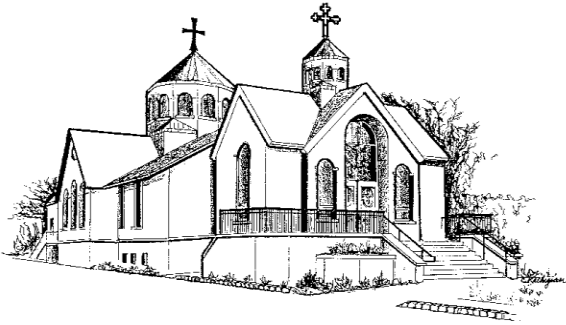


# ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Great Barekendan  
February 11, 2024

Morning Service 9:00 AM      Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



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## Readings from the Holy Scripture

**Isaiah 58:1-14**  
**Romans 13:11-14:25**  
**Matthew 6:1-21**

*"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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# ALTAR SERVERS

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Our Artsakh Refugee Brothers & Sisters Need Our Help  
Please Keep Armenia in Your Prayers



After Der Diran's Homily, the special blessing for all those  
baptized in 2023 will take place in remembrance of the

Presentation of the Lord to the Temple (Տեառնը ներկարուսջ)  
Hokehankisd will be followed.



## PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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# HOKEHANKISD

† Dalita Vartanian, & the Pilposian & Nalbandian families request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Roupen Asslan** beloved husband, father, grandfather on the occasion of the 1st anniversary of passing into eternal rest. The family has donated towards the altar flowers and has requested that altar candles be lit in memory of their loved one.

† Sarkis & Ani Krichian, Der Hovnan & Yn. Ani Bozoian & Celina & Roubina, request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Roupen Asslan** on the occasion of the 1st anniversary of passing into eternal rest. The family has donated towards the altar flowers and has requested that altar candles be lit in memory of their loved one.

† The Irazat family requests Hokehankisd for the souls of **Anna Irazat** on the occasion of the 40h day (Karasonk) of passing into eternal rest and for **Kevork Irazat** on passing into eternal rest. The family has donated towards the altar flowers and has requested that altar candles be lit in memory of their loved one.

† Bert, Rosemary, Steven, and Jennifer Bedrosian request Hokehankisd for **Peter Yotnakparian**, beloved brother-in-law, uncle, on the occasion of his 1st 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 Request Deadline:**

Hokehankisd requests must be submitted by **noon on Thursdays** so that it can be printed in that week's Sunday bulletin.

Please be mindful that a standard word format is used to maintain non-preferential consistency in the allotted printing space.

Be sure to **include contact information** when emailing or leaving a message with your submissions.

# ✝ 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 on 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 forever, and unto the ages of ages.*



## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Remember in your prayers and ask for the recovery of,  
(Kindly assist with updating the prayer list by notifying the church office of any changes).

*Aleksan Aristakesian, Felicia Asomani, James Azarian, Mosses Bairamian, Hana Botie, Zoe Brooks, Frank Cornacchiulo, Jerry DiSanti, Julie Frattarola, Varoujan Harutunian, Lusine Hovsepyan, Silva Jinivizian, Robert John Karanfilian III, Brandon Katz, Annette Kucukshirin, Jim & Wendy Lathey, Sara Malajian, Carmelina Mancini, Bill Manookian, Sebu Oscherician, Emily Ring, Michael Sakolsky, Melanie Sarkisian, Marie Tenguerian, Greg Tenbekjian, Clara Yeramian.*



*Thank you* to the Fair Lawn High School Transition Program students who typically fold & deliver our Sunday bulletins.

# Church Etiquette

## *Reverence Required*

Please refrain from entering the pews when the following parts of the *Divine Liturgy (Soorp Badarak)* are taking place.

Kindly, 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. Intonation by the Priest, pg. 31
5. Vorti Asdoodzo pg. 33
6. Hayr Mer, pg. 41
7. Hymn, "Der Voghormya," pg. 42-45
8. Holy Communion, pg. 49.

1. Also, please **do not** chew gum, cross legs, nor stretch arms over back pews during church services.
2. Please observe the "arrows" in the liturgy books, they indicate when you should **Stand, Sit, or Kneel**.
3. For your convenience, liturgy book pages are indicated on the monitor located on the right side of the altar.

