

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Sunday of the Steward

March 12, 2023

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Isaiah 56:1-57:21

Ephesians 4:17-5:14

Gospel of Luke 16:1-31

“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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*Today, instead of Fr. Diran's Homily, he will read the
Encyclical from His Holiness Karekin II,
Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians on
the 850th Anniversary of the Death of Catholicos
Nersess Shnorhali.*



Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսի տնօրինությամբ Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում և Հայոց Եկեղեցու թեմերում ամենօր կմատուցվի մասնավոր աղոթք՝ վասն խաղաղության Հայաստան և Արցախ մեր հայրենիքի և գորակցության հայրենյաց պաշտպանների:



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HOKEHANKISD

✝ Aرسالوys Cakirdas, Tavit Arakelian & family, Talin Canikyan & family, Miher Cakirdas & family request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Gulemir Garbis Cakirdas**, *beloved husband, father, & grandfather*, on the occasion of **his first-year** of passing into eternal rest. The family also requests hokehankisd for the souls of **Boghos & Nvair Simonian** & for all the **deceased Cakirdas & Simonian family members**. The family has donated towards the altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.

✝ Selahtin & Ojen Cakirdas & family, Seta Cakirdas & family request Hokehankisd for the soul of *beloved brother, brother-in-law, & uncle*, **Gulemir Garbis Cakirdas** on **his first** anniversary 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.

✝ Elsie, Leon Jr, Tina, Stephan, Michael, John, & Steve Nigohosian & Tanya Vartivarian request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Leon Nigohosian, Sr**, *loving husband, father, & grandfather*, on the occasion of **his 3rd 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 Deadline:

Kindly submit all Hokehankisd requests by **12 noon on Thursdays** to be included in that week's Sunday bulletin. Please note that there is a standard word format used to maintain consistency with all Hokehankisd requests.

You may email or call the church office to submit your Hokehankisd prayer request, M-F, 10am-4pm.



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 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:

Felicia Asomani, James Azarian, Mosses Bairamian, Hana Botie, Zoe Brooks, Frank Cornawchiulo, Jerry DiSant, Mike Fenarjian, Lynne Ford, Julie Frattarola, Yester Garabedian, Ruben Grigoryants, John Hallak, Ryan Hallak, Varoujan Harutunian, Silva Jinivizian, Robert John Karanfilian III, Brandon Katz, Mary Ann Kral, Annette Kouchshirin, Jim & Wendy Lathey, Carmelina Mancini, Bill Manookian, Lucy O'Brien, Sebul Oscherician, Very Rev. Father Mesrop Parsamian, Dan Patoyia (Moynihan), Marilou Pinajian, Emily Ring, Michael Sakolsky, Melanie Sarkisian, Marie Tenguerian, Greg Tenbekjian, and 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 the updating of 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, and*
- 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.*



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Գարնան զարթոնքով լեցուն մարտի 8-ի այս տոնական օրը Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնից Հայրապետական Մեր օրհնությունն ու շնորհավորանքն ենք բերում մեր մայրերին, քույրերին ու դուստրերին և երախտագետ սրտով մեծարում նրանց նվիրյալ ու սիրառատ ջանքերը ընտանեկան կյանքի բարօրության ապահովման գործում, ինչպես նաև՝ գովարժան ավանդը պետական ու հասարակական կյանքի տարբեր ասպարեզներում:

Միրելի մայրեր և քույրեր, ընտանիքին ու հայրենիքին ձեր նվիրումով են պահպանվում և սերնդեսերունդ փոխանցվում մեր ազգային ավանդույթները, ձեր հոգատար դաստիարակությամբ են հասակ առնում ազգի և Եկեղեցու արժանավոր զավակները, ովքեր մեր պատմության վճռորոշ հանգրվաններում, ինչպես նաև արցախյան պատերազմի օրերին և ներկայիս, իրենց սխրանքներով ու անձնագոհությամբ հերոսանում են հայրենյաց պաշտպանության սրբազան առաքելության մեջ:

Այսօր ամենքիս պարտքն է անխոնջ աշխատանքով ապահովել մեր երկրի անվտանգ ու խաղաղ ապագան, միասնական ոգով աջակից լինել Արցախում շրջափակման մեջ գտնվող մեր ժողովրդին, առանձնակի հոգածություն և ուշադրություն ցուցաբերել մեր վիրավորված զավակներին և նահատակ քաջորդիների ընտանիքներին:

