Church with a big return to in person activities and the planned renovation of Abajian hall this summer!

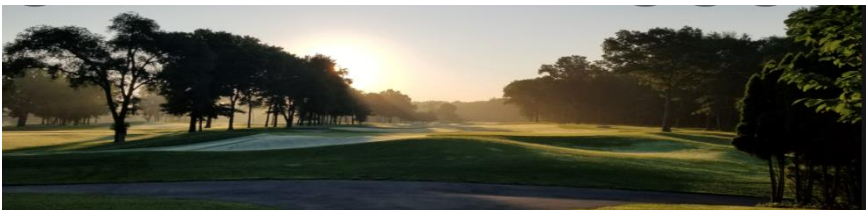
Please join us at Haworth Country Club on Monday September 26, 2022. Father Diran and the golf committee invite you to join us for a day on the golf course or tennis courts. You can also simply join for cocktails, food and live entertainment. Kindly spread the word and extend the number of people you ask to join. All are welcome!

Please reach out if you have any questions or have something you would like to discuss.

All the best,

St. Leon Armenian Church Golf Open Committee

Rich Berenson (917) 854-2357, Rich Ohnikian, Mike Ohnikian, Matt Royland, Tom Reidel, Haig Najarian (Tennis)



25th Annual St. Leon Armenian Church Golf Outing

Titanium Sponsor \$5,000
(Includes four players for golf or tennis, registration signage, dinner-for-four as well as two hole sponsorships)

Platinum Sponsor..... \$2,500
(Includes four players for golf or tennis dinner-for-two as well as one hole sponsorship)

Registration Sponsor..... \$1,000

Dinner Sponsor..... \$750

Lunch Sponsor..... \$500

Beverage Sponsor..... \$300

Hole Sponsor.....\$150

Sponsorship of any amount.....\$_____

(\$1,000 or more includes two dinner guests, \$500 or more includes one dinner guest)

Name _____

To be printed on sponsor sign _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Sponsorship Level _____

Make checks payable to St. Leon Armenian Church. Note “golf sponsorship” in the memo area.

Mail to: Rich Berenson, 831 Mountain Avenue, Wyckoff, NJ 07481
(917) 854-2357.



25th Annual Saint Leon Armenian Church Golf Open
Monday Sept 26th, 2022. Haworth Country Club
33 Lakeshore Drive, Haworth, NJ 07641 (201) 384-7300
Event Details and Golfer Registration Form

9:30 – 11:30 am Registration, Driving Range, Practice facility, Brunch starting at 10 am

11:30 am Golf Shotgun start – Format: Four-person scramble, men’s and ladies’ tees.

2:00 Tennis Clinic and Round Robin format play (arrive by 1:30 pm)

4:30 pm On the Lam Band, Hors D’oeuvres, Open bar beer and wine

6 pm Dinner, Awards and Door Prizes

Early bird golfer fee thru July 15th: \$250 per player. \$275 after July 15th.

Early bird tennis fee thru July 15th. \$150 per player. \$165 after July 15th.

Dinner, beer and wine and entertainment \$100 per person.

- Make check payable to St. Leon Armenian Church. Note “golf/tennis” in the memo area.
- Mail to: Rich Berenson, 831 Mountain Avenue, Wyckoff, NJ 07481 (917) 854-2357. Registration deadline September 6, 2022.
- Total amount enclosed _____.

Player Information – we will match you up If necessary.

Check here if tennis

Player

1 _____ phone _____ Email _____ ()

Player

2 _____ phone _____ Email _____ ()

Player

3 _____ phone _____ Email _____ ()

Player

4 _____ phone _____ Email _____ ()

Special requests (food allergies, etc.)



