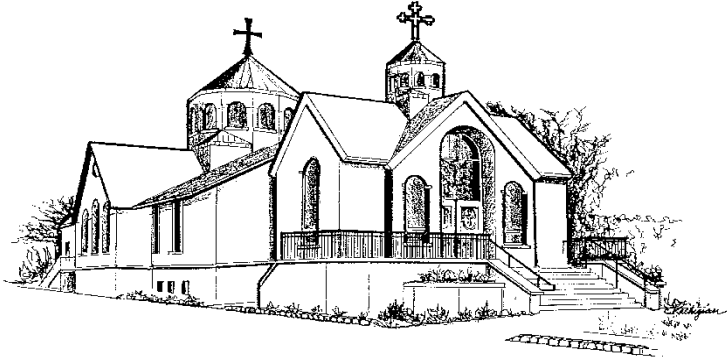


ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday after the Octave of Theophany
February 12, 2023

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Isaiah 63:18-64

Titus 1:1-11

Gospel of John 7:37-52

"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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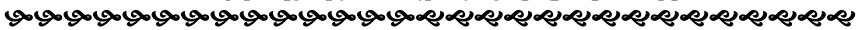
Dawn Donofrio



After his homily, Der Diran will offer a special blessing to all those who were baptized in 2022.



Ն.Մ.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսի տնօրինությամբ Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում և Հայոց Եկեղեցու թեմերում ամենօր կմատուցվի մասնավոր աղոթք՝ վասն խաղաղության Հայաստան և Արցախ մեր հայրենիքի և գորակցության հայրենյաց պաշտպանների:



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HOKEHANKISD

✝ Ruzanna Agababyan & children request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Vagan Agababyan**, *beloved husband & father*, on the occasion of **his 40th day** (Karasoonk) 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.

✝ Florencee Arzrouni requests Hokehankisd for the soul of **Christine Arzrouni**, *beloved daughter*, on the occasion of **her 1st year** anniversary passing into eternal rest. She has donated towards the altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved one.

✝ Greg Hourdajian & family request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Debbie Hourdajian**, *beloved wife, mother, & grandmother*, on the occasion of **her 3rd year** of passing into eternal rest. The family has donated toward the altar flowers and have requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved one.

✝ Mr. & Mrs. Boghos Orangian & family, and the Assadourian brothers & their families, request Hokehankisd for the soul **Anitza Seferian**, *beloved mother & grandmother* on the occasion of **her 8th year** of passing into eternal rest. The family has donated toward the altar flowers and have requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved one.

Hokehankisd Deadline:

Kindly submit all Hokehankisd requests by **1pm 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.



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:

Felicia Asomani, James Azarian, Mosses Bairamian, Hana Botie, Zoe Brooks, Frank Cornawchiulo, Jerry DiSant, Mike Fenarjian, Lynne Ford, Julie Frattarola, Yester Garabedian, Ruben Grigoryants, John Hallak, Ryan Hallak, Varoujan Harutunian, Silva Jinivizian, Robert John Karanfilian III, Brandon Katz, Mary Ann Kral, Annette Kouchshirin, Jim & Wendy Lathey, Carmelina Mancini, Bill Manookian, Lucy O'Brien, Sebu Oscherician, Very Rev.Father Mesrop Parsamian, Dan Patoyia (Moynihan), Grace Pinajian, Marilou Pinajian, Emily Ring, Michael Sakolsky, Melanie Sarkisian, Marie Tenguarian, 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 updating of the prayer list. If a name needs to be added or removed, notify the church office. Thank you)



A Special Collection for Earthquake Victims

In my message to Diocesan leaders earlier this week, I asked our faithful to pray for the victims of the destructive earthquake that rocked the near east on Monday. The disaster has affected many towns and cities with deep historical connections to the Armenian people; has damaged a number of Armenian churches in the region; and has brought pain and sorrow to many of our brothers and sisters. May our Lord have mercy on them all.

Over the past days I have been in further contact with our church leaders in the disaster zone, notably His Beatitude Archbishop Sahak II Mashalian, the Armenian Patriarch of Constantinople, and Bishop Armash Nalbandian, the Primate of Damascus. They are both working diligently to bring aid and comfort to our people affected by the earthquake and would welcome support from our communities across the world.

