

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Sunday of Expulsion

February 18, 2024

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Isaiah 33:2-22

Romans 12:1-13:10

Matthew 5:17-48

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



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HOKEHANKISD

✝ Khosrov & Jacqueline Stanboulian, Harry & Ani Tavitian & family, Raffi & Suzy Balabanian & family, and Sarkis & Carine Ohannesian & family, request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Rozin Kilislian**, beloved mother, grandmother & great grandmother, on the occasion of the 40th day (Karasoonk) 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 Kurdian, Chatmajian, & Berberian families request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Anahid Kurdian** 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.

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

Տյառնընդառաջի տոնը Մայր Աթոռում

Փետրվարի 14-ին՝ 40-օրյա մանուկ Հիսուս Քրիստոսի տաճարին ընծայման տոնին, Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ծայրագույն Պատրիարք և Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսի օրհնությամբ, Սուրբ Գայանե վանքում մատուցվեց Սուրբ Պատարագ:

Պատարագիչն էր Կրասնոդարի և Հյուսիսային Կովկասի հայոց թեմի Ստավրոպոլ քաղաքի Սուրբ Գրիգոր Լուսավորիչ եկեղեցու հոգևոր հովիվ Արժանապատիվ Տ. Գրիգորիս քահանա Պողոսյանը:

Իր քարոզում Տեր Հայրը, մեկնելով տոնի խորհուրդը և անդրադառնալով քրիստոնյայի կյանքում Տիրոջն ընդառաջ գնալու կարևորությանը, ընդգծեց, որ մարդկանց փրկությունը և հենարանը նույն ինքը Քրիստոս է իր լուսավոր վարդապետությամբ:

Պատարագիչ քահանան հորդորեց հավատացյալներին անսասան պահել հավատքի լույսն իրենց կյանքում և քայլել դեպի Տերն այն ճշմարիտ համոզումով, որ Քրիստոս միշտ օգնական և պահապան է իրեն հավատացողներին:

Սրբազան արարողության ավարտից հետո, հանդիսապետությամբ Բալթյան երկրների հայոց թեմի առաջնորդ Գերաշնորհ Տ. Վարդան եպիսկոպոս Նավասարդյանի, կատարվեց նորապսակների օրհնության կարգ:

Նույն օրը Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսն ընդունեց Մայր Աթոռի տարբեր կառույցներում սպասավորող նորապսակ սարկավազներին՝ ուղեկցությամբ Մայր Աթոռի լուսարարապետ Գերաշնորհ Տ. Մուշեղ եպիսկոպոս Բաբայանի:

Վեհափառ Հայրապետը, իր գնահատանքն ու հայրապետական պատգամը փոխանցելով նորապսակներին, մաղթեց երջանկություն, լինեն միմյանց սիրող ու կարեկից: Նորին Սրբությունը նաև հորդորեց վերջիններիս ապրել ավետարանական ոգով, որպեսզի աստվածային խաղաղությունն ու սերը մշտապես անպակաս լինեն իրենց նորակազմ ընտանիքներից:

Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսն ընդունեց Հայաստանում Լատվիայի դեսպանին

Փետրվարի 14-ին Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ծայրագույն Պատրիարք և Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում ընդունեց Հայաստանում Լատվիայի Հանրապետության նորանշանակ արտակարգ և լիազոր դեսպան Էդիթ Մեդնեին:

Հանդիպմանը Նորին Սրբությունն իր բարեմաղթանքները բերեց դեսպանին և հաջողություններ մաղթեց նրան իր առաքելության մեջ: Կարևորելով երկու պետությունների միջև հաստատված բարեկամական հարաբերությունները՝ Հայոց Հայրապետը վերհիշեց արցախյան գոյապայքարի սկզբնավորման օրերին հայ ժողովրդին լատվիացիների կողմից ցուցաբերված զորակցությունը:

Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը գոհունակությամբ անդրադարձավ նաև Լատվիայի իշխանությունների՝ հայ համայնքի հանդեպ դրսևորվող հոգատար վերաբերմունքին՝ նկատելով, որ լատվիահայ համայնքը ակտիվ ներգրավված է երկրի հասարակական կյանքում և կարևոր առաքելություն ունի երկու երկրների փոխհարաբերությունների զորացման գործում:

Վեհափառ Հայրապետն անդրադարձ կատարեց տարածաշրջանում տիրող բարդ իրավիճակին, Ադրբեջանի կողմից շարունակվող ոտնձգություններին, Հայաստանի առջև ծառացած անվտանգային, Արցախից բռնի

տեղահանված հայորդիների արդար իրավունքների պաշտպանության, գերիների վերադարձման, Արցախի հոգևոր-մշակութային ժառանգության պահպանման հիմնախնդիրներին՝ հույս հայտնելով, որ միջազգային հանրության և բարեկամ երկրների գործուն աջակցությամբ հայ ժողովուրդը կկարողանա պաշտպանել իր արդար իրավունքները:

Դեսպան Էդիթ Մեդնեն ևս անդրադարձ կատարեց երկկողմ բարեկամական հարաբերություններին և դրանց ընդլայնման ուղղությամբ տարվող աշխատանքներին: Դեսպանը կարևորեց առանց բռնի ուժի կիրառման, երկխոսության միջոցով տարածաշրջանում խաղաղության և կայունության հաստատումը, ինչպես նաև տեղահանված արցախցիների լիարժեք ինտեգրումը Հայաստանում:



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 27, 2024.