Հայրապետիս աղոթքն ու մաղթանքն է, որ Տերը հաստատուն պահի տիկնանց և օրիորդաց հավատքի, բարի գործերի ու առաքինությունների մեջ և շնորհի արևշատ կյանքի երջանիկ օրեր: Հայցում ենք, որ Բարձրյալն Աստված խաղաղ ու բարօր պահպանի մեր հայրենիքը և մեր աշխարհասփյուռ ժողովրդին՝ պարգևելով ուժ ու կորով՝ կերտելու իր լուսավոր ապագան:

Մեր Տեր Հիսուս Քրիստոսի շնորհները, սերն ու խաղաղությունը թող լինեն ձեզ ամենքիդ հետ. ամեն:



BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday, March 22nd, 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.

The Book of Maccabees

Chapter 5 “Wars with Neighboring Peoples”

Chapter 6 “The Last Days of Antiochus Epiphanes”

Chapter 7 “Expedition of Bacchides and Alcimus”

The Book of Daniel Chapter 13 isn't found in all the bibles. It is found in the Jerusalem bible, also in the Vulgate and Catholic bibles. St. Jerome (347-420) while translating the Vulgate, treated this section as an apocryphal addition because it was not present in the Hebrew text of Daniel. In this chapter, we read that there are two bad judges who secretly wanted to have a relationship with Susanna who a beautiful and virtuous wife. One hot day, she takes a bath inside her walled garden but, she does not know that the judges are hiding inside the garden. The two judges tell her that they want to have a relationship with her, but Susanna refuses. When she refuses, they tell the people of the village that they saw Susanna having a relationship with a man who was not her husband. This is called adultery which was punishable by death. The people of the village wanted Susanna to put to death. A boy named David intervenes and does not believe the judges, so he asks one of the judges to go away and the other to tell him what he saw. Daniel does this again with the other judge and affirms that they are lying. The village people believe this man of God, Daniel and the two Judges are put to death.

The Book of Maccabees- This book and the following one gives the account of the successful resistance of the Jewish people to a foreign tyranny. Stress is laid upon the religious nature of the uprising, and the assistance given by God to the Jews. In this book the skill and courage of Judas and his forces in their victory over the Syrian is recounted. The events in the book interpret as God using the military genius of Judas Maccabeus and his brothers as the instrument to achieve the liberation of Judea.



Sunday of the Steward

Unjust Steward – What to do when we don't know what to do?



During the 4th Lenten Sunday Holy Scripture readings, we read the story of the Unjust Steward (Luke 16:1-9), and one sentence stands out to more than any other “What will I do now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg...” (Lk. 16:3) The Steward, in the parable of Christ, had not lived up to his masters’ requirements and so was being punished by losing his job, so he was worried. The reason this sentence stands out is because we all, regardless of age or statues face times of worry and uncertainty. Whether it is something we are dealing with at home, at our workplace, or school; maybe we are worried about our relationships or we struggle with negative thoughts in our mind like anxiety etc. all of us share in the experience of worry of what we do not know.

On September 11, 2001, when the horrific acts of terrorism took place in New York, as the two towers collapsed, smoke and ash filled the air. All that could be heard was the screams and cries of people in pain, looking around lost and crippled in fear – not knowing what to do next. Yet, in that moment, in the blackness of smoke and agonizing cries of despair, hope was found in people, who were equally as lost, equally as confused and in pain, yet they ran into the pits, into despair; people ran in and began to dig and pull, to lift and raise one another out. Did the pain go away? No. Did the confusion or tragedy disappear? No. However, through the actions of those selfless hero’s, uniformed or civilian, we clearly see that when we are not sure what to do next our first action should be love.

What does that mean? St. Paul beautifully illustrates the well-known passage from 1 Corinthians 13 “Love is patient and kind...” In this image of love, he says, in verse 7 “Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” To love does not mean to not face hardship, rather, it means to worry with hope; to trust God’s strength and not our own. Caring for one another, not exploiting one another, spending time creating hope and strength. Going into the pit and being with others in their darkness. Love is done by not thinking that the materials we have or the money we have accumulated, or our age or life experience sets us apart above others, rather love is living as God commands us.