Accordingly, I am directing our parishes to hold special collections on the next two Sundays, February 12 and 19, in order to send aid to help ameliorate the suffering. All donations should be sent to the Diocesan Center by February 24; from there, they will be distributed equally to the Armenian Patriarchate under Patriarch Sahak, and the Armenian Diocese of Damascus under Bishop Armash, so they can utilize the aid directly where our people need it.

Individual donations can also be made on the Diocese's secure online server; please select "Earthquake Special Collection" from the dropdown menu.

In the meantime, please continue to offer prayers for the suffering, especially for our brothers and sisters in the disaster region, alongside those in our homeland of Armenia and Artsakh.

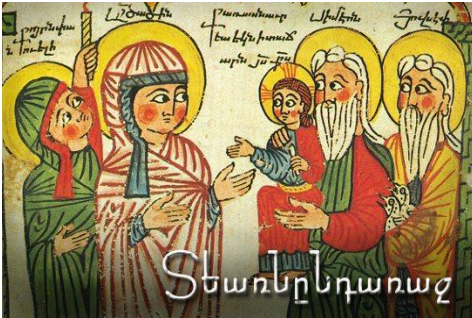
Prayerfully,

Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan

Primate

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern)

630 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10016



Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian has invited all those who received the sacrament of baptism in 2022, for a special blessing service today, Sunday, February 12, 2023.

This special blessing coincides with the feast of the *Presentation of the Lord to the Temple.*

The Presentation of Jesus to the Temple (**Dyarnuntarch**), a beautiful story from the infancy of Jesus, in which he is confirmed as the Holy Messiah or Christ—the world’s long-awaited savior. This feast always falls on February 14—forty days after the Nativity (January 6). Forty days after the birth of Christ, Mary obeyed Mosaic Law and presented her son to the temple (Num 18:15).

Those who were able to participate today are...

- Chiara Arpino*
- Luka Koko Baharyan*
- Natalie Barsamian*
- Spiro Jules Bojekian*
- Allegra Capizzi*
- Cooper Colucci*
- Talia Eshian*
- Charlotte Forsyth*
- Spencer Milton Goman*
- Samuel Vrej Hagopian LV*
- Donatella Ani Karoyan*
- Isabela Rose Keller*
- Nova Kradjian*
- Olivia Reidel*
- Awedis Simon*





Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսն

Փետրվարի 6-ին Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ծայրագույն Պատրիարք և Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը ցավակցել է Սիրիայի Հանրապետության նախագահ Բաշար Ալ Ասսադին՝ տեղի ունեցած երկրաշարժի հետևանքով բազմաթիվ զոհերի ու ավերածությունների կապակցությամբ:

Իր ցավակցագրում Նորին Սրբությունը մխիթարություն ու սփոփանք է մաղթել անմեղ զոհերի վշտակիր հարազատներին և շուտափույթ ապաքինում վիրավորներին: Հայոց Հայրապետը հայցել է, որ Բարձրյալն իր օրհնության ներքո պահի բարեկամ Սիրիային՝ պազնելով խաղաղ ու ապահով օրեր:

Փետրվարի 7-ին Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ծայրագույն Պատրիարք և Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում ընդունեց Խորվաթիայի Հանրապետության արտաքին և եվրոպական գործերի նախարար Գորդան Գրլիչ Ռադմանի գլխավորած պատվիրակությանը:

Հանդիպմանը Նորին Սրբությունը հյուրերին ներկայացրեց Հայ Եկեղեցու ունեցած առանձնահատուկ դերակատարությունը հայ ժողովրդի կյանքում՝ նշելով, որ այսօր էլ Հայ Եկեղեցին շարունակում է իր այդ կարևոր առաքելությունը:

Հայոց Հովվապետը հույս հայտնեց, որ պատվիրակության այցը Հայաստան խթան կհանդիսանա երկու երկրների բարեկամական

հարաբերությունների գորացման և արդյունավետ համագործակցության ամրապնդման գործում:

Անդրադարձ կատարելով տարածաշրջանում տիրող դժվարին կացությանը և Ադրբեջանի կողմից Լաչինի միջանցքի արգելափակմանը՝ Նորին Սրբությունն իր մտահոգությունը հայտնեց Արցախի ժողովրդի խաղաղ ու ազատ ապրելու իրավունքի դեմ նոր ոտնձգությունների և դրանց հետևանքով ստեղծված հումանիտար աղետի առնչությամբ: Հայոց Հայրապետը կարևոր նկատեց միջազգային հանրության, այդ թվում՝ Խորվաթիայի հետևողական ջանքերի գործադրումը Լաչինի միջանցքի վերաբացման, Ադրբեջանի վերահսկողության տակ անցած տարածքում հայկական հոգևոր և պատմամշակութային ժառանգության անաղարտ պահպանության ուղղությամբ, ինչպես նաև Հայաստանի սահմանների նկատմամբ Ադրբեջանի կողմից դրսևորվող նկրտումների կանխման գործում:

