

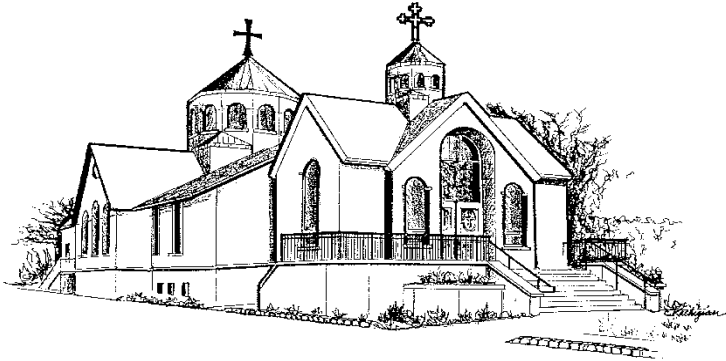
ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2023

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Isaiah 1:21-31

Romans 7:25-8:11

Matthew 12:38-45

"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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*Please keep our Motherland, Armenia
& Artsakh in your prayers*



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HOKEHANKISD

✝ Hrant N. Ghichlian requests Hokehankisd for the soul of his beloved cousin, **Rafi Habibian** who recently passed into eternal rest. He has donated towards the altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of his loved one.

✝ Margaret Minassian, Thomas & Carol Ashbahian, grandchildren Adrienne, Lauren & Charles Avery, & Kathryn, Marcy & Gary Corbiscello, Susan & Louis Alfano & grandchild Nicholas request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Khachig “Archie” Minassian**, loving father & grandfather, on the occasion of his 12th year of 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 one.

Hokehankisd Request Deadline:

Kindly submit all Hokehankisd requests by **12 noon on Thursdays**, that it may appear in that week's Sunday bulletin. Bear in mind that a standard word format is used to maintain unpreferential consistency in the allotted printing space. Also, be sure to include contact information when you email or call the church office 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,

Aleksan Aristakesian, Felicia Asomani, James Azarian, Mosses Bairamian, Hana Botie, Zoe Brooks, Frank Cornawchiulo, Jerry DiSant, Mike Fenarjian, Julie Frattarola, Yester Garabedian Ruben Grigoryants, Varoujan Harutunian, Lusine Hovsepyan, Silva Jinivizian, Robert John Karanfilian III, Brandon Katz, Annette Kouchshirin, Jim & Wendy Lathey, Carmelina Mancini, Bill Manookian, Sebu Oscherician, Emily Ring, Michael Sakolsky, Melanie Sarkisian, Marie Tenguarian, Greg Tenbekjian, 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 updating the prayer list. If a name needs to be added or removed, notify the church office. Thank you).



Church Etiquette

Reverence Required

* Please refrain from entering the pews when the following parts of the *Divine Liturgy (Soorp Badarak)* are taking place. You may 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. Hayr Mer, pg. 41
5. Hymn, “Der Voghormya,” pg. 45
6. Holy Communion, pg. 49.

* Also, please do not chew gum or cross legs during church services.

* Please observe the “arrows” in the liturgy books, they indicate when you should Stand, Sit, or Kneel.

*For your convenience, liturgy book pages are indicated on the monitor located on the right side of the altar.

Do you know what the writing above the altar says?



*It is written in classical Armenian which says,
“Love one another, because God is Love.”*

(“Seeretsek izmeemeyanis, zee Asdvadz ser e”)

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.



**Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսն
ընդունեց
ՄԱԿ-ի Մանկական
հիմնադրամի
հայաստանյան գրասենյակի
ներկայացուցչին**

Հունիսի 21-ին Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ծայրագույն Պատրիարք և Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում ընդունեց ՄԱԿ-ի Մանկական հիմնադրամի հայաստանյան գրասենյակի ներկայացուցիչ Քրիստինե Վայգանդին:

Հանդիպմանը Քրիստինե Վայգանդը Նորին Սրբությանը տեղեկություններ փոխանցեց նախադպրոցական և դպրոցական տարիքի, խոցելի խմբերի երեխաների պաշտպանության, առողջապահության ու կրթության, ինչպես նաև հանրակրթության ոլորտի բարեփոխումների ուղղությամբ գրասենյակի կողմից իրականացվող ծրագրերի վերաբերյալ: ՄԱԿ-ի Մանկական հիմնադրամի հայաստանյան գրասենյակի ներկայացուցիչը իրականացվող ծրագրերի շրջանակներում կարևորեց Եկեղեցու աջակցությունը:

Նորին Սրբությունը, իր գնահատանքը բերելով Քրիստինե Վայգանդին, ընդգծեց, որ նախանշված ոլորտներում Եկեղեցին ևս հետևողականորեն իրականացնում է իր առաքելությունը՝ նպաստելով երեխաների խնամքի, կրթության, դաստիարակության և խոցելի խմբերի սոցիալական խնդիրների հաղթահարման գործին: Այս առիթով Հայոց Հայրապետը նշեց, որ Հայ Եկեղեցու հովանու ներքո գործում են Հայորդաց Տներ, կիրակնօրյա դպրոցներ, երեխաների խնամքի կենտրոններ, երիտասարդական կառույցներ, որոնք իրականացնում են հոգեխնամ, կրթադաստիարակչական առաքելություն:

Հիշյալ ոլորտներում երեխաների հետ իրականացվող ծրագրերի արդյունավետության բարձրացման ուղղությամբ Հայոց Հովվապետը կարևոր նկատեց Եկեղեցու և ՄԱԿ-ի Մանկական հիմնադրամի հայաստանյան գրասենյակի միջև սերտ փոխգործակցությունը:



BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday, June 28th, 2023.

