ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

March 1, 2020
Sunday of Expulsion

Morning Service 9:00 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Readings from the Holy Scripture
Is 33:2-22
Rom 12:1-13:10
Gospel of Matthew 5:17-48

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

Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian
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ALTAR SERVERS

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Sebuh Oscherician, Sarkis Pilavdjian, Nurhan Ezik
Subdns. Paul Chamesian, Gregory Kazanjian, Vahe Kiljian,
Jack Hamparian

CHOIR MASTER
George Paroonagian

PRINCIPAL ORGANIST
Sirvard Galstian

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

During Lent immediately after Badarak, we begin the Sunrise Service. Books are on the table as you enter the Church. There is no Voghchoon (Kiss of Peace) or Communion.

HOKEHANKISD

†Sarkis, Sandra and Vrej Pilavdjian, Brush Family and Khourouzian Family request Hokehankisd for the soul of Anahid Khatcherian-Markarian loving aunt on the 40th day of her passing into eternal rest. The Family donated toward Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in her memory.

†Sarkis, Sandra and Vrej Pilavdjian, Ani Djirdjirian Family request Hokehankisd for the soul of Emma Tchilingirian on the 40th day of her passing into eternal rest. The Family donated toward Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in her memory.
Raymond and Carol Nakashian Sukovich request Hokehankisd for the soul of my beloved parents, Arpine (Penny) Nakashian on the 16th year and John Nakashian, on the 11th year of their passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and request that the Altar Candles be lit in their memory.

PRAYER FOR REQUIEM – HOKEHANKISD
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. O Christ, Son of God, forebearing 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. Amen.


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:  
Please be mindful to turn your cell phones off until after Services. 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 12:00 PM of the 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.

**BIBLE STUDY**  Wednesday Night – March 11 & March 25, 2020
TIME: 7:30-9:00 PM. Come join us as we continue our study of

**Book of Proverbs**
Chapter 30 “Sayings of Agur”
Chapter 31 “The Teaching of King Lemuel’s Mother”

**Book of Ecclesiastes**
Chapter 1 “Reflections of a Royal Philosopher”
Chapter 2 “The Futility of Seeking Wisdom”
Chapter 3 “The Futility of Seeking Wisdom”

Chapters 25 through 29 of the Book of Proverbs are “other proverbs of Solomon that the officials of King Hezekiah of Judah copied” (ch. 25.1). We studied chapters 26 through 29 Wednesday evening.

The Wisdom literature in Sacred Scriptures —particularly the Books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, The Wisdom of Salomon, and the Book of Sirach— make the most “dangerous” readings, because human reason, prudence, and experience occupy a pre-eminent place.

Thus we must exercise utmost vigilance in staying focused on what constitute the principles of “divine foolishness" (1 Cor 3.19) : “For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, “He catches the wise in their craftiness,” (Job 5.12-13) and again, “The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.” (Ps 94.11)

We must, therefor, destroy down to its foundations any “human” wisdom and all its principles, in order to discover, to recognize, and to accept the One to whom we belong, the One who is our Lord.

In the language of the Bible, we must be careful not to eat again and again from the tree that gives us knowledge of good and evil; rather we must strive to collect the fruit of the tree of life, the Cross of the Lord Jesus: “For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?” (1 Cor 1.18 and following).
Any “wisdom,” or “advice,” that fails us in producing the fruits of the Spirit of God defaces the image of the Lord in the likeness of Whom we are made.

**KIDNEY DONOR REQUESTS**

**Robert Ross** is one our St. Leon Parishioners and is in need of a kidney transplant. Please call Marlene Ross for further information (201-410-5840). Any donation of a kidney match or otherwise elevates the patient to the top of the list.

**Sebuh Oscherician** is one of our St. Leon Parishioners and Deacon and is in need of a kidney transplant. Please call Rita Oscherician for further information (201-417-7145). Any donation of a kidney match or otherwise elevates the patient to the top of the list.

**LAST CALL**

**CHURCH DIRECTORY**

If you’d like to be in our 2020 Church Directory or if you’d like to update your current entry, please complete the following and send to our Church office ASAP.