Հանդիպմանն Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսն անդրադարձավ նաև հայ գերիների վերդարձման խնդրին ակնկալելով, որ Խորվաթիայի իշխանությունները ևս գործուն քայլեր կձեռնարկեն այս ուղղությամբ:

Իր հերթին նախարար Գորդան Գրլիչ Ռադմանը, շնորհակալություն հայտնելով ջերմ ընդունելության համար, ընդգծեց, որ պատվիրակության այցը Հայաստան նաև նպատակ է հետապնդում, ըստ ամենայնի, ծանոթանալու տարածաշրջանում ստեղծված իրավիճակին և իրենց նպաստը բերելու խնդրի խաղաղ կարգավորմանը:



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.*

*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.*



BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday, Feb 22, 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.

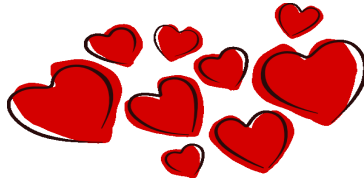
The Book of Daniel

Chapter 9 “Daniel’s Prayer for the People”

Chapter 10 & 11 “Conflict of Nations and Heavenly Powers”

King Belshazzar throws a banquet for a thousand of his top-ranking officials. He gets drunk and orders drinks served in the sacred cups stolen from the Jerusalem temple. Suddenly a human hand appears and writes these words on the plastered palace wall: “Numbered. Numbered. Weighed. Divided.” The king is terribly frightened. He calls on Daniel, respected advisor and interpreter of dreams, to explain what the words mean, “God has numbered the days of your kingdom,” Daniel says, “He has weighed you on his balance scales and you fall short of what it takes to be king. So, God has divided your kingdom between the Medes and Persians” (5:25-28). That very night Babylon falls to a coalition of Medes and Persians.

When Daniel rises to become one of the top three officials in the Persian palace, jealous officials plot to kill him. They shrewdly convince King Darius to order the people to pray only to the king for the next 30 days or face the lions. When the officials catch Daniel praying openly to God, they turn him in. The king is upset and tries to find a way to save Daniel. But his edict is irrevocable. Daniel spends the night in a den of lions, but is protected by an angel. After a sleepless night, the king rushes to the den to find Daniel alive. The king orders Daniel removed, and his accusers thrown in. The death they wished upon Daniel is the death they receive.

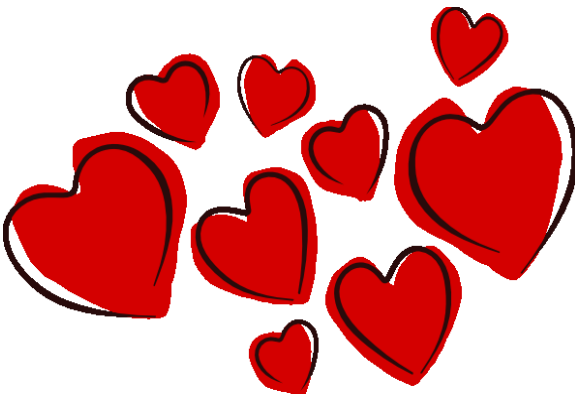


*Do you know what the writing
above the altar says?*



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

(“Seeretsek izmeemeyanis, zee Asdvadz ser e”)



Saint Ghevont



On the night before the great Battle of Avarayr, the forces of the Armenians awaited their fate, almost certain destruction from the invading Persian army. They were outnumbered more than three to one, with no hope that any other military would come and save them. Different shades of the same question may have gone through their minds that evening: Where is God? Where is the God for whom

they had abandoned all of their ancestral gods? Where is the God for whom they had created an alphabet? Where is the God for whom they were about to die? Where is He?