We commit our sick and shut-ins to our Heavenly Father who care and watches over all His children.

*"I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."*



## ՀԱՂՈՐԴԱԳՐՈՒԹՅՈՒՆ

### Սուրբ Վարդանանց տոնը Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում

Փետրվարի 8-ին

Հայաստանյայց Առաքելական Սուրբ Եկեղեցին նշեց Սուրբ Վարդանանց տոնը: Այս առիթով, նախագահությամբ Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ծայրագույն Պատրիարք և Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսի, Մայր Աթոռի միաբանությունը Սուրբ Գայանե վանքում մասնակցեց Պատարագի սրբազան արարողությանը:

Պատարագիչն էր Գևորգյան հոգևոր ճեմարանի տեսուչ և Մայր Աթոռի Միջեկեղեցական հարաբերությունների բաժնի տնօրեն Հոգեշնորհ Տ. Շահե ծայրագույն վարդապետ Անանյանը:

Սրբազան արարողությանը ներկա էին թեմակալ առաջնորդներ, Մայր Աթոռի միաբաններ և բազմաթիվ հավատավոր հայորդիներ:

Իր քարոզում Հայր Սուրբն անդրադարձավ Սուրբ Վարդանանց տոնի խորհրդին՝ մասնավորապես նշելով. «Միրելիներ, Վարդանանց հիշատակումն այսօր առավել քան արդիական է, որովհետև անցնող մի քանի տարիների ընթացքում հոգևոր, կրթական, մտավոր և ռազմական հարատև պայքարի մեջ ենք: Եվ այդ պայքարը կարծես ոչ թե տանում է մեզ դեպի հաղթանակի, այլ միայն կորուստների: Սակայն հենց այստեղ է, որ Վարդանանց խորհուրդը գալիս է մեզ պատգամելու, որ եթե մեր զորագլուխը Հիսուսն է, մեր բանակը խավարի մեջ ամենալուսավորն ու ամենաանմեղն է: Ամեն պայքար կարող ենք հաջողությամբ պսակել, եթե մեր հայացքն ուղղված է մեր հավատքի զորագլխին»:

Հայր Շահեն նաև միաբանության և ներկա հավատացյալ ողջ ժողովրդի անունից շնորհավորեց Վեհափառ Հայրապետին անվանակոչության օրվա կապակցությամբ:

Սուրբ Պատարագի ավարտից հետո, հանդիսապետությամբ Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնի Արտաքին հարաբերությունների և արարողակարգի բաժնի տնօրեն Գերաշնորհ Տ. Նաթան արքեպիսկոպոս Հովհաննիսյանի, կատարվեց Հայրապետական մաղթանք:

Եկեղեցականաց դասն ու հավատացյալ ժողովուրդն աղոթք բարձրացրեցին առ Աստված Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսության անասանության, պայծառացման և Նորին Սրբության կենաց արևշատության ու արգասաբեր հովվապետության համար:



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*Do you know what the writing above the altar says?*



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

(“Seeretsek izmeemeeyanis, zee Asdvadz ser)



## **BIBLE STUDIES**

Wednesday, Feb 14, 2024.

TIME: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

**Call or e-mail Fr. Diran to receive a zoom invite to the Bible study group.**

“The Discourse with Nicodemus “ , John 3:1-21

### Wedding in Cana

The structure of John’s Gospel 2:1-11, emphasizes Jesus’ Divinity which is typical of a miracle story. It establishes the setting to reveal the presence of God. The wine runs out and Jesus changes the water into wine which becomes his first public act as the inaugural sign of God’s presence in the world through the Lord. When Jesus enters the temple courtyard, the worship, he sees the place filled with merchants selling sacrificial animals and exchanging foreign currencies. Angrily, Jesus flips their tables in which He quotes the Prophet Isaiah, “My house should be called a place of Worship, but you have turned it into a place where robbers hide.” Isaiah 21:13. Jesus says, he will destroy the temple and raise it up in three days, but he is speaking about his bodily resurrection. The Pharisees could not understand the depth of Jesus’ teachings.



# *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.



## St. Leon Armenian Church Lenten Service & Lecture Series 2024

Lenten Service begins at 7:30 p.m.  
Lenten Lecture begins at 8:30 p.m.