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.

2 Maccabees

Chapter 8 “The Revolt of Judas Maccabeus”

Chapter 9 “The Last Campaign of Antiochus Epiphanes”

Chapter 10 “Purification of the Temple”

The Law given by Moses, makes the Israelites citizens of Jerusalem, which becomes a medium for preserving the Good News of God’s message. The function of the dedication of the Temple focused on Divine Revelation and the Lord uses the dedication of the Temple to proclaim his divinity. The book of Deuteronomy chapter 24 is referenced with song of Moses which sets the relationship between the people and God. Heliodorus attempts to tax the Temple of Jerusalem’s treasury but is repelled. The high priest Onias III of the Temple of Jerusalem is succeeded by his brother Jason. Jason is then succeeded by the corrupt Menelaus. Jason attempts to overthrow Menelaus. King Antiochus IV Epiphanes returns from the second expedition of the Sixth Syrian War in Egypt. He defeats Jason’s supporters, sacks Jerusalem, loots the Temple treasury, and kills and enslaves local Jews as retribution for the perceived revolt. Jason is forced into exile, (168 BC). The Temple is converted into syncretic Greek-Jewish worship site. Antiochus IV issues decrees forbidding traditional Jewish practices, such as circumcision, keeping kosher, and keeping the Sabbath. Eleazar, the scribe is tortured and killed after refusing to eat pork. We read deep faith and courage during the Martyrdom of the woman and her seven sons after being tortured by Antiochus IV. We see in these chapters the development of the understanding of the after-life. It is a life in the hands of God.

Thursday, June 29th, 2023

HOLY TRANSLATORS



Sts. Sahag and Mesrob are considered major saints of the Armenian Church for their efforts to spread spiritual and intellectual enlightenment throughout Armenia. Under the inspiration of God and the sponsorship of King Vramshabuh and Catholicos Sahag, Mesrob Mashdots created the Armenian alphabetic script in A.D. 406. His foremost endeavor was to translate the Holy Scriptures into Armenian. For a period of four decades, Sahag and Mesrob established schools, educated the young, and spread the word of God throughout Armenia and its neighboring regions. The literary output of these 5th-century figures is referred to as “the literature of the Golden Age.”

— Fr. Krikor Maskoudian, adapted from his book, *The Holy Feasts of Saint Gregory the Illuminator: Celebrating the Life & Lineage of Armenia’s Patron Saint* (New York: St. Vartan Press, 2003).

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. Thank you.

Armenian School:

All purchasing opportunities for lahmajun, sujuk, & baghaj, can be forwarded to Barbara Hovsepien by texting 551-206-6686, or by emailing bhovsepien@optonline.net * Please note orders resume in September.

Sunday School:

Runs from 10am -12pm, PreK through 11th grades.

Click on the following link to register students; <https://bit.ly/3zLZoF6>.

For further inquiries contact

Andrea Carden at 201-264-2805, or email at acarden56@gmail.com.

St. Leon’s Social Club:



Social Club meets every Wednesday, 11:30am-3:00pm at our **Youth Center Commons**. 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 Armenian School. Please join us after Badarak, in Abajian Hall, for coffee & fellowship.

Please Note: All St Leon Campus postings must be pre-approved by the church office. All others will be removed. No taping on any glass is permitted & sorry, no personal business promotions can be posted. Consider, inquiring about advertisement space in our Lradoo, instead.



**ARMENIAN-AMERICAN HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
ORGANIZATION (AAHPO)**

Of New York, New Jersey & Connecticut

***Cordially* invites you to a Medical Workshop
Hosted by St Leon Parish Council
Sunday, June 25, 2023, at 1pm
Abajian Hall**

PANEL PARTICIPANTS:

Dr. Louis Najarian, MD
Gaming, Social Media, Drugs

Dr. Lawrence Najarian, MD
Macular Degeneration

Dr. Tro Kalayjian, DO
Weight Control

Dr. Knarig Khatchadurian Meyer, PHD
Nutrition
Moderator/Chairperson

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

**For more information, please contact St Leon Church Office
Plan to join us!**

Congratulations Class of 2023!

We would love to acknowledge all our recent graduates* in our next LRADOO publication. Please email name, photo, & a paragraph about the diploma recipients to churchoffice@stleon.org



*Pre-school, Kindergarten, Grade, High, College, Trade, Doctorate Schools are all welcomed!

