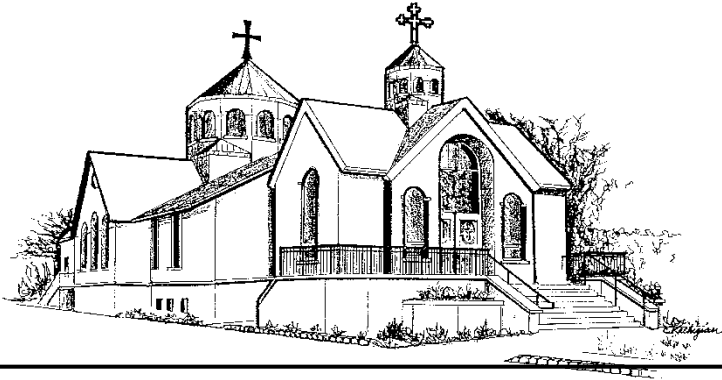


ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
Barekendan of the Fast of Transfiguration
Independence Day
July 4, 2021

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Is 3:1-11

Rom 11:13-24

Gospel According to Mathew 14:13-21

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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Jack Hamparian

CHOIR MASTER

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Sirvard Galstian



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

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

HOKEHANKISD

† Diramyr Seta Hovhanessian and the Hovhanessian Family request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Dr. Avedis Hovhanessian** loving husband, father and grandfather of his passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in his memory.

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*.

<p>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.</p>
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St. Leon Armenian Church staff will be off on Monday July 5, 2021 to celebrate Independence Day with their Families. The office will be open on Tuesday.



BIBLE STUDY

TIME: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Zoom Bible Study Wednesday,
July 7, 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.

Book of Isaiah

Chapter 3 “Judgement Pronounced on Arrogance”

Chapter 4 “The Future Glory of the Survivors in Zion”

Chapter 5 “Social Injustice Denounced”

In the book of the Micah a verse in chapter six sums up what God wants from us, it states, “...O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” Throughout the life of Israel there have been many prophets. Each prophet was prepared and purified in order to speak the truth, the only truth, which is what God wanted for his people, communion. The word of the Lord has been very difficult to except for the things of this world, riches and power has always lured man to stray from his walk with God. The prophet Isaiah states, “O House of Jacob, come let us walk in the light of the Lord!” The people of Israel had wealth in gold and silver, in horses and chariots but they left God. The prophets warned the people to turn from their ways back to right worship to God.

The message of the prophets is repentance, which is repeated to God’s people again and again for them, and for us, to walk with the Lord and remain his people.

Last Gospel Matthew 11:25-30



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

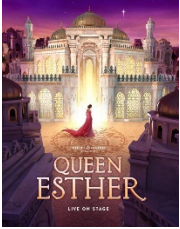
Please mark "*Grapes*" on the memo line.

Name _____
(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 get, 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.

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



***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

Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը հյուրընկալեց Օդեսայի հայկական մշակութային կենտրոնի սաներին

Հունիսի 29-ին Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ճայրագույն Պատրիարք և Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում հյուրընկալեց Օդեսայի (Ուկրաինա) հայկական մշակութային կենտրոնի կիրակնօրյա դպրոցի և մանկապարտեզի սաներին:

Կենտրոնի տնօրեն տիկին Աննա Գևորգյանը Նորին Սրբությանը տեղեկություններ փոխանցեց դպրոցի և մանկապարտեզի գործունեության վերաբերյալ՝ ընդգծելով, որ սաների այցը Հայաստան նպատակ է հետապնդում ճանաչել հայրենիքը: Վերջինս նաև հայտնեց, որ 44-օրյա պատերազմի ընթացքում երեխաները հանդես են եկել համերգներով և գոյացած ողջ հասույթն ուղղել Արցախին զորակցությանը:

Այս առիթով սաները հանդես եկան հոգևոր, ազգային ու հայրենասիրական երգերի և բանաստեղծությունների կատարումներով՝ ուրախություն պարգևելով Հայոց Հորը:

Այնուհետև Վեհափառ Հայրապետն իր հայրական օրհնությունը բերեց պատանի հայորդիներին՝ իր գնահատանքը բերելով նաև ծնողներին և մանկավարժներին սաներին ազգային ոգով կրթելու և դաստիարակելու համար: Հայոց Հովվապետն ընդգծեց, որ նրանք հայ ժողովրդի հույսն են, կամքն ու ապագան: Նորին Սրբությունը պատգամեց մանուկներին և պատանիներին սիրել հայրենիքը, ապրել ազգային արժեքների ոգով ու շնչով, որպեսզի կարելի լինի իրականություն դարձնել հզոր, ծաղկուն և բարօր հայրենիք ունենալու տեսլականը:

Հանդիպմանն Ամենայն Հայոց Հայրապետը գոհունակությամբ փաստեց նաև, որ Ուկրաինայի հայ համայնքում, շնորհիվ հայոց թեմի և ազգային կառույցների գործունեության, նախանձախնդրությամբ են վերաբերվում ազգային ինքնության, մշակութային և հոգևոր ժառանգության պահպանությանը, որի լավագույն դրսևորումն է հայորդիների այցը Հայաստան և Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածին: Այս առիթով Նորին Սրբությունը մաղթեց, որ Աստված զորացնի պատանի հայորդիների հոգիներում սերն առ հայրենիքը, ուժ և կարողություն

պարզևի հայեցի շնչով հասակ առնելու և հայ ժողովրդի արժանավոր
զավակներ դառնալու համար:

Զրույցի ընթացքում Հայոց Հայրապետը հետաքրքրվեց նաև Օդեսայի
հայ համայնքի կյանքով և հայկական կառույցների գործունեությամբ:

Վերջում Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը «Պահպանիչ» աղոթքով
օրհնեց պատանի հայորդիներին, այցի առիթով նրանց ընծայեց խաչեր
ու սրբապատկերներ: