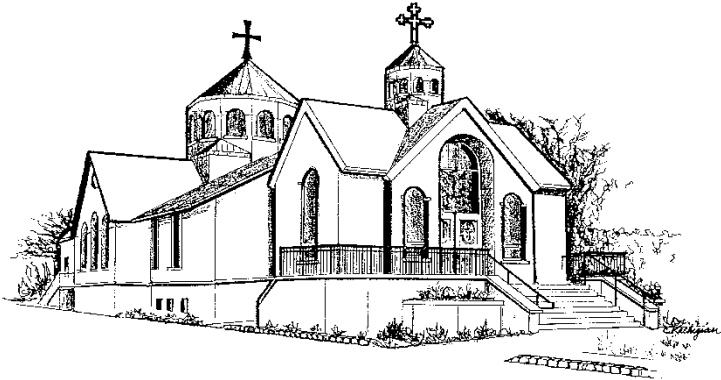


SUNDAY JULY 28, 2019

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

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 Matthew 16:13-17:13

God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. John 3:16

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

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



Parish Council Members: Lorig Chorluyan, Vicken Jessourian
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Dawn Hourdajian and Haykanush Melkonyan.



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

NO HOKEHANKISD TODAY

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK; Remember in your prayers and
ask for the recovery of Annette Kouchshirin, Therese Najarian,
Mary Ellen Sebelle, Ashley Tenbekjian, Maryann Camiskay,
Karen Weidner, John Damergy, Brandon Katz,
George Ghazarian Jr., Ronald Foronjy, Robert Foronjy,
Wendy Lathey, Aram & Mary Varteressian, Dan Patoyia
(Moynihan), Juliette Haddad, James Azarian,
Varoujan Harutunian, Marie Harutunian, Joseph Harutunian,
Joanna Jaworska, Mosses Bairamian, Lou Scipione,
Jared Tashjian, 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”

CHURCH ETIQUETTE:

Father Diran and the Parish Council sincerely request that parishioners respond to the following, so that our beloved Church may function in a more orderly and respectful manner:

Altar Candles ~ Please note, according to Armenian Church tradition, all Altar Candles must be lit before the beginning of *Badarak*. Those desiring to light candles in memory of loved ones or friends are requested to notify the Church Office in advance by noon of Wednesday preceding the Sunday of remembrance.

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*.

DRESS CODE FOR CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

As we worship in our beloved Armenian Church on Sundays and attend Sunday School, let us be mindful that we are in God’s House. Since we are in God’s House, it is important that we dress appropriately. The attire (clothing) we wear on Sundays should be in good taste; therefore, any transparent clothes, shorts and skirts with length above the knees, halter and tank tops, spaghetti straps, jeans, etc, should be avoided. Bare shoulders should be covered with a shawl.

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 \$4 coffee and dessert. Bring a sandwich, lunch is at 12:00 noon. There are card games, backgammon, bring a board game or just sit around and have coffee and dessert. Bring a friend and enjoy the afternoon.

WOMEN'S GUILD is selling Chorag in the Community Center after church. Please see Edna Tungrian or Marilou Pinajian.

ARMENIAN SCHOOL is selling Lahmajun, Baghaj and Sujuk on August 11. Please see Nora Balakji in Community Center.

OURFA PICNIC SUNDAY AUGUST 25, 2019

ST. LEON PICNIC GROVE

Ourfa Kabob (eggplant/chop meat)

Bulghar Pilav, Watermelon, Desserts

CHURCH OFFICE I will be out of the office July 25 to August 9. If you plan on having a Hokehankisd on August 4th or August 11th Please call the office ahead of time so it will be placed in the bulletin on the designated Sunday. There is no Hokehankisd on **July 28** -Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord and **August 18**-Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God. Mary Ann Mozian

BIBLE STUDY September 18, 2019 Wednesday Night TIME: 7:30-9:00 PM

There is no Bible Study during July/August

The Feast of the Transfiguration of Jesus (Vardavar)

July 28, 2019



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).

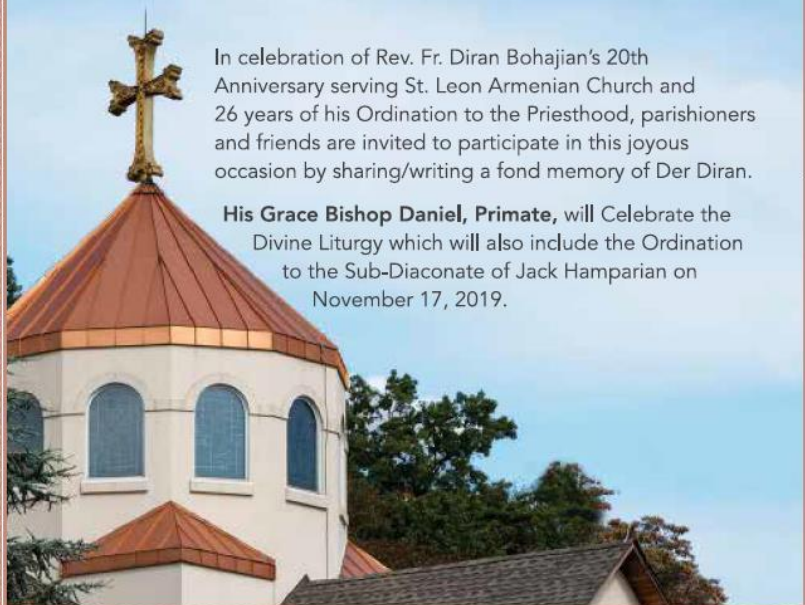
The Armenian Apostolic Church celebrates the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ fourteen weeks (ninety-eight days) after Easter, so it always falls on a Sunday. It is one of the five major feasts of the Armenian Church.