This is a common question that we ask ourselves today. With everything going on in the world and in our personal lives, we may ask where God is. It is a legitimate question. We are often under the impression that once we decide to follow Christ, our lives will become easier – at least that is what many preachers tell us today. But the truth is the opposite. Christ said, when you decide to follow me, you will be persecuted (Matthew 5:10) and rejected. Your life will get harder, and you will suffer for my name (Matthew 10:22). It will not be easy, but the reward will be greater than you can ever imagine.

Everyone wants to be left alone by Satan and not be bothered, but the truth is if Satan leaves you alone, it means that you too have left him alone. If he does not trouble you, it means that you too do not give him any trouble with your prayerful life. If he does not disturb you, it means that you too do not disturb him with your good works, for when we dedicate our lives to Christ, we declare war on Satan. When we pray, we cast bombs on his kingdom, so it is only natural that the Evil One will fight us when we declare war on him and bomb his kingdom.

This is exactly what happened to our ancestors at the Battle of Avarayr. For centuries before that, the Evil One had left the Armenians alone, but once they declared Christ as their God and continued with prayer, evangelism and good works, Satan knew they had declared war on him and so he sent armies to destroy the people of God. But the question still remains: where was God? Our ancestors realized one thing for sure: God was not far off or had abandoned them, but He was amongst them that evening. This was even more true by how the Armenians spent their final night before the battle. They did not

eat, drink, or party. They did not write their wills or try to run away. They did not go home and spend their final hours with their family and friends. Rather, the unbaptized were baptized, altars were erected and the Divine Liturgy, *Soorp Badarak*, was celebrated. That morning they all received Holy Communion and were more resplendent than on Easter morning.

The night before, a clergyman by the name of *Ghevont Yerets*, Ghevont the Priest or Ghevont the Elder, was there and he gave a stirring and inspiring sermon. His sermon was not geared towards defending our land or heritage or language or nationality. His encouraging and inspirational sermon was how through their sacrifice, they would fight for the truth, who is Jesus Christ, for He was with them there.

For the first time in Armenian History, and it would not be the last, it was not just soldiers and laity defending our faith, but the priest and ranks of clergy would also fight and die for the Christian faith. St. Ghevont preaches, *"You all know that in former times, although it was your custom to have priests in the army during the war, and at the commencement of the battle you resigned yourselves to their prayers and stationed them at secure places, but today, bishops and priests, deacons and singers of psalms, and readers of the Scriptures are fully prepared and anxious to join in battle with you to slaughter the enemies of Truth."*

A mere 150 years earlier the Armenian people had accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior and now the entire Armenian nation; old and young, man and woman, clergy and laity, nobility, and commoner, were on the battlefield prepared to lay down their lives for Him. Every day we too are called to fight and die for Christ on the battlefield of our lives. It may not be a physical death, but we are called to die for Christ, for only through dying can resurrection take place. This death can be through our egos, pride and self-interests; by giving ourselves fully to Christ and His mission; and by laying down our will and allowing God's will to take root and be fulfilled.

When all seems lost and we wonder where God is, we must sink into despair and hopelessness, but rather, like our ancestors did, turn to God – know that He is present and that through our sacrifice we will be renewed and granted resurrection. The spirit of St. Ghevont and his companions who willingly fought for Christ, were captured and ultimately tortured and martyred, have remained with the Armenian people for centuries, leading by example and showing that God is with us no matter what the circumstances.

We must always remember that no matter what the circumstances – an invading heathen army is coming to destroy us, a diagnosis of an illness, a death of a loved one, a financial crisis – God is with us and He is fighting alongside us against the enemies of truth, so that we may also receive resurrection and new life.

By. Fr. Ghevond Ajamian

February 13 & 16, 2023:
St. Ghevont and St. Vartan



Why are these feast days so important to Armenians? Together they center on the Battle of Avarayr in 451 A.D, the war the Persians waged against the Armenians after their vain attempt to oppress them under Persian rule and religion. The Armenians were hugely outnumbered (reportedly 60,000 Armenians against 200,000 Persians excluding the armored elephant brigade) in this first recorded battle in defense of Christianity. Under the leadership of their commander-in-chief, Vartan Mamigonian, they fought valiantly. Fr. Ghevont was General Vartan's advisor, serving as what might be called today the army chaplain. Before the battle, he inspired the army with a deeply moving sermon and went among the soldiers, encouraging them, and distributing Holy Communion. In response to his fervent evangelizing, St. Ghevont was later taken to Persia and martyred along with the other priests. Perhaps these men, the soldiers, their wives, daughters, and sisters, all represent hope in the face of impossible hardship and oppression, a hope born of Jesus Christ, a hope driven by heavenly goals that go so beyond "winning" it is hard for the average person to comprehend. But not for the saints... *Reflection: Today, pray for the souls of all who fell at Avarayr. Ask God for the courage to follow Christ and live your faith boldly, without hesitation.*

Dept of Christian Education/Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern) elisea@armeniandiocese.org

Reminder: Soorp Badarak is scheduled for tomorrow, Monday, February 13th, 2023, at 11:00am. As in past years, clergy, from our sister parishes have been invited to attend. We hope you can join us on this special day.

