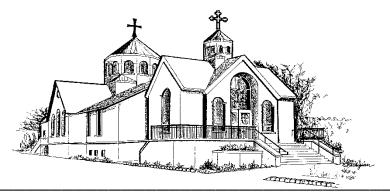
# ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday after the Octave of Theophany February 5, 2023

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



## **Readings from the Holy Scripture**

Isaiah 63:7-18 2 Tim. 3:1-12 Gospel of John 6:22-38

"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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### **HOKEHANKISD**

- Ruzanna Agababyan & children request Hokehankisd for the soul of <u>Vagan Agababyan</u>, beloved husband & father, on the occasion of his 40<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Alice Bendian and family request Hokehankisd for the soul of <u>Jack Bendian</u>, beloved husband, father, & grandfather, on the occasion of his 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of passing into eternal rest. Also, for the souls of <u>Zabel & Menag Bendian</u>, beloved parents, & grandparents on 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 ones.
- Jenia & Jemen Kazanjian request Hokehankisd for the soul of <u>Armen Kazanjian</u>, loving husband & father, on the occasion of his **6**<sup>th</sup> year of passing into eternal rest. The family has donated toward the altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved one.
- Dr Gregory, Susan, Connor, & Cole Kazanjian request
  Hokehankisd for the soul of <u>Armen Kazanjian</u>, loving father & grandfather, on the occasion of his 6<sup>th</sup> year of passing into eternal rest and also for the soul of <u>Jack Bendian</u>, loving father & grandfather on the occasion of his 10<sup>th</sup> year of passing into eternal rest. The family has donated toward the altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.



Mr. & Mrs. Hagop & Sossi Neshanian request Hokehankisd for the souls of <u>Taniel & Yeghsa Neshanian</u> and for the souls of <u>Gulbenk & Nevart Mayisian</u> and for all the souls of the <u>Ashdjian & Pashalian</u> deceased family members, who have passed into eternal rest. The family has donated toward the altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.

Kourken Yegarian requests Hokehankisd for the soul of his beloved sister, <u>Armenig Yegarian</u>, on the occasion of her 40<sup>th</sup> day (Karasoonk) passing into eternal rest, and also for the souls of <u>Vasken, Aghavni, & Varoujan Yegarian</u>, beloved father, mother, and brother on passing into eternal rest. He has donated towards the altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of his loved ones.

#### **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.

Do you know what the writing above the altar says?



It is written in classical Armenian which says, "Love one another, because God is Love".

("Seeretsek izmeemeeyanis, zee Asdvadz ser e")



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, Sebuh Oscherician, Very Rev.Father Mesrop Parsamian, Dan Patoyia (Moynihan), Grace Pinajian, Marilou Pinajian, Emily Ring, Michael Sakolsky, Melanie Sarkisian, Marie Tenguerian, 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)

# **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 Spírítual 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,

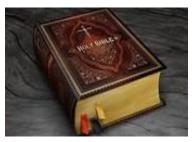
To pray for others, living & dead.

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 8, 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 5 "Belshazzar's Feast" Chapter 6 "The Plot against Daniel " Chapter 7" Visions of the Four Beasts"

The book of Daniel is an apocalyptic writing which was intended to comfort exiled Jews who wondered if God had forsaken them. This book brings comfort to all people. Through Daniel's stories and visions God reminds us that he is the Lord of Creation. It shows that God has the power to invade history, making appearances in lion's den and in kiln furnaces and he will use that power to direct the future. In the end, the goodness of God's original creation will be fully restored in the coming of Christ Jesus.





### Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսն ընդունեց հայորդյաց տների պատասխանատուներին

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Անդրադառնալով հայորդյաց տների 30-ամյա գործունեությանը՝ Նորին Սրբությունը գոհունակությամբ արձանագրեց, որ բազմաթիվ հայորդիներ բացահայտել ու զորացրել են իրենց տաղանդներն ու շնորհները՝ հետագայում դրանք ծառայեցնելով Հայրենիքի ու Եկեղեցու շենացմանը։

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# St. Sarkís Warríor & Patron of Love

Posted by <u>VEMKAR</u>, Categories Blog, <u>FAITH AND LIFE</u>, Date FEBRUARY 1, 2023

This week we will commemorate the feast of **Saint Sarkis** 

(Sat. 2/4/2023), one of the most beloved and treasured saints for Armenian Christians. According to the traditions surrounding the saint's national celebration, Armenians are closely associated with and regard St. Sarkis as their patron saint of love. But why would a warrior saint be chosen to be the patron of love? And how could a soldier be transformed into a symbol of love? One ancient legend might hold the clues and help us understand the rationale behind this peculiar choice.

It was a perfect wedding. The groom was Orpheus, the greatest of all poets and musicians. The bride was Euridice. Anyone could tell the couple was truly and deeply in love. But their happiness was cut short when, one day, Euridice suddenly died because she was bitten by a poisonous snake. The pain and suffering of Orpheus were so great that even the gods in Olympus wept for his loss. But Orpheus was not about to give up on his love, and so he decided to venture into the land of the dead – a place that nobody ever came back from—to bring his wife, his love, back to life.

And surely, when he reached the gates of the underworld and started to play and sing about his love for his wife and his grief, Hades, and Persephone—the king and queen of the dead—were so moved that they allowed his wife to return to life.

This ancient legend is a vivid and awakening reminder that love is not a mere emotion and feeling, but also dedication and commitment that often requires hard work and engagement, a journey that often takes us out of our comfort zone and passes through unknown, dark, and dangerous pathways, and sacrificial love that sometimes requires a trip into Hades and looking death in the face.

What comes to mind when we hear the word "soldier"? Sometimes, we instinctively associate it with a battlefield, war, killing, and pain. But there is more, much more, to being a soldier and a martyred

worrier, and that might be the reason why, deep in the subconscious psyche of Armenian Christianity, St. Sarkis was transformed into a symbol and patron of love.

A soldier is someone who sees and recognizes a world stretching beyond his immediate needs and desires. A soldier is ready and willing to defend and fight for common beliefs and hopes, shielding the lives and well-being of his family and nation from any danger and harm. There is a natural progression in the life of a soldier as he passes through the military ranks, symbolizing his overall growth in the field. Growth is also a crucial ingredient and natural result of any form of true love and relationship. A soldier does not hesitate, give up, or abandon his position regardless of the size and scope of the enemy's attack or power, but perceives and fights them with all his might. And if needed, a soldier pays the ultimate sacrifice by giving his own life for the people to whom he is bound by love and his way of life.

Perhaps for these reasons, in its infinite wisdom, the Armenian nation chose a soldier and a martyr to be its patron of love. The story of every love and marriage includes dark chapters and periods of struggles and falls during which our relationships are shaken from their foundation. It might appear that things are falling apart beyond repair and rebuilding when we witness the walls and columns of our hearts' sacred chapel of love crumble and crack under the weight of our struggles and burdens. In such moments of despair, it might appear that all hope has faded away for our marriage and love, and that perhaps accepting that and moving on is all that we can do.

It is precisely during such times of hopelessness and heartbreak that the symbol of a warrior saint emerges and shines with all its beauty and depth as the patron and guardian of love. It reminds us of the importance of standing up and fighting for our love and relationships. It gives us strength and courage to persevere and continue hoping, praying, caring, trying, and rebuilding the precious bonds and boundaries of our sacred and sacramental marriages. But above and beyond everything, it reminds us that genuine love, as shown by the example of our Lord and Savior, is selfless and sacrificial. So, to really love, we often have to give up, compromise, and step out of our comfort zones when it comes to our own dreams and desires. Instead, we have to embrace the bigger picture and new perspective that can bring our relationships to new horizons and new beginnings.



# **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.

### <u> Armenian School:</u>

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

#### **Sunday School:**

Runs from 10am -12pm, PreK thru 11<sup>th</sup> grades.

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

For further inquiries contact Andrea Carden at 201-264-2805, or email at <a href="mailto:acarden56@gmail.com">acarden56@gmail.com</a>.

### 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 <u>ACYOA Juniors</u>.

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

ST. LEON ACYOA JRS

# **MANTI SALE**

Sunday, February, 5th after Church







# 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** 

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### FOR MORE INFORMATION



PLEASE SCAN THIS **QR CODE** 

### **OR EMAIL**

ALINE TASHJIAN AT

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For ages 13-18 (up to high school seniors)

# 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 (<a href="mailto:boyadjian@optonline.net">boyadjian@optonline.net</a>) in the address box.
- 4) Press send!

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AT 201-689-1616.		
Your name		
Phone	Email	

I WILL attend the February Spaghetti Luncheon Meeting on

# 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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!





# GOMIDAS CHOIR

KRIS D. KALFAYAN, MUSICAL DIRECTOR

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UNDER THE AUSPICES OF VERY REV. FR. MESROP PARSAMYAN, PRIMATE DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA (EASTERN)

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023 7:15PM

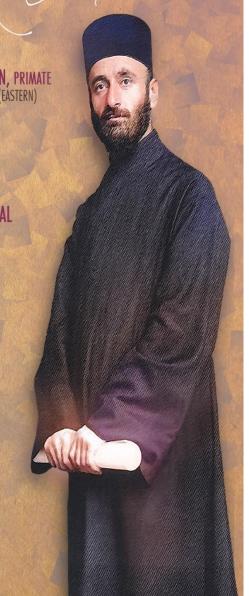
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OF HOLY MARTYRS ARMENIAN CHURCH
NARGIZ MKRTCHYAN, DIRECTOR

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

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Chairperson, ACYOA Seniors and GASW Committee

The ACYOA Seniors of St. Leon Armenian Church will be hosting the ACYOA General Assembly & Sports Weekend from May 26-29, 2023. We ask you to please support us as we welcome young adults from ACYOA chapters across the nation. In your ad, you will be able to share your greetings or support your favorite team. You can also promote your business, honor a loved one, and share photos of your ACYOA days. Please email Christine Beylerian with any questions regarding the ad booklet.

\$500 (Full Page) \$250 (Half Page)

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1. Print your message be	elow and attach your photo/artwork. Hi	resolution JPEGs are strong	gly recommended.
OR			

Deadline for submission is April 21, 2023. Checks made payable to **St. Leon ACYOA Seniors** and mailed with form to Christine Beylarian, 58 Chestnut Street Unit 1, Morristown, NJ 07960.