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.
St. Leon Women’s Guild

Easter Fundraiser

The Women’s Guild is offering Women’s Guild Choreg, Hantes Choreg, Tel Baneer, Khadaif and Kurabia in time for Easter.

Everything will be made to order, frozen, packed and ready to be picked up on Palm Sunday, April 5th, in front of the rectory garage.

Deadline for orders is April 1st. Please fill out the order form below, make your check payable to St. Leon Women’s Guild and hand in or mail to:

Marilou Pinajian, 10 Wyckoff Terrace, Far Lawn, NJ 07410
Call 201-791-0621 or email your order to: mpinajian@gmail.com

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Please print clearly and include your payment with your order.

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Home Blessing: A New Year's Tradition

Throughout history, Armenian Christians have considered the home to be a sacred place: the tranquil sanctuary of the family, where habits of virtue, pious traditions, and life-affirming customs are passed from one generation to another.

Above all, the home is where one’s faith in God is first kindled, and where that faith finds some of the most profound occasions for action.

According to the traditions of the Armenian Church, God is asked to bestow His blessing on homes during the period following the Feast of the Nativity and Theophany of our Lord. In this season, clergy visit the homes of parishioners and perform the beautiful “Home Blessing” service. *(Eastern Diocese)*

**WOMEN’S GUILD**

St. Mary's Armenian Church in Livingston, NJ is hosting Saintly Women's Day on Saturday, March 14. Donation is $25 per person.  St. Leon Women's Guild has a bus for interested members. Please sign up at the Women's Guild table during Coffee Hospitality or call Julliet Borgersen at 201-934-6095 for reservations. Bus seats are limited; ladies may also drive on their own. Reservations is a must for the luncheon and a seat on the bus. Bus leaves at 9:30 AM and returns by 4:00 PM.
St. Leon Armenian School

Lenten Luncheon Buffet

Sunday, March 15, 2020
Following Church Services
Abajian Hall

Yalenchi      Vospov Keufta      Iman Bayildi

and much more!

A Delicious Array of Lenten Foods
$25 Adults and Children over 12
$12* Children 12 and Under
*Children’s plate is half as much food as adult plate

Reservations a Must
Preordered Take Out Available
Call, E-mail, or See Barbara Hovsepian

973-839-1417 home  551-206-6686 cell
bhovsepian@optonline.net

Take Out Order Forms in Narthex
MUST BE PREORDERED BY MARCH 8
ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
ANNUAL FISH ’N CHIPS DINNER

SPONSORED BY THE WOMEN’S GUILD

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2020
5:30pm – 7pm

PLEASE NOTE: LAST SERVING IS AT 6:45 PM

ABAJIAN HALL
12-61 Saddle River Rd.
Fair Lawn, NJ

Come and enjoy great food with great friends!
Adults: $16.00  Children under 12: $10.00

Make your reservations early by sending your check payable to
St. Leon Women’s Guild and mail to:
Christine Badach
560 Eder Avenue
Wyckoff, NJ 07481
201-848-5621

Or call Gladys Fenarjian 201-328-7276
Reserve your tickets early.
Absolutely no tickets will be sold at the door
St. Leon Armenian Church
Lenten Service and Lecture Series 2020

Lenten Service begins at 7:30 p.m.
Lenten Lecture begins at 8:30 p.m.

Friday March 6th “God loves you”
Presented by Rev. Fr. Stepanos Doudoukian

Friday March 13th “Got Grace?
God’s not so secret formula for a happy life.”
Presented by Very Rev. Fr. Glen Sudano

Friday March 20th, “The Christian roots of Poland:
Traditions, Customs, Spirituality, where East meets West”
Presented by Very Rev. Fr. Felix Marciniak

Friday March 27th “Come Back to Me:
An Appeal to Repentance”
Presented by His Grace Bishop Daniel Findikyan

Friday April 3rd “The Paraclete-Consoler:
a reading of Isaiah 40 and John 16”
Mr. Hovannes Khosdeghian

Lecture will be approximately 30-45 minutes

Sponsored by The Sarkis Gabrellian Endowment Fund
ST. LEON WOMEN’S GUILD
INVITES YOU...