In the Parable of the Unjust Steward, our Church fathers teach us that this parable is not about how we, as stewards, treat God, our master, but rather how we as stewards treat one another and how we treat all creation. We are all stewards of this world, as was established by God, at the moment of creation. Do we act out of charity? Are we just, or do we take advantage of people and oppress others because we are worried of what will happen next? This is why the parable of the Steward is followed by the parable of Lazarus and the Rich man (Lk. 16:20-31). Material wealth, health, position, opportunities, clothes, gender, age, skin color, creeds, ideologies, etc. none of these things make us better than those around us. What lifts us up, what gives hope and clarity to us in times of uncertainty, is the love and mercy that we as Christians find in the Person of Christ Jesus. Jesus Christ chose to enter into this world of uncertainty, into our pits of despair, and face the uncertainties and struggles and pains of what it means to be human. But He was not overcome by them, but rather taught us that through God’s love and through our own actions in that love, we too can overcome those uncertainties and sicknesses.

Does this mean we will no longer face worry, uncertainty, anxiety, or sickness? No. What it means is that we go through it, face it, fight it, and rise above it – together. That is our hope and answer in uncertain times. What kind of Stewards will we be to one another especially as we continue through this Lenten season? Remember that in the Armenian Church its prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Meaning when we worry, we pray (turn to God), we fast (we limit ourselves), we give to others (love). When we don’t know what to do, do what God did – love!

By Fr. Andreas Garabedian

St. Leon Armenian Church

2023 Lenten Service and Lecture Series

Lenten Service begins at 7:30 p.m.

Lenten Lecture begins at 8:30 p.m.

Friday February 24

"Created in the Image and Likeness of God"

Presented by Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian

Friday March 3

"Meeting the Lord"

Presented by Mr. Hovanes Khosdeghian

Friday March 10

"Lent: Penance or More"

Presented by Rev. Fr. Luke Edelen

Friday March 17

"Gratitude in All Things"

Presented by Rev. Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian

Friday March 24

"Exploring the Lord's Wrath: What Truly Angers God"

Presented by Deacon Alex Chalikian

Friday March 31

"Prayer: Preparing to Meet the Risen Lord"

Presented by Rev. Fr. Glen Sudano



Each lecture will be approximately 30-45 minutes

Sponsored by The Sarkis Gabrellian Endowment Fund



Youghakin is made up of two Armenian words: “yough” and “kin.” “Youghakin” literally means the price of oil or donation in lieu of oil. In olden days, prior to electricity, oil

lamps and lanterns illuminated homes and worship places.

Parishioners donated oil to keep the church lighted. After the invention of electricity, as oil lamps were replaced with electrical lamps, the Armenian Apostolic Church continued asking members to bring symbolic contributions for the illumination of the church through the youghakin program at Christmas and Easter. The context of this practice is inner illumination rather than stewardship. When you send in your youghakin gift, you are not merely helping the church financially but are helping centuries of Armenian faith shine. Through youghakin, you are in effect refueling the traditional symbolic lantern of faith, which St. Gregory the Illuminator lighted.

Good Friday is the day Christians around the world commemorate the death and burial of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the Armenian Church tradition, during the Evening Vespers a tomb is placed in the Chancel of the Church and decorated with flowers and candles, reminding the congregation of the sacrificial crucifixion and death of our Lord for the sake of our salvation. It is a tradition in the Armenian Church for the congregation to bring flowers to the church to decorate the Tomb of the Lord. The flowers are placed on the tomb throughout the service. At the conclusion of the service, they are distributed to the congregation. This year at St. Leon Church, in addition to flowers, the tomb will once again be decorated with indoor potted plants. Every family will be invited to take a plant from the Tomb of the Lord and place it in their homes. As they grow and flourish, these plants will remind each member of our community of the beautiful bond we enjoy with each other and with our Church as our family in Christ.

Please help us maintain this beautiful spiritual custom in our Church. Your donation will help defray the cost of the purchase of these plants.



PLANTS FOR CHRIST'S TOMB

Plants for Christ's Tomb

Parishioners who wish to maintain the beautiful tradition of our Armenian Church by contributing towards plants for Christ's Tomb, please return this form with your donation to the Church Office by Monday, April 3, 2023. Enclosed please find the amount of \$_____.

Please print:

Name _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Telephone _____

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LILIES FOR THE HOLY ALTAR

Lilies for the Holy Altar

Parishioners who wish to contribute to the Lilies that will grace the Holy Altar on Easter Sunday by filling in the form below and submitting it to the Church Office by Monday, April 3, 2023. Enclosed please find the amount of \$_____.

Please print:

Name _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Telephone _____

Church Campus Happenings...

Please Note: All St Leon Campus postings must be pre-approved by the church office. Approved flyers are then placed on designated bulletins, not on glass doors or windows. Sorry, no personal business promotions can be posted.

