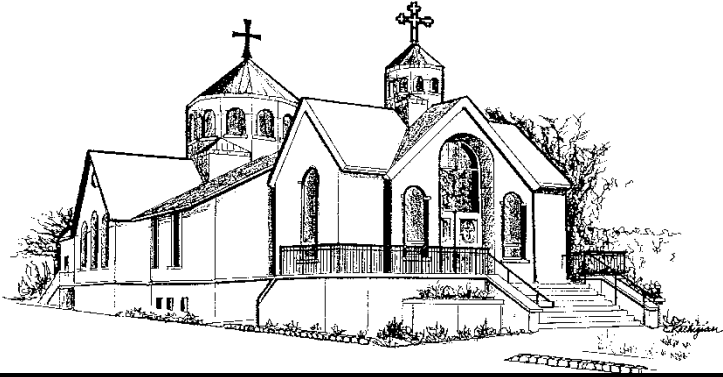


ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord
July 11, 2021

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Zec 14:16-21

1 Jn 1:1-7

Gospel According to Mathew 16:13-17:13

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

Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian

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“Krisdos ee méch me haydnetsav.” – “Orhnyal é haydnootyoonun Krisdosi.”

“Christ is revealed among us.” - “Blessed is the revelation of Christ.”

**Antastan Service – The blessing of the 4 Corners of the world
will follow after Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian’s Sermon.**

NO HOKEHANKISD TODAY

PRAYER FOR REQUIEM – HOKEHANKISD

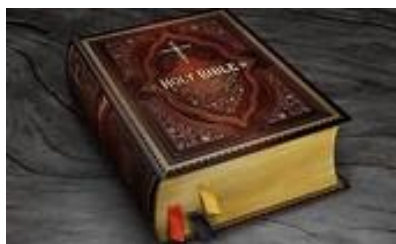
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. O Christ, Son of God, fore bearing and compassionate, have compassion, in your love as our creator, upon the souls of your servants who are at rest, especially upon the souls of your servants (names), for whom we are offering these prayers. Be mindful 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 Robert John Karanfilian III, Silva Jinivizian, Greg Tenbekjian, Annette Kouchshirin, Brandon Katz, Zoe Brooks, Jim & Wendy Lathey, Dan Patoyia (Moynihan), Juliette Haddad, James Azarian, Varoujan Harutunian, Mosses Bairamian, Ruben Grigoryants, Michael Sakolsky, Lynne Ford, Frank Cornawchiulo, Ryan Hallak, John Hallak, Carmelina

Mancini, Marie Tenguerian, Hana Botie, Mary Ann Kral, Emily Ring, Clara Yeramian, Jerry DiSant, Julie Frattarola, Melanie Sarkisian and all those who are suffering. *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".*

Reverence Required ~ Please be advised that, according to the tradition of the Armenian Church, members of the congregation are strongly reminded to refrain from walking in and out of the Sanctuary while services are in progress. You are *especially* reminded ***not to do so*** during **1**) the Chanting of the Gospel, (pg. 17); **2**) recitation of the Creed (*Havadamk*), (pg. 18); **3**) the Chalice Procession, (pg. 24-25); **4**) Hayr Mer (pg 41); **5**) the Hymn, "*Der Voghormya,*" (pg. 45); and **6**) distribution of the Holy Communion, (p. 49). Also, please do not chew gum or cross legs during church services. Please observe the "arrows" in the new liturgy books. They indicate when you should *Stand, Sit, or Kneel*.

ST. LEON SOCIAL CLUB Seniors have much to offer, our wisdom, our experience and our time. St. Leon Social Club meets every Wednesday from 11:00-4:00 PM Donation is \$3.00. we are serving only coffee. Example: play cards, backgammon, bring a board game or just sit around and have a cup of coffee. Bring a friend and enjoy the afternoon. We are meeting in the Youth Center first floor.



BIBLE STUDY

TIME: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Zoom Bible Study Wednesday,
July 28, 2021 If you would like to
participate please call or e-mail
Fr. Diran and he will send you the
link for the Bible Study.

Bible Study

Book of Isaiah

Chapter 10 “Arrogant Assyria Also Judged”

Chapter 11 “The Peaceful Kingdom”

Chapter 12 “Thanksgiving and Praise”

"For Jerusalem has stumbled, and Judah has fallen," - these are the words written in the Book of Isaiah. Yahew, the God of Israel is telling the Israelites that they have fallen in the dark ways of sin and have become distant from the Lord. God created them and gave them everything in order to be fruitful and prosper, but because of their unrighteousness, they are desolate. Isaiah, God's prophet, is sent out to preach to the children of Yahew so that they may realize His call to righteousness and return to life. God calls us today in His Church and calls us to leave the ways of unrighteousness to return to life and be life-giving to others.



