

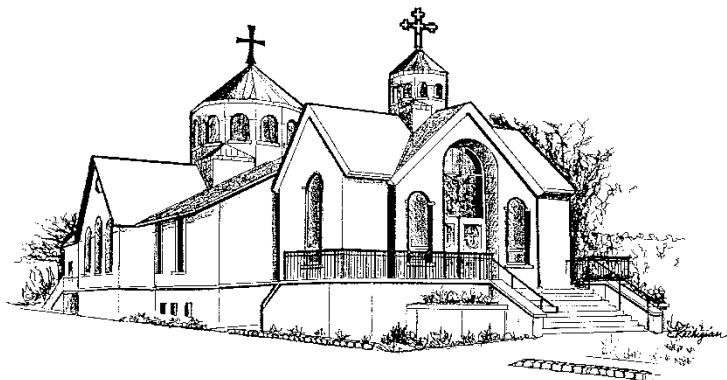
# ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Feast of Transfiguration of Our Lord

July 24, 2022

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



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## Readings from the Holy Scripture

Zec. 14:16-21

I John 1:1-17

Gospel of Matthew 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*

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*After Fr. Diran's Homily, the Service of  
Antasdan (Blessing of the Fields) will take place.*



## Church Etiquette

**Reverence Required** ~ Please refrain from entering the pews when the following parts of the Divine Liturgy (Soorp Badarak) is taking place. You may stand in the back of the church until these parts have ended. The parish council will be happy to assist you.

- 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*.

# HOKEHANKISD

**Hokehankisd Deadline:** Please note that Hokehankisd requests must be received by **3pm, Thursday** to be included in that week's Sunday bulletin. You may email or call the church office. Thank you.



## **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 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 *Glenn Ajamian, James Azarian, Mosses Bairamian, Hana Botie, Zoe Brooks, Frank Cornawchiulo, Jerry DiSant, Lynne Ford, Julie Frattarola, Ruben Grigoryants, John Hallak, Ryan Hallak, Varoujan Harutunian, Barbara Hovsepian, Silva Jinivizian, Robert John Karanfilian III, Brandon Katz, Mary Ann Kral, Annette Kouchshirin, Jim & Wendy Lathey, Carmelina Mancini, Bill Manookian, Sebuh Oscherician, Very Rev. Father Mesrop Parsamian, Dan Patoyia (Moynihan), 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 update of the prayer list names; if a name needs to be added or removed, notify the church office. Thank you.)*



# 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.*



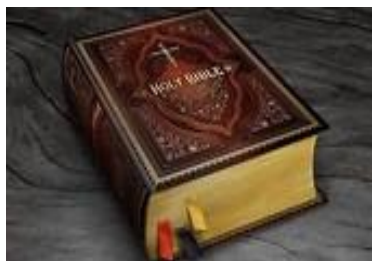
## **Հայրապետական այց Ամերիկայի Միացեալ Նահանգներ**

Ն.Մ.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ծայրագոյն Պատրիարք եւ Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը հայրապետական այցով մեկնեց Ամերիկայի Միացեալ Նահանգներ: Այցի ընթացքում Վեհափառ Հայրապետը հանդիպումներ կ'ունենայ թեմական եւ ազգային կառոյցների ներկայացուցիչների հետ:



**Joe Biden visits Armenian Church in Bethlehem, talks to Patriarch**  
<https://en.armradio.am/2022/07/15/joe-biden-visits-armenian-church-in-bethlehel-talks-to-patriarch/>

President Joe Biden has gone down in the history of the Armenian people as the FIRST American President to officially recognize the Armenian Genocide.