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- Friday Feb 16<sup>th</sup> **“Why Should We Attend the Divine Liturgy?”**  
by Mr. Hovanes Khosdeghian
- Friday Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> **Lent; “A 6<sup>th</sup> Century Monastic Prospective & a Western Catholic Viewpoint”**  
by Fr. Luke Edelen
- Friday Mar 1<sup>st</sup> **“Pastoral Care and Ministry to the Veteran Community”**  
by Dr. Jesse Arlen
- Friday Mar 8<sup>th</sup> **Looking Out For #1: “Applying Biblical Passages to Daily Life & How to Maintain Your Faith in Worldly Temptations”**  
by Rev. Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian
- Friday Mar 15<sup>th</sup> **St. Nersess Shnorhali: “*Havadov Khosdavanim...* I Confess with faith...”**  
by Dn. Alex Chalikian
- Friday Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> **“Standing Strong in the Storm”**  
by Rev. Fr. Glen Sudano
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Lectures will be approximately 30-45 minutes



## PLANTS FOR CHRIST'S TOMB

Parishioners who wish to maintain the beautiful tradition of our Armenian Church by contributing towards plants for Christ's Tomb, please return this form with your donation to the Church Office by Monday, March 25, 2024. Enclosed please find the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

### **Please print:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor or \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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## LILIES FOR THE HOLY ALTAR

Parishioners who wish to contribute to the Lilies that will grace the Holy Altar on Easter Sunday by filling in the form below and submitting it to the Church Office by Monday, March 25, 2024. Enclosed please find the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

### **Please print:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor or \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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Names of those who donate towards Easter Yughakin, Plants for Christ's Tomb, & Lilies for the Holy Altar will appear in our spring *Lradoo* publication.

# Church Campus 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 if interested.

## **Armenian School:**

All inquiries for purchasing opportunities of lahmajun, sujuk, & baghaj, may be forwarded to Nora Balekji at 973-513-2507 or [nbalekji@gmail.com](mailto:nbalekji@gmail.com)  
Pre-paid orders may be picked up in Abajian Hall on the designated day.



## **Sunday School:**



St. Leon Church welcomes Lerna Lacinian who is visiting with our Sunday School students and parents. Lerna represents the Diocese as she oversees our Diocesan Camps.

SS runs from 10am -12pm, PreK through 11<sup>th</sup> grades. Click on the following link to register students; <https://bit.ly/3zLZoF6>. For further inquiries contact **Andrea Carden at 201-264-2805, [acarden56@gmail.com](mailto:acarden56@gmail.com).**

## **St. Leon’s Social Club:**

Social Club meets every Wednesday, 11:30am-3:00pm at the elevator accessible, upper level of our **Youth 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 hospitality is hosted by the PARISH COUNCIL. Please join, *after* badarak, for coffee & fellowship in Abajian Hall.

**Please Note:** All campus postings *must be pre-approved* by the church office. **All others will be removed.** No taping on glass nor doors permitted. And *sorry*, no personal business promotions. Consider instead, inquiring about advertisement opportunities in our *Lradoo*.

# ST. LEON

## SUPER BOWL PARTY

2/11/24 | 6PM | ABAJIAN HALL

**ADULTS \$25**

**ACYOA JUNIORS/SENIORS \$20**

**CHILDREN (12 & UNDER) \$10**

**SUPER BOWL SQUARES \$10**

**DINNER INCLUDED + CASH BAR**



\*PRICES FOR REGISTRATION WILL INCREASE AFTER 2/7\*

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**FOR MORE INFO AND REGISTRATION**



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**OR CONTACT**

LUCINE BEYLERIAN AT (201) 290-3896

**FOR SUPER BOWL SQUARES**

**CONTACT**

LAUREN DADEKIAN AT (201) 739-9489



# ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH RAFFLE

Sunday February 18, 2024



**Tickets are \$100 each  
or Three (3) tickets for \$250.**

Drawing held at St. Leon Armenian Church Feb 18, 2024 during hospitality hour in Abajian Hall, Approx. 1:00 PM

To purchase tickets be on the lookout in your mail for the Saint Leon raffle envelope or ask a Parish Council Member.

If you have any questions please contact Vicken Jessourian at 908-500-4670 or [jessourian@comcast.net](mailto:jessourian@comcast.net).

Fifty Percent (50%) of the total dollar amount collected will be distributed to the winners.

The prizes will be awarded as follows:

1st Prize.....	20.0%
2nd Prize.....	8.0%
3rd Prize.....	6.0%
4th Prize.....	4.0%
5th Prize.....	3.3%
6th Prize.....	2.7%
7th Prize.....	2.4%
8th Prize.....	1.8%
9th Prize.....	1.2%
10th Prize.....	0.6%

Attendance is not required for eligibility



*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-



**Feb 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**  
(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!



A Tribute to MAESTRO and COMPOSER KHOREN MEKANEJIAN  
Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the KHORENIAN DIVINE LITURGY

# HYMNS OF THE HEART

FRIDAY  
MARCH 15  
7PM

ST. VARTAN  
CATHEDRAL

630 SECOND AVE.  
NEW YORK CITY

Professional  
GUEST CHOIR

Khoren  
MEKANEJIAN  
conductor

Ari  
TERJANIAN  
organist

Vagharshak  
OHANYAN

Anoosh  
BARCLAY

Anahit  
ZAKARYAN

Hasmik  
MEKANEJIAN

Alvard  
MAYILYAN

Christopher  
NAZARIAN

Hasmik  
ASATRYAN

GUEST ARTIST  
Alisa SADIKOVA  
harp

P E R F O R M I N G   A R T I S T S



TICKETS

\$40

STUDENTS

\$20

[stvartan.org](http://stvartan.org)

SETA KANTARDJIAN

201.747.3880

TAMAR KAYSERIAN

646.220.9408



**St. Leon Armenian Church Women's Guild**

# **Annual Fish 'N Chips Dinner**

**Tuesday, March 19, 2023**

**5:30 pm – 7 pm**

Please Note: Last serving is at 6:45



Come and enjoy great food with great friends!

**Adults: \$20.00    Children under 12: \$12.00**

Make your reservations by March 15<sup>th</sup> by sending your checks payable to:

**St. Leon Women's Guild (put Fish 'N Chips in memo)**

St. Leon Armenian Church

Fish 'N Chips Dinner

12-61 Saddle River Road

Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

If you have any questions, you can email or call:

Christine Badach: [chrischakmakian@gmail.com](mailto:chrischakmakian@gmail.com)

Gladys Fenarjian: [gafenarj@gmail.com](mailto:gafenarj@gmail.com) or 201-328-7276

**IT'S TIME FOR THE ST. LEON WOMEN'S GUILD EASTER FUNDRAISER!**



This year the Women's Guild is preparing delicious Women's Guild Choreg, Hantess Loaves, Armenian String Cheese, Cheese Boerag and Khorabia for your Holiday Table.

Everything will be frozen, packed and ready to be picked up on the patio by the kitchen door on

**PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024 FROM NOON TO 2 PM.**

Please fill out the order form below.

Make your check payable to **St. Leon Women's Guild**, write "Easter" on the memo line, and mail to **Carol Sarajian, 64 Woodbury Court, Washington Township, NJ 07676.**

Questions? Call Carol at 201-214-2242 or email her at [color331@verizon.net](mailto:color331@verizon.net).

**THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024.**



NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Item Total</u>
Women's Guild Choreg (12 braids per bag)	_____	\$ 15/doz.	\$ _____
Hantess Choreg Loaf (sweeter) (1 large loaf individually wrapped)	_____	\$ 13/each	\$ _____
Armenian String Cheese (1 braid)	_____	\$ 8/each	\$ _____
Cheese Boerag (box of 6)	_____	\$ 18/box	\$ _____
Khorabia Cookies (tray of 1 dozen pieces)	_____	\$ 20/tray	\$ _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORDER! TOTAL DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For Treasurer only: How paid? Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number \_\_\_\_\_ Picked up \_\_\_\_\_

# SO CLOSE!!!



ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

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## \$50,000 MATCHING DONATION CHALLENGE

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Leon Armenian Church,

Father Diran, the Parish Council, and Delegates are pleased to announce a program to support the special needs of pregnant women, infants and young refugees from Artsakh. In an effort to address this urgent humanitarian crisis, **St. Leon has pledged to match each dollar you donate up to \$50,000, for a total of \$100,000!!**

This vulnerable population is arriving in Armenia malnourished and unhealthy. If left unchecked, these conditions could lead to serious developmental difficulties and long-term health issues. Many of us have wondered, "What can I do; what's the best way I can help?" In response to these questions, St. Leon is partnering with the Fund for Armenian Relief (FAR) which has the capability of implementing this initiative with their on-the-ground team in Armenia.

