

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

**First Sunday after the Octave of Theophany
January 14, 2024**

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Isaiah 54:1-13

1 Timothy 1:1-11

John 2:1-11

“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



PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

HOKEHANKISD

✝ Ara Gogus, Ayda Kiraz, Seta Sanosyan, & Talin Gargulo request Hokehankisd for the souls of **Atam Cesmeci**, **Sinorik Cesmeci**, **Krikor Sanosyan**, and **Zaruhi Cesmeci** of passing into eternal peace. The family has donated towards the altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.

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 unto the ages of ages.



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

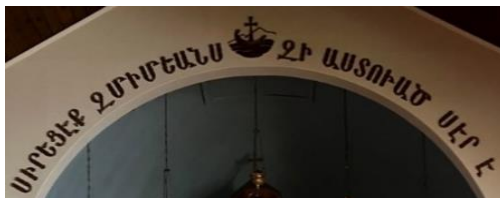
Remember in your prayers and ask for the recovery of,

(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, George Malke, Carmelina Mancini, Bill Manookian, Sebu Oscherician, Emily Ring, Michael Sakolsky, Melanie Sarkisian, Marie Tenguerian, Greg Tenbekjian, Clara Yeramian.

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.”

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 e”)

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.



BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday, Jan 24, 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 Beginning of Jesus' Public Ministry- "The Call of the First Disciples"

The Story in the Gospel of John is different from the way Mark speaks about the first disciples in their initial encounter with Jesus. In Mark's narrative, Jesus walks along the lakeside in Galilee and call the first four fisherman. Peter and Andrew, James, and John. At once they leave their nets and follow him. (Mark 1:16-20). In John's Gospel the focus is not on Galilee besides the sea but on Judea where John the Baptist is baptizing. It is more a "gathering" than a calling, with the exception of Philip who is directly called by Jesus in the Synoptic style: "follow me! (1:43). In most cases, the first disciples come together around John's Gospel of understanding Jesus by the witness of one person to another, beginning with John the Baptist who bears witness to Jesus.

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:

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 our ACYOA Srs.
Please join us *after* Badarak, in Abajian Hall for coffee & fellowship.

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*.



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.**

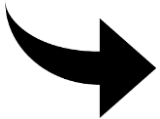


Holy Name Medical Center provides
**COMPLIMENTARY BLOOD PRESSURE
SCREENING at St. Leon**

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-



February 17, 2024
(Mark your calendars)

It's a walk-in service, no appointment needed.
Feel free to call the church office,
with any questions.
201-791-2862

Your heart will thank you!





ST. LEON

Winter Dance

SATURDAY, JAN. 27

7PM TO MIDNIGHT

SHANT MASSOYAN VOCALS
RAFFI MASSOYAN OUD
STEVE VOSBIKIAN, JR. CLARINET
ARA DINKJIAN KEYBOARD
JIM KZIRIAN DUMBEG

\$65 adults

\$30 students 22
and younger

MEZE INCLUDED
CASH BAR

TICKETS

MAIL CHECKS TO: Ara Araz
876 Pueblo Drive, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417
OR VISIT <https://bit.ly/Winter-Dance-Saint-Leon>

Reservations accepted with full payment to
ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH.
Please provide names of guests with
payment. An entire table may be reserved by
providing names for 12 guests with payment.

NO REFUNDS.

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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 unprepared. If unchecked, these conditions could lead to serious developmental difficulties and health problems. 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 or (201) 341-9489. Together we can make a difference!

Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian, Pastor

Dr. Mark Badach, Parish Council Chair

Please join the St. Leon's Women's Guild for

Early Recordings of Armenian Classics

Presented by Musician & Composer Ara Dinkjian

Ara Dinkjian will discuss early recordings of well-known Armenian songs, play recordings made more than 100 years ago, and share historic photographs. Experience a celebration of the profound influence of Armenian music and tradition.

6:30 – 7:30PM

Mezze and Social Hour

7:45PM

Presentation by Ara

RSVP by 1/24/2024

\$25 Donation per person in advance

\$30 Donation per person at door

Checks Payable to:

St. Leon Women's Guild
12-61 Saddle River Road
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

Questions?

Please contact Lisa Boyajian
(551) 265 – 1105
levonandlisab@verizon.net

February

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6:30PM

St. Leon Armenian
Church
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EVENT SUBSIDIZED BY THE GABRELIAN ENDOWMENT FUND

Continuing our celebration of the
**125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE
OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA**



SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024, 11 a.m.

Children's Day at St. Vartan's Cathedral

Inviting all Armenian youth (grades 3 to 8) in the tri-state area for a service activity at New York's St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral, as part of the Eastern Diocese's program of:

125 ACTS OF KINDNESS

- Brief prayer service followed by lunch and activity
- Motivational speaker to address the value of giving back
- Community service certificates to be given to all participants

ADMISSION IS FREE—BUT RSVP REQUIRED.

Contact: **Yn. Alla Terzyan** allaterzyan@gmail.com

More information coming soon! | Excused absence letters will be provided to all Saturday school students



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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 Hygiene products:

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

New Beauty Supplies:

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

New Shoes & Linens:

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

New Dental supplies:

- Tooth brushes, Tooth paste
- Floss, Mouth Wash

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)

Items for Sewing:

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

Other Supplies:

- Art Supplies, School Supplies, Office Supplies
- Small Household items; Kitchen Supplies

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)

Accessories:

- Belts, Handbags, Hair Accessories, Ties

Items for Crafting:

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

- Musical Instruments
- Non-breakable Ornaments/Decor

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

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.



*Individual (18+): \$175




*Student (18-24): \$50

*Senior (65+): \$100

**Applications will be supplied upon request.*

REMINDER: Parish Assembly is scheduled for February 4, 2024.
Dues paying members should be up to date with their payments to vote.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Jan 14	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School
Wed	Jan 17	Senior Social Club, HNH Nurse Visit 2pm 
Fri	Jan 19	Armenian School
Sun	Jan 21	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School ACYOA MANTI SALE
Wed	Jan 24	Senior Social Club
Fri	Jan 26	Armenian School
Sat	Jan 27	Winter Dance
Sun	Jan 28	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School
Wed	Jan 31	Senior Social Club
Fri	Feb 2	Armenian School
Sun	Feb 4	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School Parish Assembly
Tues	Feb 6	St Leon Day
Wed	Feb 7	Senior Social Club
Fri	Feb 9	Armenian School
Sun	Feb 11	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School Poon Baregandan, SUPER BOWL 
Mon	Feb 12	First Day of Lent
Wed	Feb 14	Senior Social Club, Valentine's Day 
Fri	Feb 16	Armenian School

Last Gospel: John 12:24-26

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