## **BIBLE STUDIES**

**Wednesday, Aug.10, 2022.**

**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.

### **Book of Ezekiel**

Chapter 44 “The Closed Gate”

Chapter 45 “The Holy District”

Chapter 46 “Miscellaneous Regulations”

In the previous chapters we read of oracles of the foreign nation but with apocalyptic-style modifications. The ultimate purpose is to reassure the Israelites concerning their restoration-both their return to the land from exile and their long-term protection by God even against the greatest forces the world can hurl against them. This prophesy against God and his assembled army is widely misinterpreted. The identity of Gog is viewed as the dark powers of the world which tries to one day threaten God’s people but, God will protect His people from those evil powers and deliver them forever. This is a apocalyptic prophecy which is figurative and symbolic. We read about the great future for Jerusalem and Judah. This vision describes the physical characteristics of the holy city, its temple, the holy land, and related regulations for proper worship and membership in God’s people. Ezekiel enters the temple building itself, the sanctuary but not the holy of holies. To enter the holy of holies would have been forbidden him, as he was a mere priest. Only a high priest could enter that most holy room of the temple, and then only once a year for the purpose of sprinkling blood as a symbol of the blood atonement.



## *The Light Who Illuminates Us*

**The Transfiguration of Christ** (His changing of appearance in a radiant, glorified manner) is considered a “Theophany” in which Jesus is revealed as divine, as God himself, the second person of the Holy Trinity... the voice of God interrupts Peter saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”

The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world...And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father...

*God is light and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.*

The Transfiguration of Christ is a glimpse of the life we have, here and now, when we enjoy true fellowship with him. The life of the Church is about communion, it's about being *enlightened*, that is, *knowing God*. To be a disciple is to share the transfigured, divine life of Christ, to be changed by it and to radiate it to the world.

As a parish community, as individuals, are we walking in the light? Would we describe our community as being ever transfigured, or like Peter, do we interrupt the glory of God with our own flawed understanding of what God is trying to do in our midst? Are we truly listening to Jesus as the Father instructed us on that mountaintop? As a community, we are called to be in communion with God and with one another, but that kind of fellowship is not synonymous with socializing at coffee hour or mingling at social events. Rather, it is the actual participation in the transfiguration of Jesus Christ. In other words, we don't just remember the Transfiguration in our minds, we don't just read about it in the pages of the New Testament. When we celebrate this wonderful feast, we mystically participate in the actual event of the Transfiguration itself. Quite the mystery, but quite the reality. God becomes what we are so that we might become what he is, as St. Athanasius so notably put. We feebly offer our time, our very lives with all of its flaws, bruises, hurts, and fears, and in exchange he offers us the eternity of his Transfiguration, his Այլակերպութիւն.

**By Dn. Eric Vozzy**



Segments were taken from [vemkar@armeniandiocese.org](mailto:vemkar@armeniandiocese.org).  
Please visit site to read the complete article.

# Church Happenings...

## **Kiss of Peace:**

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 to be placed on a rotating roster. Thank you.

## **Armenian School:**

Orders must be in by July 24th, with pick-up date of July 31st. Please contact **Nora Balekji at 973-513-2507, or email at [nbalekji@gmail.com](mailto:nbalekji@gmail.com)** (sorry, no baghaj until further notice).

## **St. Leon’s Social Club:**

Seniors have much to offer, wisdom, experience, and time! Our Social Club meets every Wednesday, 11:30am-3:00pm at the community center. You can play cards, backgammon, board games of your choice, or just enjoy a cup of coffee! We encourage you to bring a friend and spend an afternoon together! Donation is \$3. Hope to see you there this week!

## **2022 Church Directory:**

Additional copies of our 2022 St. Leon Church Directory can be purchased. Call church office on weekdays or speak with a Parish Council member on Sundays.

## **Coffee Hospitality:**

Today’s hospitality is hosted by our *ACYOA Juniors*. Please join us in the **Youth Center** after church service, while Abajian Hall is under renovations

## St. Leon Armenian School – Registration Form 2022–2023

For more information call 201-791-2862 x7, leave your name and number or email [armenianschool@stleon.org](mailto:armenianschool@stleon.org)

Principal Nora Balekji will return your call as soon as possible.