This program will:

- \*Remedy deficiencies in nutrition for pregnant women, newborns, and young children
- \*Ensure healthcare access for refugees
- \*Strengthen perinatal health systems
- \*Provide mental health and psychosocial support
- \*Conduct health education programs for refugees on prenatal care, child nutrition, and hygiene
- \*Be closely monitored and evaluated by FAR as it progresses

Please be generous in your support of this most fragile population which represents the current and future generations in our Homeland. Checks should be written to St. Leon Armenian Church, with "Artsakh Relief" in the memo line. Questions can be directed to Ara Hourdajian at [ahourdajian@gmail.com](mailto:ahourdajian@gmail.com) or (201) 341-9489. Together we can make a difference!

Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian, Pastor

Dr. Mark Badach, Parish Council Chair

# COLLECTION FOR ARMENIA

Sponsored by The Knights & Daughters of Vartan

As the humanitarian crisis in Armenia continues,  
a shipping container will be sent to support the displaced families that have lost everything!

## Drop off Location & Hours:

St. Leon's Armenian Church (Cottage House)  
12-61 Saddle River Rd, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

All items must be delivered in  
UNSEALED CARDBOARD BOXES or REUSABLE BAGS  
NO PLASTIC BAGS

Every Sunday, starting February 25th  
10AM to 12PM

**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

For further information contact:  
Leo Manuelian (201-218-4058)  
KnightsOfVartanNJ@gmail.com

## REQUESTED **NEW** ITEMS FOR COLLECTION

### **New** Clothing:

- Underwear, Bras, Tights, Socks
- Hats, Scarves, Gloves

### **New** Shoes & Linens:

- Shoes, Boots, Sneakers, Slippers
- Blankets, Sheets, Towels, Pillow Covers, Pillows

### **New** Hygiene products:

- Adult and Baby Diapers, Feminine Napkins
- Shampoo, Soap, Deodorant, Laundry Detergent

### **New** Dental supplies:

- Tooth brushes, Tooth paste
- Floss, Mouth Wash

### **New** Beauty Supplies:

- Nail clippers, Files, Polish, Combs,
- Skin Care Items, Make-up, Face Cream,  
Perfume

### **New** Toys & Games:

- Toys (without batteries),
- Board games, Puzzles, Legos

## NEW OR GENTLY USED (MUST BE WASHED BEFORE DONATING)

### Clothing:

- All Sizes of Clothing (Adults/Children/Baby)

### Accessories:

- Belts, Handbags, Hair Accessories, Ties

### Items for Sewing:

- Fabric, Felt, Notions, Buttons
- Thread, Sewing Needles

### Items for Crafting:

- Yarn, Embroidery Thread, other Crafting Items
- Knitting and Crochet Needles

### Other Supplies:

- Art Supplies, School Supplies, Office Supplies
- Small Household items; Kitchen Supplies
- Musical Instruments
- Non-breakable Ornaments/Decor

### Sporting Goods:

- Deflated Soccer Balls, Volleyballs, Basketballs, Tennis and Badminton Rackets and Balls, Sports Jerseys, Helmets, Pads, Frisbees, Gym mats, Baseball and Softball Bats, Gloves and Balls (as well as gear)

We kindly ask all who are able to please help with shipping costs by making a tax-deductible donation

Check: "Knights of Vartan" - please write "Artsakh Refugees" on the memo line

Online Zelle: KnightsOfVartanNJ@gmail.com



# RECYCLE YOUR BIKES

**Here's a chance to do something really meaningful,  
*WITHOUT WRITING A CHECK!***

**The children forced out of Artsakh had to leave their  
*prized possession behind: THEIR BIKES!***

**Donate your bike and put a big smile on the face of a refugee kid.  
Contact George Bedrosian at 201-666-3539 or text to 201-887-0635.**

**George will arrange for someone to pick up your bike. The bike should be  
in working order (flat tires ok). Rob Ohnikian, owner of Bicycle Depot in  
Pearl River, NY has generously agreed to tune up the bikes and prepare  
them for shipping in conjunction with the next Knights of Vartan  
container shipment to Armenia.**