LEARN THE TRUE STORY OF HOW ONE WOMAN’S DETERMINATION SPARKED A CAMPAIGN TO SAVE “THE SHOWPLACE OF THE NATION” and

WATCH HISTORY UNFOLD THROUGH HER HUSBAND’S SLIDESHOW.

MARCH 22 – SUNDAY

ST. LEON COMMUNITY CENTER

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM Rosemary Novellino-Mearns, former Dance Captain of Radio City Music Hall’s Ballet Company and Bill Mearns, former Soloist and Captain of the Singing Ensemble.

Book Signing and Light Refreshment to follow

Free Admission and Ample Parking
St. Leon Armenian Church – Abajian Hall
12-61 Saddle River Road, Fair Lawn, NJ
For information contact Ruth @ rbedevian@hotmail.com
What if healing your country meant that you had to combat traditional gender roles? MOTHERLAND is a short documentary about the women of Artsakh who put themselves at risk to save lives of countless people that use the land to farm, collect wood and attend school.

Individually outcast; together, a collective – the deminers support each other as they take on the dangerous role of breaking stereotypes and securing the future of their war-torn republic.

JESSE SOURSORIAN is an Armenian-American writer and director based in New York City.

MARY MATOSIAN is the executive director of the Yerevan-based WOMEN’S SUPPORT CENTER, which works to prevent and respond to domestic violence. She will discuss the challenges faced by women in the republics of Armenia and Artsakh.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020 AT 7:45 P.M.

St. Leon Armenian Church/Abajian Hall
12-61 Saddle River Road, Fair Lawn, NJ / For information call 201-791-2862

This event is jointly sponsored by
AGBU Ararat, Armenian Democratic Liberal Party-Ramgavars
Armenian International Women’s Association-NJ Affiliate
Armenian Network of America- Greater NY, Justice Armenia
Knights of Vartan-Bakradouny Lodge and Daughters of Vartan- Sahaganoush Otayag
NAASR-Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation Lecture Series on Contemporary Armenian Issues
St. Leon Armenian Church

THE EVENT IS FREE. A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW THE DISCUSSION.
STOP THE DENIAL

THE ARME NIAN GENOCIDE

THE ANNUAL COMMEMORATION IN TIMES SQUARE

Truth
Justice
Recognition

SUNDAY
APRIL 26, 2020
at 1:30pm
Knights and Daughters of Vartan
Armenian Genocide Commemoration in Times Square
Sunday, April 26, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

FREE BUS TRANSPORTATION for ALL STUDENTS & SCOUTS
TO & FROM TIMES SQUARE

New York: Call Bruce Ashbahian 516-616-1099
Holy Martyrs, Bayside, NY
St. Sarkis, Douglaston, NY
Brooklyn: Call Tigran Sahakyan 212-2454145
Corner of Coney Island Ave & Brighton Beach Ave

New Jersey: Call Leo Manuellian 917-418-3940
St. Leon, Fair Lawn, NJ
St. Vartanantz, Ridgefield, NJ
St. Thomas, Tenafly, NJ
Armenian Presbyterian Church, Paramus, NJ
Hovnanian Armenian School, New Milford, NJ

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Armenian University & College Clubs
Armenian American Health Professionals Organization (AAHPO)

TUNE IN LIVE
Watch: WWW.ARMENIANRADIONJ.NET
Listen: WSOU 89.5 FM
KofV.org/main/april262020

Friday, April 24, 2020 at Noon

New York City: March for Justice
From: St. Ignatius Loyola's Cathedral (221 E. 27thSt)
To: Turkish Consulate General of NY (605 3rdAve)
Sponsored by: Armenian Revolutionary Federation
Homenetmen Scouts, NY-NJ
Armenian Youth Federation

New Jersey: Bergen County Courthouse Green
10 Main Street Hackensack, NJ
by: Bergen County Officials
Sponsored by: Knights & Daughters of Vartan
Bekradouni Lodge, NJ
Sahag Anoush Otyag, NJ
Hovnanian Armenian School, NJ

Armenian Flag raising in FORT LEE, NJ to honor the Armenian Martyrs of 1915
COFFEE HOSPITALITY  Everyone is invited to the Community Center immediately following worship services. Today’s Hospitality is given by Choir.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Last Gospel  Mark 4:26-34