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Student Name	Date of Birth	School Grade	Select Dialect	Select Level	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Western <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern	<input type="checkbox"/> K-6 Fridays <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate Wednesdays*	
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			<input type="checkbox"/> Western <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern	<input type="checkbox"/> K-6 Fridays <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate Wednesdays*	
Adult:	NA	NA	Western only	6-8:30 PM	Wednesdays**
				<b>Total Tuition</b>	

\*Intermediate Class will be formed if 5 or more students enroll.

\*\*Adult Class will be formed if 5 or more students enroll.

**Tuition Payment (tuition is non-refundable) \$350.**

**\$25 discount for additional students in the same family.**

*If you are unable to pay the full tuition, please contact Fr. Diran Bohajian at 201-791-2862. Inquiries will be kept confidential.*

Amount paid in September

Amount paid in January

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any allergies or medical conditions? (Please discuss with the principal)

Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Conditions \_\_\_\_\_

Please note any pertinent information about your child's academic ability that would help us better serve his/her needs.

Example: Has your child been classified with any developmental, behavioral or learning disabilities?

**I/We GRANT permission for a photo/image that includes my child to be published on the St. Leon Armenian School and the Eastern Diocese public internet sites, and to be displayed in the Armenian School and in the publications of St. Leon.**

**Circle either Yes or No and sign. Yes No**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

St. Leon Armenian School, 12-61 Saddle River Road, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410





## Hurry up!

July 29 is the last day of the fieldwork for the Armenian Diaspora Survey. If you live in the United States and Ontario, Canada, hurry up and complete the survey.

**Your views and opinions** on being Armenian in the 21st century matter.

[www.armeniandiasporasurvey.com](http://www.armeniandiasporasurvey.com)



## Միայն քանի մը օր եւս

Յուլիս 29-ը Հայկական Սփիւռքի Հարցախոյզին մասնակցելու վերջին օրն է:

Եթէ Միացեալ Նահանգներ կամ Օնթարիո, Գանատա կ'ապրիք, ապա շտապեցէք և ձեր կարծիքներն ու տեսակետները կիսեցէք:

[www.armeniandiasporasurvey.com](http://www.armeniandiasporasurvey.com)



# St. Leon Men's Fellowship



## *Weekend in the Catskills 2022*

Date: Sept. 16, 17, 18

Location: Camp Nubar, Andes, NY

Cost: \$175

GREAT FOOD, BEAUTIFUL SCENERY &  
FUN!!

*Golf, Tennis, Basketball, Hiking, Fishing,  
Swimming, Canoeing, Tavloo, Cards, Etc.*

For reservations and information call:

Barry (evenings) 201-888-2668

Reservation deadline September 9, 2022

Mail your check to: Barry Halejian, 412 Glendale  
Rd., Wyckoff, NJ 07481

Make checks payable to  
St. Leon Men's Fellowship

# 25th Annual St. Leon Armenian Church Golf Outing

We are excited to announce the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Leon Armenian Church Golf Outing. Over twenty-five years ago the founders of this event, Arthur Ohnikian, Dick Keurajian assisted by Rich Ohnikian, George Kachagian and Gabe Kaprelian set out to create a day of fellowship, competition, and great fun. We honor their tradition and legacy and this year we are taking the event to the next level. The enhancements for 2022 include:

- Hosting the event on the championship layout at Haworth Country Club
- Adding a tennis option to attract non-golfers who want to enjoy fellowship on the courts
- Live entertainment starting at the cocktail hour featuring “On the Lam band”
- Commemorative 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary hat included for each player
- Ideal fall season timing on September 26th

We are actively seeking participants and sponsors with 100% of the sponsorship proceeds going to St. Leon Armenian Church. There are a range of opportunities at different levels. Please keep in mind this is a big year for St. Leon Armenian Church with a big return to in person activities and the planned renovation of Abajian hall this summer!