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE HOLY MOTHER- OF-GOD

St. Mary died in Jerusalem fifteen years after the Resurrection of Christ.

The Apostles, with the exception of St. Bartholomew, buried her with great reverence in the Garden of Gethsemane. When Bartholomew came to visit the tomb and pay his respects, he found it empty. He and the Apostles were convinced her body had been taken to heaven by the Lord. This belief was sanctioned by the Church between the 9th and 12th century.

On the day of the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God (*ASDVADZADZIN - Bearer of God*), the Blessing of Grapes takes place immediately after the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. As thanksgiving for the fruitfulness of the year, fruits are presented to God to be blessed. The grapes are considered the queen of fruits, thereby symbolizing all crops. The Holy Virgin Mary is considered the "Tree of Life" who gave birth to the "Good Fruit" (Christ) for our salvation. Christ compared Himself to the Vine (John 15:1) and blessed the cup of wine to be His Blood. Grape wine is used in Holy Communion as the Blood of Christ that was shed for the salvation of mankind.

BLESSING OF THE GRAPES On Sunday, August 15, 2021 we will commemorate -The Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God and the Blessing of Grapes. If you wish to give a contribution to the Feast Day, please fill in the form below and mail it to the Church Office with your check by Sunday, August 1, 2021

Please mark "*Grapes*" on the memo line.

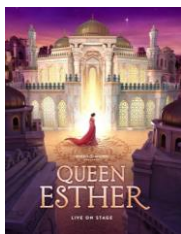
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(Please Print)

Donation \$ _____

Please Note – This is a major Feast Day there will be NO Hokehankisd on this day.

A Timeless Story of Relentless Strength



QUEEN ESTHER
Sight and Sound Millennium
Theatre
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Saturday, November 6, 2021

30 TICKETS REMAINING First come First served

Sponsored by the St. Leon Parish Council

Subsidized cost (for St. Leon dues-paying members only)
includes performance, transportation and a lavish buffet lunch
before the performance.

ADULTS: \$75 subsidized KIDS: \$35 subsidized
\$140 unsubsidized (3-12) \$80 unsubsidized

Schedule of Day's Events

- 9:30 a.m. Bus departs from St. Leon Church*
- 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. Lavish buffet Lunch – Local Restaurant*
- 3:00 p.m. Performance*
- 5:45 p.m. Bus departs Lancaster, PA – please bring a sandwich/drink for the ride home*
- 9:15 p.m. Bus arrives at St. Leon Church.*

Check payable to St. Leon Armenian Church (write Esther in memo line)

Check confirms reservation

Mail to: Berdjouhi Parseghian, 727 Chestnut Pl. Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417

(Provide e-mail, cell number, name and ages of children with reservation.)

For additional information please contact Berdjouhi Parseghian (201) 848-9294 or Berdjouhi1@gmail.com

VOCATIONS

FULFILLING THE PROMISE
OF ST. NERSESS SEMINARY

SATURDAY, NOV. 13, 2021

OLD TAPPAN MANOR, OLD TAPPAN, NEW JERSEY

St. Nersess to Honor First 12

Armonk, NY – St. Nersess Armenian Seminary will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary on November 13 at a special banquet which will honor the vocations of the first 12 priests who graduated from St. Nersess and St. Vladimir's Seminaries and were ordained.

The celebratory dinner will take place on November 13 at the Old Tappan Manor in Old Tappan, N.J. This event is the first in a series to recognize the alumni of St. Nersess, both ordained and lay, who are in service to the Armenian Church, in any capacity.

This year's honorees, listed by ordination dates, are

Rev. Fr. Kevork Arakelian (1973)

Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian (1976)

Rev. Fr. Yeprem Kelegian (1977)

Rev. Fr. Mardiros Chevian (1985)

Rev. Fr. Shnork Demirjian (1991)

Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian (1993)

Rev. Fr. Sahak Kaishian (1993)

Rev. Fr. Tavit Boyajian (1993)

Rev. Fr. Arakel Aljalian (1993)

Rev. Fr. Vasken Kouzouian (1994)

Rev. Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian (1996)

Very Rev. Fr. Simeon Odabashian (1996)

Two honorees are from the Western Diocese.