St. Leon Armenian School – Registration Form 2022–2023

For more information call 201-791-2862 x7, leave your name and number or email armenianschool@stleon.org

Principal Nora Balekji will return your call as soon as possible.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Student Name	Date of Birth	School Grade	Select Dialect	Select Level	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Western <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern	<input type="checkbox"/> K-6 Fridays <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate Wednesdays*	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Western <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern	<input type="checkbox"/> K-6 Fridays <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate Wednesdays*	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Western <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern	<input type="checkbox"/> K-6 Fridays <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate Wednesdays*	
Adult:	NA	NA	Western only	6-8:30 PM	Wednesdays**
				Total Tuition	

*Intermediate Class will be formed if 5 or more students enroll.

**Adult Class will be formed if 5 or more students enroll.

Tuition Payment (tuition is non-refundable) \$350.

\$25 discount for additional students in the same family.

If you are unable to pay the full tuition, please contact Fr. Diran Bahajian at 201-791-2862. Inquiries will be kept confidential.

Amount paid in September

Amount paid in January

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Mother _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Father _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____

Does your child have any allergies or medical conditions? (Please discuss with the principal)

Allergies _____

Medical Conditions _____

Please note any pertinent information about your child's academic ability that would help us better serve his/her needs.

Example: Has your child been classified with any developmental, behavioral or learning disabilities?

I/We GRANT permission for a photo/image that includes my child to be published on the St. Leon Armenian School and the Eastern Diocese public internet sites, and to be displayed in the Armenian School and in the publications of St. Leon.

Circle either Yes or No and sign. Yes No

Signature _____

*Save
the
Date*



*St. Leon Annual
Food Festival
October 14-16
Details to follow...*



*Save
the
Date*

*St. Leon Women's Guild,
Men's Fellowship &
Storica Wines*



**Invite you to join
"HYE SPIRITS"
on Friday, November 4, 2022**



*Enjoy an evening with Great Friends,
Great Wine, and Great Food!
Details to follow...*



St. Leon Armenian Church

Paving the Way...Brick by Brick

Assist in paving the way to St. Leon Armenian Church's new education and recreation building. A common area at the entry to the building will consist of engraved bricks. This is a wonderful way to make your support of this facility permanently known. You may choose to have your name, the name of a child or grandchild, birthday, anniversary or graduation day, engraved on the brick. The possibilities are numerous and the help invaluable in meeting our goal of expanding our ministry by expanding our facilities.

There are two sizes to choose from in English and Armenian letters. Each donor will receive a certificate of ownership and the satisfaction of knowing that your support will help our St. Leon family continue to grow in faith in the Armenian Church well into the 21st century.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

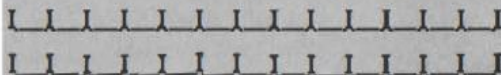
Commemorative Brick Purchase:

English Letters

_____ 4" x 8" Brick @ \$125.00

Maximum of two lines, 13 letters per line

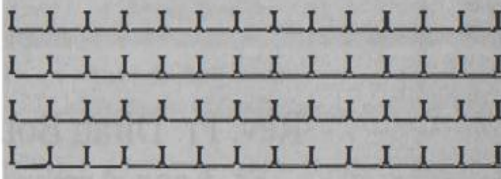
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_____ 8" x 8" Brick @ \$250.00

Maximum of four lines, 13 letters per line

For 8" x 8" - engraving to read as follows: (please print clearly)



Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please return this form to:
Barbara Royland
44 Benson Avenue
Westwood, N.J. 07675
Email: hyemom@optonline.net
201-666-5735

Check payable to: St. Leon (Memo: Brick Campaign)

All donations are tax deductible.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Aug 14	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God, Blessing of the Grapes & Madagh for all attending parishioners. <i>(Donations are appreciated)</i>
Sun	Aug 21	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy
Sun	Aug 28	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy
Sun	Sept 11	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, St. Leon Open House

Last Gospel:
John 15:1-8

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

Armenian Christmas – January 6, 2022

Easter – April 17, 2022

Transfiguration – July 24, 2022

Assumption of the Virgin Mary – August 14, 2022

Exaltation of the Holy Cross – September 11, 2022