# BASKETBALL SCHEDULE



**ACSA BASKETBALL**  
2023-2024 Season  
Revised

DATE	GARDEN CITY MITCHEL GYM					FAIR LAWN ST LEON GYM			HACKENSACK HIGH SCHOOL	NEW MILFORD HOVNANIAN SCHOOL		
<b>JAN 7</b>	1:30 M LEON1 SVC	2:45 Sr HM VART	4:00 G HM2 VART	5:15 St HM2 HM3		2:00 St LEON1 LEON2	3:00 St HOV1 HOV2	4:00 Jr HM LEON				
<b>JAN 14</b>						2:00 Jr SARK VART	3:15 Sr LEON VART	4:30 M LEON1 HC				
<b>JAN 21</b>	1:30 St HM1 SARK	2:30 Jr HM SARK	3:45 Sr HM LEON	5:00 G HM1 LEON		2:00 M SVC VART	3:15 M HC LEON3	4:30 M LEON1 LEON2		1:30 St HOV2 LEON1	2:30 St HOV1 LEON2	
<b>JAN 28</b>		2:30 St HM2 HM1	3:30 St HM3 HM1	4:45 G HM2 VART		2:00 Jr LEON VART	3:15 G LEON HM1	4:30 Sr LEON HM	2:00 M LEON2 LEON3	3:15 M HC VART		
<b>FEB 4</b>	1:30 St HM1 HM2	2:30 St HM3 SARK	3:30 G HM2 LEON	4:45 M SVC LEON3		2:00 G HM1 VART	3:15 Jr HM VART	4:30 St HOV2 LEON2	2:00 M HC LEON2	3:15 M VART LEON1	4:30 Sr VART HM	
<b>FEB 11</b>	1:00 St HM3 HM2	2:00 Jr HM SARK	3:15 G HM1 HM2			1:00 Jr LEON VART	2:15 G LEON VART				1:00 St HOV1 LEON1	2:00 St HOV2 LEON2
<b>FEB 25</b>	2:00 Jr LEON SARK	3:15 M LEON2 SVC				2:00 St HOV1 LEON1	3:00 Sr VART LEON	4:15 M VART LEON3				

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**MARCH 3 - PLAYOFFS**  
**MARCH 10 - FINALS**

**Come Support  
our Teams!**



# St 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.



\*Individuals (18+): \$175



\*Students (18-24): \$50

\*Seniors (65+): \$100

*\*Applications will be supplied upon request.*

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Sun	Feb 11	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School <i>Poon Baregandan, SUPER BOWL</i>
Mon	Feb 12	<b>First Day of Lent</b>
Tues	Feb 13	<b>Women's Guild Meet - 11:30am- Guest Speaker- Catered Lenten Luncheon \$20 a person</b>
Wed	Feb 14	Senior Social Club, Valentine's Day 
Fri	Feb 16	Armenian School, <b>Lenten Service &amp; Lecture</b>
Sun	Feb 18	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School <b>Sunday of Expulsion</b> 
Wed	Feb 21	Senior Social Club HNH Visit
Fri	Feb 23	Armenian School, <b>Lenten Service &amp; Lecture</b>
Sun	Feb 25	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School <b>Sunday of the Prodigal Son</b>
Wed	Feb 28	Senior Social Club
Fri	Mar 1	Armenian School, <b>Lenten Service &amp; Lecture</b>
Sun	Mar 3	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School <b>Sunday of the Steward</b>
Wed	Mar 6	<b>Median Day of Lent</b> Senior Social Club
Fri	Mar 8	Armenian School, <b>Lenten Service &amp; Lecture</b>
Sun	Mar 10	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School <b>Sunday of the Judge</b>
Wed	Mar 12	Senior Social Club
Fri	Mar 14	Armenian School, <b>Lenten Service &amp; Lecture</b>

## Last Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

*There are no wedding sacraments permitted on Palm Sunday (March 24, 2024) & on the five major feast days in the Armenian Church which are:*

**Armenian Christmas – January 6, 2025**

**Easter – March 31, 2024**

**Transfiguration – July 7, 2024**

**Assumption of the Virgin Mary – August 18, 2024**

**Exaltation of the Holy Cross – September 15, 2024**