The tribute has ignited numerous memories amongst the honorees.

“When reflecting upon the first time I knew I wanted to become a priest, I recall how impactful the first St. Nersess Summer Conference was in 1963,” reveals Fr. Kevork Arakelian, the first American-born graduate of St. Nersess Armenian Seminary to be ordained a priest. Another recollection, by Fr. Yeprem Kelegian, includes the greatest influences on his path to the seminary. “I remember the ‘luminaries’ of my youth - Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan, Der Arsen Barsamian, Der Dajad Davidian, and Der Karekin Kasparian.”

The evening will be filled with more nostalgic and celebratory reflections, as well as a special award. Invitations will be mailed in August, as well as commemorative keepsake booklet information

to include your best wishes to the honorees. All donations will benefit the seminary and its ongoing mission.

For more information, please contact event co-chair Lynn Beylerian at (201) 914-0354 or lynnbeylerian@gmail.com or go to

www.stnersess.edu.

GRADUATES If you are a 2021 High School and/or College Graduate from the St. Leon Church Sunday School/ACYOA, there will be a Graduate Page in our July/August Lradoo. Please e-mail your picture and ONE paragraph of your accomplishments to the Church office by 6/30/21 When sending the information via email, please call the office to make sure the office received it.

stleon@stleon.org 201-791-2862 Mary Ann Mozian

ARMENIAN SCHOOL - *By pre-order only*, the next Lahmajun, Sujuk, and Baghaj distribution will be Sunday, August 1 after church until 1 PM. I am limited in the number of Lahmajun I can order, therefore, first ordered, first served.

Email or text Barbara Hovsepian

bhovsepian@optonline.net

Cell 551-206-6686. You will receive a confirmation of your order.



***24th Annual
Saint Leon Armenian Church
Golf Open***



***We Changed the date, Monday Oct 18, 2021
Details to be announced
Ramsey Golf & Country Club***



SAVE THE DATE

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

**HIS GRACE,
BISHOP DANIEL FINDIKYAN**

will celebrate Divine Liturgy

Officiate the Ordination of
Dr. Gregory Kazanjian to the Diaconate

Ordination of Acolytes

ICON Consecration of St. Leon
Donated by John & Mimi Demirjian
Details to follow



The Feast of the Transfiguration of Jesus (Vardavar)

The Feast of the Transfiguration of Jesus is celebrated by various Christian denominations. While many churches do not regard it as one of the most important feasts, it is considered a very significant church holiday in Armenia.

The Feast of the Transfiguration marks one of the miracles of Jesus in the Canonical Gospels. In this episode in the New Testament, Jesus Christ was transfigured and became radiant in glory upon a mountain in front of three of his apostles (Peter, John and James).

The Armenian Apostolic Church celebrates the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ fourteen weeks (ninety-eight days) after Easter, so it always falls on a Sunday. It is one of the five major feasts of the Armenian Church

The Feast of the Transfiguration in Armenia is commonly referred to as Vardavar. Although now it is a religious holiday, its history dates back to pre-Christian times. Its ancient forerunner was dedicated to the deity Astghik. She was the goddess of fertility, love, beauty and water. That is why the best known tradition of the holiday is to pour water on one another.

The word “Vardavar” (or “Vartavar”) means “the festival of roses”. In ancient times, roses were associated with Astghik

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հոգիները:

**COFFEE HOSPITALITY –St. Leon will be serving coffee only
each Sunday following Church Services in the Community
Center.**

OPEN HOUSE

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Meet our Pastor

Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian

All Church Organizations will be represented

in our Community Center

12:00 noon to 1:30 PM

Parish Council	Senior Center
ACYOA Jrs.	Sunday School
ACYOA Srs.	Acolyte Training
Armenian School	Bible Study
Church Choir	Deacon Training
Men's Fellowship	Food Festival
Women's Guild	Membership
	Sports



ARMENIAN VIRTUAL COOKING SERIES

PRESENTED BY THE KNIGHTS AND DAUGHTERS
OF VARTAN



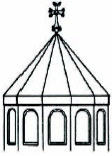
August 4, 7:00-8:15pm ET

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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: _____

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Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Commemorative Brick Purchase:

English Letters

_____ 4" x 8" Brick @ \$100.00

Maximum of two lines, 13 letters per line

For 4" x 8" - engraving to read as follows: (please print clearly)

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Please return this form to:

Barbara Royland

44 Benson Avenue

Westwood, N.J. 07675

Email: hyemom@optonline.net

201-666-5735

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

All donations are tax deductible.