Readings from the Holy Scripture
Is 1:1-15
Rom 6:12-23

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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Subdns. Paul Chamesian, Gregory Kazanjian, Vahe Kiljian

CHOIR MASTER
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PRINCIPAL ORGANIST
Sirvard Galstian

“Krisdos ee méch me haydnetsav.” – “Orhnyal é haydnootyoonun Krisdos.”
“Christ is revealed among us.” - “Blessed is the revelation of Christ.”

Parish Council Members: Lorig Chorluyan, Vicken Jessourian
Marilou Pinajian, Alex Avedis, Hagop Cilingiryan, Diran Jebejian,
David Kasparian, Gregory Parseghian, Dennis Tarzian,
Dawn Hourdajian and Haykanush Melkonyan.

HOKEHANKISD

†The beloved soul of Sarkis Kedeshian is being honored today with a Hokehankisd in remembrance of the 40 days of his passing into eternal rest. Hokehankisd is requested by Rose Najarian -Kedeshian, Greg, Arpie, Jonathan, Therese Najarian and their children, Levon, Raffi, Sylvie, Nicholas and Jack. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in his memory.

†Lillian Kasparian Chapian, Kasparian & Sarkissian Families request Hokehankisd for the soul of Sarkis Kedeshian dear friend, on the 40th day of his passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in his memory.
Yn. Arpena Hallajian, Adrienne Sbarbaro and Peter Paul Sbarbaro request Hokehankisd for the soul of Rev. Fr. Carnig Hallajian, loving husband on the 1st year of his passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in his memory.

Viktorya Sariminasyan, Alex, Rehan, Karin & Dina Simonian Request Hokehankisd for the soul of Rev. Fr. Carnig Hallajian, dear friend on the 1st year of his passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in his memory.

Michael, Stephanie, Marissa & Zachary Roberge; John, Gidget & Jack Zakar; & Donna Zakar request Hokehankisd for the soul of Anna Azarian Zakar, loving mother and grandmother on the 1st year of her passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in her memory.

Barry Halejian & Family & the Duckman Family request Hokehankisd for the soul of Andrea Halejian loving wife, mother, sister-in-law on the 5th year of her passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in her memory.

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 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.

**CALLING ALL SENIORS**, baby boomers. **Seniors** have much to offer - our wisdom, our experience and our time. St. Leon 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.

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**OURFA PICNIC SUNDAY AUGUST 25, 2019**

**ST. LEON PICNIC GROVE**

*Ourfa Kabob (eggplant/chop meat)*

*Bulghar Pilav, Watermelon, Desserts*

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**GRADUATES** If you are a 2019 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 6/30/19. When sending the information via email, please call the office to make sure the office received it.

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**WOMEN’S GUILD** is selling Chorag, Paklava, Cheese Borag and Bourma in the Community Center after church. Please see Edna Tungrian or Marilou Pinajian.

**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
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 Findikyan, Primate, will preside over the services which will also include the Ordination to the Sub-Diaconate for Jack Hamparian and the Ordination to the Minor Orders (Tbir) 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_____________________________________
Address____________________________________
State___________________Zip___________Phone____________

$500______ $250______ $100______ $50______ Other_______

20th Anniversary Luncheon – Details to follow
BIBLE STUDY  September 18, 2019  Wednesday Night
TIME:  7:30-9:00 PM
There is no Bible Study during July/August

Book of Psalm
Psalm 120 "Prayer for Deliverance from Slanders"
Psalm 121 "Assurance of God’s Protection"
Psalm 122 "Song of Praise and Prayer for Jerusalem"

Psalm 115 praises the Lord, the God of Israel, for his love and faithfulness, and berates the nations whose gods are made of silver and gold. (Psalm 115:9 - "O house of Israel, trust in the Lord, he is their help and shield.")

Psalm 116, a prayer that is recited in the Vespers service of the Armenian Church, praises the Lord for his deliverance from the cords of death. (Psalm 116:5 - "The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion." Psalm 116:15 - "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.")

Psalm 117:1-2 is the shortest psalm and the shortest chapter in the Bible: "Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord."

Psalm 118 is a hymn of thanksgiving for deliverance from enemies. (Psalm 118:8-9: - "It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes."

Psalm 119, with 176 verses, is the longest psalm and the longest chapter in the Bible. It is divided into 22 sections, all of which praise the word of God. Mesrop Mashdotz wrote a series of poems based on Psalm 119 that are sung antiphonally in the Armenian Church during Lent. (Psalm 119:105 - "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.")
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: _______________________________________
City / State / Zip: _________________________________
Telephone: ___________________________ Email: __________________________

Commemorative Brick Purchase:

**English Letters**

_____ 4” x 8” Brick @ $100.00
Maximum of two lines, 13 letters per line

_____ 8” x 8” Brick @ $250.00
Maximum of four lines, 13 letters per line

Amount Enclosed: $__________

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

[Engraving example]

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

[Engraving example]

Please return this form to:
Barbara Reyland
44 Benson Avenue
Westwood, N.J. 07675
Email: hyenam@optonline.net
201-666-5735

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

All donations are tax deductible.
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 GRAPE**

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 June 30, 2019.

23rd Annual St. Leon Armenian Church Golf Open
Monday, September 30, 2019
Details to Follow
23rd Annual
St Leon Armenian Church
Golf Open

Monday, September 30th, 2019
Ramsey Golf and Country Club
105 Lakeside Drive
Ramsey, NJ 201 327-0009
ramseycountryclub.com

$185 per player
Scrambled Format

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

30 of Golfers @$185 $______
Sponsorship $______
Dinner Only ($50) $______
Total Amount Enclosed $______
Registration Deadline is Sept 20th, 2019

See Sponsor form for more details . . . .
COFFEE HOSPITALITY  Everyone is invited to the Community Center immediately following worship services. Today’s Hospitality is given by Yn. Arpena Hallajian in memory of Rev. Fr. Carnig Hallajian and the Senior Center.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Last Gospel Mark 4:26-34