2. Email your message and photo/artwork to: christinebeylerian@gmail.com

# **BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**





### **ACSA BASKETBALL**

#### 2022-2023 Season - 2nd Half Revised

DATE	GARDEN CITY			FAIR LAWN			HACKENSACK			HACKENSACK			
	MITCHEL GYM				ST LEON GY	М	MIDDLE SCHOOL			HIGH SCHOOL			
JAN	1:30	2:45	3:45		2:00	3:00		2:00	3:15		2:00	3:15	4:30
8	G HM1 HM2	St HM1 HOV	M HM SVC		St LEON1 LEON2	G LEON VART		Jr HM VART	Sr SARK VART		Jr LEON1 SARK	Sr LEON HM	M LEON1 VART2
JAN					2:00	3:00							
15					St HOV LEON1	Jr VART LEON1							
JAN	1:30	2:45	4:00	5:15	2:00	3:00					2:00	3:15	
22	G HM2	Jr SARK	Sr SARK	M SVC	St HM2	St HM2					Sr LEON	M HM	
	LEON	LEON2	APC	LEON2	LEON2	HOV					VART	VART2	
JAN	1:30	2:45	4:00		2:00	3:00		2:00	3:15	4:30			
29	G HM1	Jr HM	Sr HM		St HM1	St HM1		G LEON	Jr LEON2	Sr LEON			
	HM2	LEON1	VART		LEON2	LEON1		VART	VART	SARK			
FEB		2:45	3:45	5:00	2:00	3:15	4:30	2:00	3:00	4:15			
5		St HM2	G HM2	Sr HM	Jr LEON1	G HM1	M SVC	St HOV	Sr APC	M VART2			
		LEON1	VART	SARK	LEON2	LEON	VART1	LEON2	VART	LEON2			
FEB	1:00	2:00			1:00	2:15							
12	St HM1	Jr HM			M LEON1	Sr LEON							
	HM2	SARK			VART1	APC							
FEB	1:30	2:45	4:00	5:15							2:00	3:15	4:30
26	G HM1	Jr SARK	Jr HM	M SVC							M VART1	Sr APC	M LEON2
RS vol 43.2	VART	VART	LEON2	LEON1	1			I			VART2	HM	HM

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





English Form



# 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	For 4" x 8" - engraving to read as follows: (please print clearly)  L
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)  L_I_I_I_I_I_I_I_I_I_I_I_I_I_I_I_I_I_I_
Amount Enclosed: \$	
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Barbara Royland
44 Benson Avenue
Westwood, N.J. 07675
Email: hyemom@optunline.net
201-666-5735

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

Please return this form to:

All donations are tax deductible.



# Mondays, 10:00 am – 11:00 am We will meet weekly and hope that you can join us!

Where: St Leon Front Parking Lot
Bring water and your sneakers!
Enjoy fun & fellowship with your friends!

Questions? Please call Lisa Boyajian at 551-265-1105

Hope to see you!









# Saint Leon Church Membership

How do we understand membership in the Armenian Church?

By receiving the sacrament of baptism in the Armenian Church, we are all members. However, per the bylaws of our diocese, membership is further understood as those who annually pay dues to a specific parish.

A dues-paying member is one who takes responsibility for offering their service for the spiritual and financial growth of our parish and in the advancing our Diocesan Christian mission.

"The mission of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church is to preach the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and to proclaim its message of salvation. This mission is realized through worship, education, witness, service, and the common life in Christ as expressed in the distinctive faith-experience of the Armenian people".

Further, dues-paying members are eligible to participate in the governance of our parish by voting at the Parish Assembly and may run for office in any of the executive bodies of the various organizations of the parish, including Parish Council.

The St. Leon Parish Assembly has designated the following amounts as the required minimum dues for St. Leon Parish Membership. Please consider becoming a dues-paying member & contribute as generously as the Lord leads you.



Individual (18+): \$175 Student (18-24): \$50 Senior (65+): \$100

# 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 24<sup>th</sup>
"Created in the Image and Likeness of God"
Presented by Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian

Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup> Lent; "**Meeting the Lord.**" Presented by Hovanes Khosdeghian

Friday March 10<sup>th</sup> "Lent: "Penance or More" Presented by Rev. Fr. Luke Edelen

Friday March 17<sup>th</sup>, "Gratitude in All Things" Presented by Rev. Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian

Friday March 24<sup>th</sup> Exploring the Lord's Wrath: "What Truly Angers God"
Presented by Deacon Alex Chalikian

Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> 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

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sun	Feb 5	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy
		Sunday School, ACYOA Manti Sale TODAY!
Fri	Feb 10	Armenian School,
		ACYOA Jrs Valentine's Dance
Sun	Feb 12	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy,
		Baptism Recipients of 2022 Blessings
		Sunday School, Super Bowl Party Dinner
Mon	Feb 13	St Leon's Day Badarak 11am
Thurs	Feb 16	St Vartan's Day
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: Mark 4:26:34

~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