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. Thank you.

Armenian School:

All order inquiries for lahmajun, sujuk, and baghaj can be forwarded to Barbara Hovsepian by texting 551-206-6686, or by emailing

bhovsepian@optonline.net

Sunday School:

Runs from 10am -12pm, PreK thru 11th grades.

Click on the following link to register students; <https://bit.ly/3zLZoF6>.

For further inquiries contact

Andrea Carden at 201-264-2805, or email at

acarden56@gmail.com.

St. Leon’s Social Club:

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

Coffee Hospitality:

Today’s hospitality is hosted by our Armenian School.

We welcome you to our newly renovated Abajian Hall after Badarak for coffee and fellowship.

ST. LEON

SUPER BOWL PARTY

2/12/23 | 6PM | ABAJIAN HALL

ADULTS \$25

ACYOA JUNIORS/SENIORS \$20

CHILDREN (12 & UNDER) \$10

DINNER INCLUDED + CASH BAR

SPONSORED BY ST. LEON ACYOA SENIORS



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Monastic and Seminarian Life within the Armenian Patriarchate of Constantinople

by **Fr. Harutyun Vartabed Damadyan**

with Prof. Roberta Ervine, Dr. Jesse S. Arlen, and Arthur Ipek

February 17, 2023 | 7:30pm

In-person and by Zoom at **St. Leon Armenian Church**

12-61 Saddle River Rd, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

Registration requested for in-person and Zoom attendance at:

<https://bit.ly/Saint-Leon-Monastic-Life-Bolis>

To watch on YouTube, click on <https://bit.ly/StLeonEvents> at the beginning of the program

All proceedings will take place in Armenian

Organized by:

Krikor and Clara Zohrab Information Center and St. Leon Armenian Church

Co-sponsored by:

Constantinople Armenian Relief Society (C.A.R.S.), Esayan-Getronagan Alumni Inc.,
Gomidas Choir, St. Nersess Armenian Seminary, and Tibrevank Alumni Inc.



Each of the hierarchical sees of the Armenian Church has established monastic and seminarian institutions for the training of clergy. The Patriarchate of Constantinople has maintained a number of such institutions over the centuries. Among the most notable was the Armenian Monastery of Armash, whose operation, while short-lived, was very significant. This talk will survey a number of these institutions, including the Monastery of Armash, the Kalfayan congregation, and the Tibrevank seminary of Uskudar, while also discussing their connection with Holy Etchmiadzin and Jerusalem.



Fr. Harutyun Vartabed Damadyan was born in 1988 in the city of Istanbul. Upon his ordination in 2015, he was appointed to Surp Takavor Armenian Church of Kadikoy and the Armenian Church of the Princes' Islands, while also serving a role for the Patriarchate. He is the author of three books and has penned numerous sermons and articles on religious topics. In 2021, he resided in the Holy See of Etchmiadzin, where he defended his dissertation on the monastic and seminarian life of Constantinople, upon which he entered the order of vartabed. The following year he was invited by the Eastern Diocese to reside at St. Nersess Armenian Seminary, in an effort to advance his knowledge on the Armenian-American community.



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Փրոֆ. Ռուպերթա Էրվինի, Դոկտ. Ճեսի Արլենի եւ Արթուր Իբեքի հետ

Ուրբաթ, 17 փետրուար 2023, երեկոյեան ժամը՝ 7:30ին
Անձամբ եւ Զումով, Սրբոց Ղեւոնդեանց Հայոց Եկեղեցի
St. Leon Armenian Church

12-61 Saddle River Rd, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

Հաճեցէք արձանագրուիլ՝ <https://bit.ly/Saint-Leon-Monastic-Life-Bolis>
Եութուպի վրայ դիտելու համար, ծրագրին սկիզբը այցելել՝ <https://bit.ly/StLeonEvents>