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

REV. FR. DIRAN BOHAJIAN'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
Fair Lawn ~ New Jersey



In celebration of Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian's 20th Anniversary serving St. Leon Armenian Church and 26 years of his Ordination to the Priesthood, parishioners and friends are invited to participate in this joyous occasion by sharing/writing a fond memory of Der Diran.

His Grace Bishop Daniel, Primate, will Celebrate the Divine Liturgy which will also include the Ordination to the Sub-Diaconate of Jack Hamparian on November 17, 2019.

Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian has requested that in lieu of personal gifts to him on this occasion, donations should be made to St. Leon Armenian Church. All proceeds will then be given to support the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem. Your donation will be acknowledged in the Commemorative Booklet.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

\$500 _____ \$250 _____ \$100 _____ \$50 _____ Other _____

20th Anniversary Luncheon – Details to follow.

Please mail your donations and/or memories to the church office by **October 1, 2019**.
St. Leon Armenian Church - Attn. Booklet Committee
12-61 Saddle River Road
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

Thank you, kindly, for your participation and generosity. The Booklet Committee



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 18, 2019 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 Friday, August 9, 2019

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

Name _____

(Please Print)

Donation \$ _____

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY

We will soon begin updating our Church Directory and need your help. If you'd like to be in our 2019 Church Directory or if you'd like to update your current entry, please complete the following and send to our Church office:

Name

Address

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

E-mail address:

You can also email your information to Barbara Royland @ hyemom@optonline.net with "St. Leon Directory" in the subject line. Deadline for submission is September 15, 2019.



**23rd Annual
St Leon Armenian Church
Golf Open**



Monday, September 30th, 2019

\$185 per player

Scrambled Format

Ramsey Golf and Country Club
105 Lakeside Drive
Ramsey, NJ 201 327-0009
ramseycountryclub.com

Tournament Day Schedule

	10:00 Registration	
Barbeque Lunch	11:00 Lunch	Buffet Dinner
Cocktail Hour	12:00 Shotgun Start	Awards/Prizes
	5:00 Cocktail Hour	
	6:00 Dinner/Awards/Prizes	

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1.Name _____	Phone _____	Email _____
2.Name _____	Phone _____	Email _____
3.Name _____	Phone _____	Email _____
4.Name _____	Phone _____	Email _____

Payment:

Checks payable:

St. Leon Armenian Church

Mail to:

Richard Ohnikian

29 Dogwood Lane

Montvale, NJ 07645

201-925-4019 raohnik@optonline.net

___ of Golfers @ \$185 \$ _____

Sponsorship \$ _____

Dinner Only (\$50) \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Registration Deadline is Sept 20th, 2019

See Sponsor form for more details

St. Leon Men's Fellowship
Weekend in the Catskills 2019



Date: Sept. 13, 14, 15

Location: Camp Nubar, Andes, NY

Cost: \$150

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 8, 2018

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

Make checks payable to
St. Leon Men's Fellowship

St. Leon
Armenian Church **83rd** Annual

Food and Arts Festival

October 18, 19, & 20 (Fri-Sun)

Fri 5p-9p Sat 12p-9p Sun 12p-4p

*Entertainment featuring Antranig Dance Ensemble,
a choral group, raffles, childrens play area, and more!*



*Whether you eat in or take out, we have something for you!
Our Women's Guild & volunteers have already begun
preparing delicious menu items!*

For more information visit www.stleon.org or call 201-791-2862
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COFFEE HOSPITALITY Everyone is invited to the Community Center immediately following worship services. Today's Hospitality is given by the Church Choir.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	July 28	Morning Service Divine Liturgy The Feast of Transfiguration of Jesus
Wed	July 31	St. Leon Social Club 11:00-4:00
Sun	Aug 4	Morning Service Divine Liturgy
Wed	Aug 7	St. Leon Social Club 11:00-4:00
Sun	Aug 11	Morning Service Divine Liturgy
Wed	Aug 14	St. Leon Social Club 11:00-4:00
Sun	Aug 18	Morning Service Divine Liturgy- The Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of -God Blessing of the Grapes
Wed	Aug 21	St. Leon Social Club
Sun	Aug 25	Morning Service Divine Liturgy
Wed	Aug 28	St. Leon Social Club
Sun	Sept 1	Morning Service Divine Liturgy
Sun	Sept 8	Morning Service Divine Liturgy Open House