# ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

# Barekendan of the Fast of Catechumens January 21, 2024

Morning Service 9:00 AM

**Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM** 



# **Readings from the Holy Scripture**

Isaiah 61:10-62:9 2Timothy 2:15-26 John 6:15-21

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life" John 3:16

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# **ALTAR SERVERS**

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**CHOIR MASTER** 

PRINCIPAL ORGANIST

George Paroonagian Sirvard Galstian

### **ASSISTANT CHOIR DIRECTORS**

### Our Guest Celebrant today is Rev. Fr. Norayr Kazazian.

Fr. Norayr was formerly a Hayr Soorp who was given permission by His Holiness Karekin II, Catholicos of All Armenians to serve as a Der Hayr. Der Norayr who has been staying with us in the Holy Trinity House, has been assigned to serve at St. Sarkis Armenian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. May God bless Der Norayr, Yeretzkin Hermine & their baby Sophia as he begins a new phase in his ministry.

(Rev Fr Bohajian will be visiting our Sunday School classrooms)





Anthony & Linda Vinci have donated the white altar carnations in thanksgiving for the safe return of Staff Sergeant Anthony S. Vinci, U S Air Force Security Forces, on his safe return from his deployment to Jordan.

# PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chairperson Vice Chairperson Treasurer

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Dr. Mark Badach Serda Belekdanian George Kundakji Haig Buchakjian Peter Bedevian Patricia Toofangiian

Hratch Beylerian, Hagop Cilingiryan, Dawn Hourdajian, Marilou Pinajian,

Barbara Royland

# **HOKEHANKISD**

- Libby Avakian & family request Hokehankisd for the soul of <u>Stepan Avakian</u>, beloved husband, father, grandfather, & great grandfather on the occasion of the 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary 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 one.
- Anthony & Linda Vinci request Hokehankisd for the souls of <u>Stepan Avakian</u> & <u>Nunzio Vinci</u>, beloved father, grandfather, & great grandfather on the anniversary of their 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.

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Verjin Karakashian, Eileen Karakashian & Patille Zadoorian request Hokehankisd for the soul of *Bayar Karakashian*, beloved husband, father, & grandfather, on the occasion of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his 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 one.

# Hokehankisd Request Deadline:

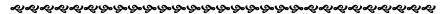
Hokehankisd requests must be submitted by **noon on Thursdays** so that it can the printed in that week's Sunday bulletin.

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

Be sure to <u>include contact information</u> 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, Sebuh 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."





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

# **Church Etiquette**

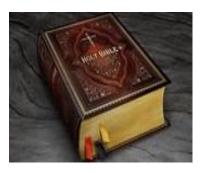
# Reverence Required

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.



# **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.

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

("Seeretsek izmeemeeyanis, zee Asdvadz ser e")

# **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:**

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All inquiries for purchasing opportunities of lahmajun, sujuk, & baghaj, may be forwarded to Nora Balekji at 973-513-2507 or <a href="mailto:nbalekji@gmail.com">nbalekji@gmail.com</a> Pre-paid orders may be picked up in Abajian Hall on the designated day.

# **Sunday School:**

Runs from 10am -12pm, PreK through 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, <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 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 <u>Armenian School.</u>
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.



# St. Leon ACYOA JRS Manti Sale Sunday, January 21st Following church service at Abajian Hall



Cost: \$20 per 1lb package
Payment at pick up,venmo,cash or check.
Thank you for supporting the St. Leon
ACYOA Jrs.



# 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-



January 24, 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!





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 VIISIT 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.

ara@edrcorp.net // 917 837 1297



### \$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 uplead to serious developmental difficulties and the serious developmental difficulties developmental difficulties developmental difficulties developmental difficulties deve

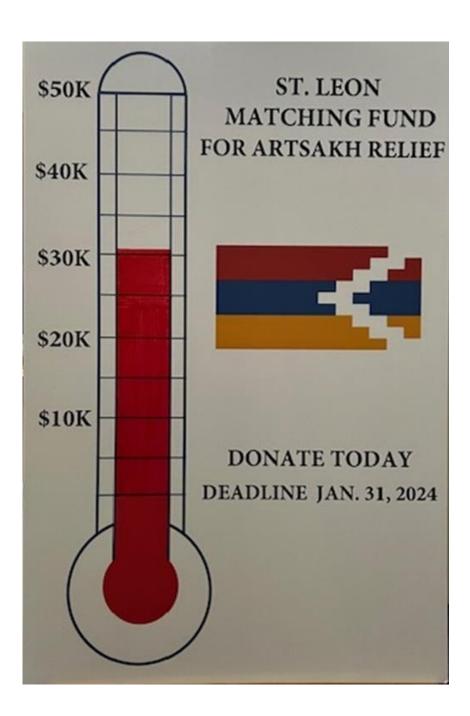
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- \*Remedy del encies in nutrition following and it somen, newborns, and young children
- \*Ensure healthcare accessor re-
- \*Strengthen perinata ea the stems
- \*Provide mental healt and psychosocial support
- \*Conduct health education programs 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 <a href="mailto:ahourdajian@gmail.com"><u>ahourdajian@gmail.com</u></a> 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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St. Leon Armenian Church 12-61 Saddle River Rd Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

6:30PM



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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DJ SHANT, FOOD, & FUN!

All youth ages 13-18 are invited!

Saturday February 10, 2024 7PM-11PM

St. Leon Armenian Church
Abajian Hall
Fair Lawn NJ

**Admission:** 

\$25 per person (in advance)
\$30 at the door
Reserve and Pre-Pay by Feb.5
with Venmo @stleonacyoa-NJ
Part of the proceeds donated to
St. Leon Artsakh Relief Program

Please direct any inquiries to: susanchamesian@gmail.com

# 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

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

**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE** 

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

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 Shoes & Linens:**

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

# 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

# **BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**



# **ACSA BASKETBALL**

2023-2024 Season Revised

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

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 faithexperience 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.

**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 21	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School ACYOA MANTI SALE TODAY
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 Baregendan, SUPER BOWL
Mon	Feb 12	First Day of Lent
Wed	Feb 14	Senior Social Club, Valentine's Day
Fri	Feb 16	Armenian School, Lenten Lecture
Sun	Feb 18	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School
Wed	Feb 21 Senior Social Club	
Fri	Feb 23	Armenian School, Lenten Lecture

Last Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

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

Armenian Christmas – January 6, 2025
Easter – March 31, 2024
Transfiguration – July 7, 2024
Assumption of the Virgin Mary – August 18, 2024
Exaltation of the Holy Cross – September 15, 2024