Կազմակերպութեամբ՝

Գրիգոր եւ Գլարա Զօհրապ Տեղեկատուութեան Կեդրոն եւ Ս. Ղեւոնդեանց Հայոց Եկեղեցի

Համագործակցութեամբ՝

Առաջնորդարանի Կոմիտաս Երգչախումբ, Դպրեվանք Սանուց Միութիւն, Էսաեան-Կեդրոնական Սանուց Միութիւն, Պոլսահայ Օգնութեան Միութիւն, եւ Ս. Ներսէս Ընծայարան



Հայ Եկեղեցւոյ նուիրապետական Աթոռները իրենց խնամքին յանձնուած ժողովուրդին ծառայելու կամակար եկեղեցականներ պատրաստելու տրամադրութեամբ հիմքը դրած են վանական եւ կամ դպրեվանական կառոյցներով: Կ. Պոլսոյ Պատրիարքութիւնը եւս անցեալին իր ծոցին մէջ ունեցած է նման կառոյցներ, որոնց մէջ ամենէն նշանաւորը, յատկապէս 19րդ դարուն, եղած է Արմաշու Վանքը: Այս դասախօսութիւնը պիտի ներկայացնէ Կ. Պոլսոյ Հայ Առաքելական Վանական-Դպրեվանական կեանքը իր կառոյցներով եւ իրենց գործունէութեամբ, յատկապէս 20րդ դարու պայմաններուն մէջ: Այս ուղղութեամբ Պալարոն Ընծայարանի, Գալիպեան Ուխտի Միաբանութեան, Սկիստարի Ա. Խաչ Դպրեվանքի եւ Իշխանաց Կղզեաց Ս. Գրիգոր Լուսարտիչ Եկեղեցւոյ գործունէութեանց մասին անդրադարձ պիտի կատարուի: Պիտի ներկայացուի նաեւ, թէ՛ տոյն հաստատութիւններէ սնած միաբաններ ու միաբանուհիներ, որոնք ճանաչում գտած են Մայր Աթոռ Ս. Էջմիածնի մօտ:



Տ. Յարութին Վրդ. Տամատեան ծնած է 14 Սեպտեմբեր 1988ին, Ստանպուլ: 2015ին, ձեռնադրուած է կուսակոն եկեղեցական: Յետ ձեռնադրութեան, նշանակուած է Ս. Թազար Եկեղեցւոյ Բարոզիչ ինչպէս նաեւ Իշխանաց Կղզեաց Հոգեւոր Հովի: Հեղինակն է երեք գիրքերու եւ զանազան քարոզխօսական ու կրօնական յօդածներ: 2021ի Նոյեմբերին ուղղուած է Մայր Աթոռ Ս. Էջմիածին, ուր պաշտպանած է՝ «Կ. Պոլսոյ Պատրիարքութեան վանական/դպրեվանական կեանքը» խորագրեալ աւարտանառը եւ ապա Օջականի մէջ, ստացած է վարդապետական գաւազանի մասնաւոր իշխանութիւն: 2022ի Սեպտեմբերին ժամանակաւորապէս ուղղուած է ԱՄՆ-ի Արեւելեան Թեմը, ուր իր գիտելիքները զարգացնելու համար կեցութիւն հաստատած է Ս. Ներսէս Ընծայարանէն ներս:



**St. Leon Women's Guild
Daytime Spaghetti Lunch and
Membership Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 21, 2023, in Abajian Hall
Starting at 12:00 Noon with the Lunch –
Meeting to follow.**

**RSVP to Nadya Boyadjian by Thursday, February 16, 2023
201-615-2441 or boyadjian@optonline.net**

**Menu: Salad, Spaghetti with Sauce and Meatballs, Garlic
Bread, Cake**



You can reply by email in 4 easy steps using this form!