TIME: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

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

Synoptic Gospels No. 28, 29, 30, 31

Gospel of John 3:1-21 “Jesus’ Discourse with Nicodemus” Key words are that Nicodemus was called by Jesus to come and seek. The words come and seek are crucial to understanding this passage. Jesus guides him by connecting Nicodemus to truth, understanding. He who is not born from above cannot see the kingdom of God. He who is not born of the water and the spirit cannot enter the kingdom of God. The Son of Man (Jesus) has come from heaven to be lifted up as a sign that God loves all the world. Even the world in its very nature opposes Him, yet the Son has come to reveal and demonstrate God’s love and to lead those who believe to a new life in Jesus.



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.



Friday Feb 16th **“Why Should We Attend the Divine Liturgy?”**
by Mr. Hovanes Khosdeghian

Friday Feb 23rd Lent; **“A 6th Century Monastic Prospective & a Western Catholic Viewpoint”**
by Fr. Luke Edelen

Friday Mar 1st **“Pastoral Care and Ministry to the Veteran Community”**
by Dr. Jesse Arlen

Friday Mar 8th **Looking Out For #1: “Applying Biblicial Passages to Daily Life & How to Maintain Your Faith in Worldly Temptations”**
by Rev. Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian

Friday Mar 15th St. Nersess Shnorhali: **“Havadov Khosdavanim... I Confess with faith...”**
by Dn.Alex Chalikian

Friday Mar 22nd **“Standing Strong in the Storm”**
by Rev. Fr. Glen Sudano

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 _____



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 _____

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.

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.

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
Pre-paid orders may be picked up in Abajian Hall on the designated day.



Sunday School:



St. Leon Church welcomes **Lerna Lacinian** on Sunday March 10. Lerna represents & will be providing information about our **Diocese Camps** to our Sunday School students & parents. We encourage attendance to all who may be interested.

SS runs from 10am -12pm, PreK through 11th 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.

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 SUNDAY SCHOOL. 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 ARMENIAN CHURCH RAFFLE

Sunday February 18, 2024

TODAY



**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.

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

Good luck!



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 21st, 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
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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

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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 15th 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

Gladys Fenarjian: 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.

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 \$ _____

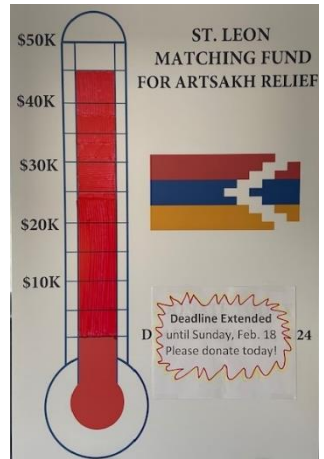
For Treasurer only: How paid? Cash _____ Check _____ Check Number _____ Picked up _____

SO CLOSE!!!



ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

12-61 Saddle River Road Fair Lawn, NJ 07410 Tel 201-791-2862 Fax 201-791-1329



\$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 unprepared. 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.

EXTENDED

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 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 HOVNIANIAN SCHOOL
JAN 7	1:30 M LEON1 2:45 Sr HM 4:00 G HM2 5:15 St HM2	2:00 St LEON1 3:00 St HOV1 4:00 Jr HM		
JAN 14		2:00 Jr SARK 3:15 Sr LEON 4:30 M LEON1		
JAN 21	1:30 St HM1 2:30 Jr HM 3:45 Sr HM 5:00 G HM1	2:00 M SVC 3:15 M HC 4:30 M LEON1		1:30 St HOV2 2:30 St HOV1
JAN 28	2:30 St HM2 3:30 St HM3 4:45 G HM2	2:00 Jr LEON 3:15 G LEON 4:30 Sr LEON	2:00 M LEON2 3:15 M HC	
FEB 4	1:30 St HM1 2:30 St HM3 3:30 G HM2 4:45 M SVC	2:00 G HM1 3:15 Jr HM 4:30 St HOV2	2:00 M LEON2 3:15 M HC 4:30 Sr VART	
FEB 11	1:00 St HM3 2:00 Jr HM 3:15 G HM1	1:00 Jr LEON 2:15 G LEON		1:00 St HOV1 2:00 St HOV2
FEB 25	2:00 Jr LEON 3:15 M LEON2	2:00 St HOV1 3:00 Sr VART		

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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 18	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School Sunday of Expulsion
Wed	Feb 21	Senior Social Club HNH Visit 
Fri	Feb 23	Armenian School, Lenten Service & Lecture
Sun	Feb 25	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School Sunday of the Prodigal Son
Wed	Feb 28	Senior Social Club
Fri	Mar 1	Armenian School, Lenten Service & Lecture
Sun	Mar 3	Morning Service, Divine liturgy, Sunday School Sunday of the Steward
Wed	Mar 6	Median Day of Lent Senior Social Club
Fri	Mar 8	Armenian School, Lenten Service & Lecture
Sun	Mar 10	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School Sunday of the Judge
Wed	Mar 13	Senior Social Club
Fri	Mar 15	Armenian School, Lenten Service & Lecture St Vartan Cathedral- "Hymns of the Heart " see flyer on pg.16
Sun	Mar 17	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School Sunday of the Advent
Tues	Mar 19	WG Fish n' Chips Dinner see flyer on pg. 17
Wed	Mar 20	Senior Social Club
Fri	Mar 22	Armenian School, Lenten Service & Lecture
Sun	Mar 24	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School PALM SUNDAY, ACYOA YOUTH DAY LUNCHEON

Last Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

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