(Please submit by **June 30th, 2023**, to be included in our May/June *Gradoo*).

HURRY!



ONLINE REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR

ST. VARTAN CAMP

Staff Training: June 21 - June 24

Session A: June 25 - July 8

Session B: July 9 - July 22

Session C: July 23 - August 5

Faith, fun, and fellowship!

CAMPERS AGES 8 - 15

CITS AGES 16 & 17

STAFF AGES 18 & OLDER

CIT & Staff applications due April 15

Visit diocesansummercamps.org to
find out more information and to register.



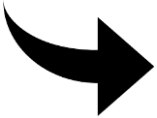


Holy Name Medical Center provides
**COMPLIMENTARY BLOOD PRESSURE
SCREENING at St. Leon**

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-



July 19th, 2023
(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!





Sunday, August 13, 2023, is the commemoration of

**THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
OF THE HOLY MOTHER-OF-GOD
and the BLESSING OF THE GRAPES**

- 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 centuries.

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. 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.



If you wish to make a monetary donation to offset the purchase of the grapes (& madagh), kindly fill out the form below and along with your contribution, forward to St Leon Church Office, by Monday, August 7th, 2023. Donators' names will be acknowledged in that week's bulletin.



(Please Print) Kindly mark "Grapes" on the memo line of checks.

Name _____

Donation \$ _____ Tel # _____

CALLING ALL WALKERS!

Sponsored by The St. Leon Woman's Guild



Mondays, 10:00 am – 11:00 am

**We will meet weekly and hope that you can
join us!**

Where: St Leon Front Parking Lot

Bring water and your sneakers!

Enjoy fun & fellowship with your friends!

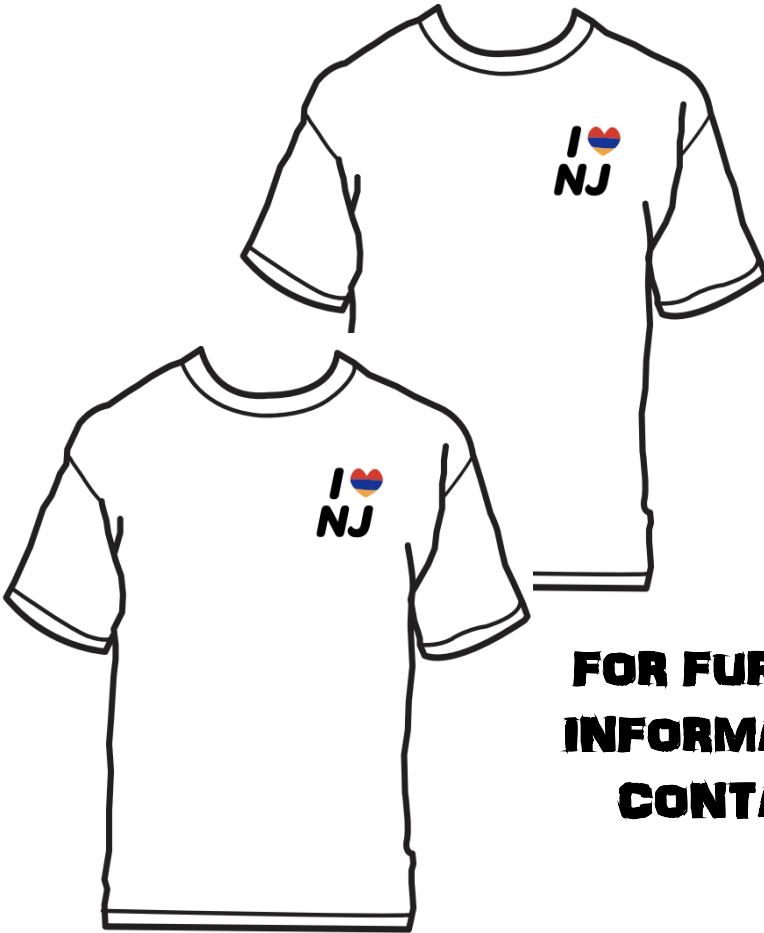
Questions? Please call Lisa Boyajian

at 551-265-1105

Hope to see you!



ACYOA SENIORS
T-SHIRTS \$15 EACH



**FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION
CONTACT**

**ALINE
TASHJIAN
201-696-0023**

Saint 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 faith-experience 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.



- *Individual (18+): \$175
- *Student (18-24): \$50
- *Senior (65+): \$100

*Applications are available upon request.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	June TODAY	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy AAHPO presentation see flyer	
Sun	July 2	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy	
Sun	July 9	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy	
Sun	July 16	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord	
Sun	July 23	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy	
Sun	July 30	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy	
Sun	Aug 6	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy	
Sun	Aug 13	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Feast of Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God/ Blessing of the Grapes	

Last Gospel
Luke 12:32-40

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

Armenian Christmas – January 6, 2024

Easter –March 31, 2024

Transfiguration – July 7, 2024

Assumption of the Virgin Mary – August 13, 2023

Exaltation of the Holy Cross – September 17, 2023