- 1) Press REPLY.**
- 2) Fill in your information.**
- 3) Insert Nadya's email (boyadjian@optonline.net)
in the address box.**
- 4) Press send!**

**_____ I WILL attend the February Spaghetti Luncheon Meeting on
February 21, 2023.**

**_____ I WILL NOT attend the February Spaghetti Luncheon Meeting on
February 21, 2023.**

**IF YOU NEED A RIDE TO THE MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT LOREN MEDINA
AT 201-689-1616.**

Your name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

St. Leon Armenian Church Lenten Service and Lecture Series 2023

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

Friday February 24th

“Created in the Image and Likeness of God”

Presented by Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian

Friday March 3rd Lent; **“Meeting the Lord.”**

Presented by Hovanes Khosdeghian

Friday March 10th **“Lent: “Penance or More”**

Presented by Rev. Fr. Luke Edelen

Friday March 17th, **“Gratitude in All Things”**

Presented by Rev. Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian

Friday March 24th Exploring the Lord’s Wrath:

“What Truly Angers God”

Presented by Deacon Alex Chalikian

Friday March 29th Prayer:

“Preparing to Meet the Risen Lord”

Presented by Rev. Fr. Glen Sudano

Lecture will be approximately 30-45 minutes.

Sponsored by The Sarkis Gabrellian Endowment Fund

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Parish Assembly
Sunday, February 26, 2023

*SAVE THE DATE



*Assembly will be held in the Sanctuary
after Soorp Badarak, then

A light lunch will follow in Abajian Hall

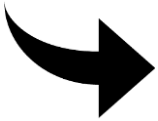


Holy Name Medical Center provides
**COMPLIMENTARY BLOOD PRESSURE
SCREENING at St. Leon**

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-



March 1st, 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!





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

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.

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!



BASKETBALL SCHEDULE



ACSA BASKETBALL 2022-2023 Season - 2nd Half Revised

DATE	GARDEN CITY MITCHEL GYM					FAIR LAWN ST LEON GYM			HACKENSACK MIDDLE SCHOOL			HACKENSACK HIGH SCHOOL		
JAN 8	1:30 G HM1 HM2	2:45 St HM1 HOV	3:45 M HM SVC			2:00 St LEON1 LEON2	3:00 G LEON VART		2:00 Jr HM VART	3:15 Sr SARK VART		2:00 Jr LEON1 SARK	3:15 Sr LEON HM	4:30 M LEON1 VART2
JAN 15						2:00 St HOV LEON1	3:00 Jr VART LEON1							
JAN 22	1:30 G HM2 LEON	2:45 Jr SARK LEON2	4:00 Sr SARK APC	5:15 M SVC LEON2		2:00 St HM2 LEON2	3:00 St HM2 HOV					2:00 Sr LEON VART	3:15 M HM VART2	
JAN 29	1:30 G HM1 HM2	2:45 Jr HM LEON1	4:00 Sr HM VART			2:00 St HM1 LEON2	3:00 St HM1 LEON1		2:00 G LEON VART	3:15 Jr LEON2 VART	4:30 Sr LEON SARK			
FEB 5		2:45 St HM2 LEON1	3:45 G HM2 VART	5:00 Sr HM SARK		2:00 Jr LEON1 LEON2	3:15 G HM1 LEON	4:30 M SVC VART1	2:00 St HOV LEON2	3:00 Sr APC VART	4:15 M VART2 LEON2			
FEB 12	1:00 St HM1 HM2	2:00 Jr HM SARK				1:00 M LEON1 VART1	2:15 Sr LEON APC							
FEB 26	1:30 G HM1 VART	2:45 Jr SARK VART	4:00 Jr HM LEON2	5:15 M SVC LEON1								2:00 M VART1 VART2	3:15 Sr APC HM	4:30 M LEON2 HM

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Note to all players and coaches: Please arrive at least 30 minutes before game time.

Scores, standings and information at www.acsasports.org

www.facebook.com/acsabasketball

www.instagram.com/acsa_basketball



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 ➔	Feb 12 TODAY	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Baptisms of 2022 Blessings 11:30am TODAY Sunday School, TODAY Super Bowl Party Dinner TODAY
Mon	Feb 13	St Leon's Day Badark
Thurs	Feb 16	St Vartan's Day
Fri	Feb 17	Armenian School, Monastic & Seminarian Lecture, 7:30pm Abajian Hall
Sun	Feb 19	Great Barekendan
Mon	Feb 20	First Monday of Lent
Tues	Feb 21	Women's Guild Meeting & Luncheon
Fri	Feb 24	Armenian School, Lenten Service & Lecture
Sun	Feb 26	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School, PARISH ASSEMBLY

Last Gospel:
Luke 12:32-40

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

Armenian Christmas – January 6, 2023

Easter – April 9, 2023

Transfiguration – July 16, 2023

Assumption of the Virgin Mary – August 13, 2023

Exaltation of the Holy Cross – September 17, 2023