Armenian School:

All order inquiries for lahmajun, sujuk, and baghaj can be forwarded to Barbara Hovsepian by texting 551-206-6686, or by emailing bhovsepian@optonline.net

Sunday School:

Runs from 10am -12pm, PreK thru 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 community center. 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 Women's Guild. We welcome you to our newly renovated Abajian Hall after Badarak, for coffee and fellowship.

Parish Council, Parents, Parishioners, and Priest

vs.

ACYOA



Sunday, March 19th at 1:30pm

St. Leon Armenian Church (Gym)

12-61 Saddle River Rd,

Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

Tickets \$5: Pay at the door

For more info: youthdirector@stleon.org



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-



March 22nd, 2023
(Mark your calendars)

It's a walk-in service, no appointment needed.
Feel free to call the church office with any
questions.

Your heart will thank you!



St. Leon Armenian School
Take-Out Lenten Lunch

Sunday, March 26, 2023
Following Church Services
Pick Up Orders in Abajian Hall Vestibule

Pre-Orders Only

Call or See Barbara Hovsepian 973-839-1417

***Take-Out Order Forms in the Church Narthex
Fill out and give to Barbara***

MUST BE PRE-ORDED BY MARCH 19

We strive to continue our Armenian traditions and culture, especially through our delicious cuisine, our heritage foods. Have your family and friends order our take-out lunch and enjoy the fantastic Lenten (vegan) menu.

Our Menu:



Imman Bayaldi



Vospov Keufta



Yalenci

Spinach Boureg and Chocolate Cake

\$20 per lunch order

**Make Checks Payable to
St. Leon Armenian School
Pay when you pick up.**

IT'S TIME FOR THE ST. LEON WOMEN'S GUILD EASTER FUNDRAISER!



This year the Women's Guild is offering delicious Women's Guild Choreg, Hantess Loaves,

Armenian String Cheese, Cheese Boerag and Koorabia for your Holiday Table.

Everything will be frozen, packed, and ready to be picked up in front of the

Rectory garage on Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023, from noon to 2 pm

Please fill out the order form below.

Make your check payable to **St. Leon Women's Guild**, write "Easter" on the memo line, and mail to **Nadya Boyadjian, 26 Holmhill Circle, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417.**

Questions? Call Nadya Boyadjian at 201-615-2441 or email her at boyadjian@optonline.net

THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023.

NAME ----- PHONE

ADDRESS

Quantity	Item	Price	Total
-----	Women's Guild Choreg (12 braids per bag)	\$ 15/doz.	-----
-----	Hantess Choreg Loaf (sweeter) (1 large loaf individually wrapped)	\$ 13/each	-----
-----	Armenian String Cheese (1 braid)	\$ 8/each	-----
-----	Cheese Boerag (box of 6)	\$ 18/box	-----
-----	Koorabia Cookies (tray of 1 dozen pieces)	\$ 15/tray	-----
		TOTAL DUE	
		\$ -----	

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORDER!

St. Leon Armenian Church Women's Guild

Annual Fish 'N Chips Dinner

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

5:30 pm – 7 pm

Please Note: Last serving is at 6:45



Come and enjoy great food with great friends!

Adults: \$18.00 Children under 12: \$10.00

Make your reservations by March 21st by sending your
checks payable to:

St. Leon Women's Guild (put Fish 'N Chips in memo)

St. Leon Armenian Church

Fish 'N Chips Dinner

12-61 Saddle River Road

Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

If you have any questions, you can email or call:

Christine Badach: clchak@aol.com

Gladys Fenarjian: gafenarj@gmail.com or 201-328-7276

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NEW YORK

HOSTED BY
ST. VARTAN
ARMENIAN
CATHEDRAL
IN NEW YORK

APRIL 1 / 7:00 PM

ST VARTAN ARMENIAN CATHEDRAL
630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK

ONLINE TICKETS



For information:
ara@edrcorp.net
917.837.1297



**EARLY
ONLINE TICKETS**
(Before March 29)
\$45/ADULT
\$25/YOUTH
(26 & under)

TICKETS AT DOOR
\$55/ADULT
\$35/YOUTH
(26 & under)

CASH COCKTAILS / 7:00 PM
CONCERT / 8:00 PM

\$15 parking available
with CMC Parking at
300 East 34th Street
between 5:00 pm and 11:59 pm

TOUR SPONSOR

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CENTER FOR CREATIVE TECHNOLOGIES