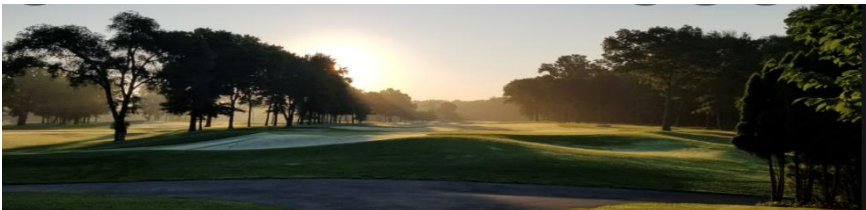
Please join us at Haworth Country Club on Monday September 26, 2022. Father Diran and the golf committee invite you to join us for a day on the golf course or tennis courts. You can also simply join for cocktails, food and live entertainment. Kindly spread the word and extend the number of people you ask to join. All are welcome!

Please reach out if you have any questions or have something you would like to discuss.

All the best,

St. Leon Armenian Church Golf Open Committee

Rich Berenson (917) 854-2357, Rich Ohnikian, Mike Ohnikian, Matt Royland, Tom Reidel, Haig Najarian (Tennis)



# 25th Annual St. Leon Armenian Church Golf Outing

Titanium Sponsor \$5,000  
(Includes four players for golf or tennis, registration signage, dinner-for-four as well as two hole sponsorships)

Platinum Sponsor..... \$2,500  
(Includes four players for golf or tennis dinner-for-two as well as one hole sponsorship)

Registration Sponsor..... \$1,000

Dinner Sponsor..... \$750

Lunch Sponsor..... \$500

Beverage Sponsor..... \$300

Hole Sponsor.....\$150

Sponsorship of any amount.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(\$1,000 or more includes two dinner guests, \$500 or more includes one dinner guest)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

To be printed on sponsor sign \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship Level \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to St. Leon Armenian Church. Note “golf sponsorship” in the memo area.

Mail to: Rich Berenson, 831 Mountain Avenue, Wyckoff, NJ 07481  
(917) 854-2357.



**25<sup>th</sup> Annual Saint Leon Armenian Church Golf Open**  
**Monday Sept 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Haworth Country Club**  
**33 Lakeshore Drive, Haworth, NJ 07641 (201) 384-7300**  
**Event Details and Golfer Registration Form**

9:30 – 11:30 am Registration, Driving Range, Practice facility, Brunch starting at 10 am

11:30 am Golf Shotgun start – Format: Four-person scramble, men’s and ladies’ tees.

2:00 Tennis Clinic and Round Robin format play (arrive by 1:30 pm)

4:30 pm On the Lam Band, Hors D’oeuvres, Open bar beer and wine

6 pm Dinner, Awards and Door Prizes

**Early bird golfer fee thru July 15<sup>th</sup>: \$250 per player. \$275 after July 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Early bird tennis fee thru July 15<sup>th</sup>. \$150 per player. \$165 after July 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Dinner, beer and wine and entertainment \$100 per person.**

- Make check payable to St. Leon Armenian Church. Note “golf/tennis” in the memo area.
- Mail to: Rich Berenson, 831 Mountain Avenue, Wyckoff, NJ 07481 (917) 854-2357. Registration deadline September 6, 2022.
- Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_.

Player Information – we will match you up If necessary.

Check here if tennis

Player

1 \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Player

2 \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Player

3 \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Player

4 \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

*Special requests (food allergies, etc.)*

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Save  
the  
Date



*St. Leon Annual Food  
Festival*

*October 14-16*

*(More Details to Come)*







# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	July 24	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Feast of Transfiguration of our Lord
Sun	July 31	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy
Sun	Aug 7	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy
Sun	Aug 14	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God
Sun	Aug 21	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy
Sun	Aug 28	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy



*You may offer your well wishes and prayers for our newly elected primate, Very Rev. Mesrop Parsamyan's speedy recovery by visiting Vemkar on Facebook or to be placed on the mailing list, visit*

 [vemkar@armeniandiocese.org](mailto:vemkar@armeniandiocese.org)



*~There are no wedding sacraments permitted on the five major feast days in the Armenian Church which are:*

**Armenian Christmas – January 6, 2022**

**Easter – April 17, 2022**

**Transfiguration – July 24, 2022**

**Assumption of the Virgin Mary – August 14, 2022**

**Exaltation of the Holy Cross – September 11, 2022**