FULL TOUR INFO
WWW.ARMEIAVIBES.COM



ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

ACYOA DAY PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON & PROGRAM

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

Immediately following church services



Adults: \$25.00

12 Years & Younger: \$15.00

ACYOA Members: \$15.00

Sorry, no walk-ins

For Reservations scan QR Code or contact
Youthdirector@stleon.org



Reservation Deadline: Sunday, March 26, 2023



ST. LEON ARMENIAN SCHOOL SPRING PLANT SALE 2023

St. Leon Armenian School is having its annual Spring Plant Sale. We are selling flowers and herbs. If ordering flats, please note there are 48 or 24 plants to a flat. Our plants are top of the line, delivered directly from the greenhouse to St. Leon on the day of pick up. We know you will be satisfied with their quality. Please order early.

Your plant orders must be submitted as soon possible, no later than April 10. Your plant order will be ready for pick up around 5:00 PM on Friday, May 12th.

Thank you for supporting St. Leon Armenian School. Order *Early* to avoid items which sell out quickly! Copies of this notice and order form are in the church narthex. Give it to family and friends.

Fill out the order portion, attach your check, and give the form and check to Nora Balekji, Barbara Hovsepian, Tom Ashbahian or mail it to the church office St. Leon Armenian School, 12-61 Saddle River Road, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410. If you have received this notice by email, please print it out and give or send it as above directed.

Write how many flats, pots, baskets on the line of each item you wish to purchase.

FLATS OF 48 \$16

Ageratum (48)
Blue _____

Alyssum (48)
White _____

Begonias (48)
Red _____
White _____

Coleus (48)
Mixed _____

Impatiens (48)
Mixed _____
Pink _____
Red _____
White _____

Marigolds (48)
Orange Lg. Fl _____
Yellow Lg. Fl _____

Marigolds (48)
Dwarf Bicolor _____
Dwarf Orange _____
Dwarf Yellow _____

Impatiens (48)
Red _____
White _____
Pink _____
Salmon _____
Lavender _____

Portulaca (48)
Mixed _____

Salvia (48)
Dwarf Red _____

Zinnia (48)
Tall _____
Medium _____

Vinca (48)
Red _____
Pink _____
Lilac _____
Mixed _____
White _____

Wave Petunias
Flat of (24) \$17
Lavender _____
Purple _____
Pink _____
White _____
Red _____
Blue _____

POTS, PLANTERS, BASKETS:

Geraniums
6" Peach Basket
\$12
Red _____
Pink _____
Fushia _____
Salmon _____

6" PLANTS \$6.50
PURPLE
FOUNDATION
GRASS
(annual) _____

4 " SWEET
POTATO VINE
Tri Color _____
Greenleaf _____
Darkleaf _____

4 " Lantana
Trailing Gold _____
Trailing _____
Lavendaer _____
Multicolor _____

PATIO
PLANTERS
13" with mixed
flowers \$30 _____
10" with mixed
Herbs
\$18 _____

12" Geraniums,
spike and vinca
vine
\$24 _____

12 " Ivy
Geraniums
Red _____
Rose _____
Lavender _____

Hanging Basket
10" \$20.00

Impatiens:
Blue _____
Red _____
Rose _____
White _____
Violet _____

4" PLANTS
\$3.50
Vinca Vine _____
Spikes _____
Sunpatiens/New
Guinea _____
Impatiens _____
Lobelia _____

10 " HANGING
BASKET \$12.00
Strawberry _____
(Everblooming)

HERBS 4: \$3.00
Arugula _____
Basil _____
Purple Ruffles _____
Genova _____
Italian _____
Large Leaf _____

Chives _____
Cilantro _____
Dill Fernleaf _____
Lavender _____
Oragano _____
Parsley _____
Plain _____
Curly _____
Peppermint _____
Spearmint _____
Sage _____
Purple _____
Golden _____
Rosemary _____
Taragon _____
Thyme _____
Lemon _____
Silver Queen _____

Name: _____



Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____



DEATH OF AN ITALIAN GUNKAHAYR (GODFATHER)



A 1920's
Mafia Marriage
Dinner & Mystery
Party

Join us for a night
of Mangia, Mystery
& Mayhem

St. Leon Abajian Ballroom
12-61 Saddle River Rd.
Fair Lawn, NJ

Saturday, April 29th, 2023 @ 7:00PM
Reservations By April 20th:
Gladys Fenarjian
201-328-7276

Tickets \$65 Per Person
Includes Dinner, Dessert & Show

1920's Dress Code Suggested:
Flapper / Zoot Suit / Fedora / Boa's, etc.

Mail checks payable to St. Leon Women's Guild
Gladys Fenarjian
163 Kensington Rd., River Edge, NJ 07661
Provide names of people that you wish to sit with

GOMIDAS CHOIR

KRIS D. KALFAYAN, MUSICAL DIRECTOR

65th Anniversary Concert

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF
VERY REV. FR. MESROP PARSAMYAN, PRIMATE
DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA (EASTERN)

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023
7:15PM

ST. VARTAN ARMENIAN CATHEDRAL
630 2ND AVENUE, NYC 10016

GUEST ARTISTS
HUYSER MUSIC ENSEMBLE
AND
ARI TERJANIAN, PIANIST

SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY
LOUSAPER YOUTH CHOIR
OF HOLY MARTYRS ARMENIAN CHURCH
NARGIZ MKRTCHYAN, DIRECTOR

FOR TICKETS PLEASE VISIT
gomidas-choir.ticketleap.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION
gomidaschoir@gmail.com





Dear Parishioners & Friends:

We are thrilled to announce the ACYOA Seniors of St. Leon are hosting the 2023 ACYOA General Assembly & Sports Weekend this coming Memorial Day Weekend. For over 70 years, the young adults of our Diocese have gathered in Christian fellowship at national events to celebrate a shared faith and culture; and this year's weekend will be the continuation of a proud legacy!

With over 350 participants from across the country expected to attend, we could not be more excited to welcome all of them to our spiritual home to see what our community has to offer. Our committee has been working diligently over the past several months coordinating what will prove to be a unique and memorable weekend for all in attendance, including you!

We are writing to ask you for a donation to our Ad Booklet. We have enclosed a convenient form to help you make your donation today! Our Ad Booklet will provide a highly visible platform through which you can offer a personalized message to an individual, or the entire ACYOA community in attendance. **All donations are tax-deductible and will help offset the cost of this enormous undertaking.**

We are truly humbled by all the encouragement we've received thus far and look forward to partnering with you moving forward in this exciting endeavor.

Sincerely,

Fr. Diran Bohajian
Pastor

Aline Tashjian
Chairperson, ACYOA Seniors and GASW Committee

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Aline Tashjian'.

The ACYOA Seniors of St. Leon Armenian Church will be hosting the ACYOA General Assembly & Sports Weekend from May 26-29, 2023. We ask you to please support us as we welcome young adults from ACYOA chapters across the nation. In your ad, you will be able to share your greetings or support your favorite team. You can also promote your business, honor a loved one, and share photos of your ACYOA days. Please email Christine Beylerian with any questions regarding the ad booklet.

\$500 (Full Page) _____
\$250 (Half Page) _____
\$100 (Quarter Page) _____
\$50 (Business Card) _____
\$25 (One Line Listing) _____
Other _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Message:

1. Print your message below and attach your photo/artwork. Hi resolution JPEGs are strongly recommended.

OR

2. Email your message and photo/artwork to: christinebeylerian@gmail.com

Deadline for submission is April 21, 2023. Checks made payable to **St. Leon ACYOA Seniors** and mailed with form to Christine Beylerian, 58 Chestnut Street Unit 1, Morristown, NJ 07960.



**Annual St. Leon
Armenian Church Picnic
Sunday, June 4, 2023
12:30p.m. to 4:30p.m.**



**Bring your family, friends and appetites for great Armenian food,
music and community.**



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!



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 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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mar 12	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy- Sunday of the Steward Sunday School
Wed	Mar 15	Median day of Lent (Meecheenk)
Fri	Mar 17	Armenian School, Lenten Service & Lecture 7:30pm
Sun	Mar 19	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy- Sunday of the Judge Sunday School
Fri	Mar 24	Armenian School, Lenten Service & Lecture 7:30pm
Sun	Mar 26	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy- Sunday of the Advent Sunday School Lenten Luncheon Take Out
Tues	Mar 28	Fish n Chips Dinner
Fri	Mar 31	Armenian School, Lenten Service & Lecture 7:30pm

**Last Gospel:
John 12:24-26**

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

Armenian Christmas – January 6, 2023

Easter – April 9, 2023

Transfiguration – July 16, 2023

Assumption of the Virgin Mary – August 13, 2023

Exaltation of the Holy Cross – September 17, 2023

