ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
March 15, 2020
Sunday of the Steward

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

Readings from the Holy Scripture

Is 56:1-57:21
Eph 4:17-5:14

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

Sr. Dns, Dr. Berdj Feredjian,
Diran Jebejian, Hrach Kasaryan, Nubar Kasaryan,
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 haydnoottyoonun 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

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.
Dear Parishioners,

The last few days have seen historic decisions being made across our nation, as social-distance, self-quarantine, and protection of our most vulnerable are brought to the forefront of the global coronavirus pandemic.

We have continued to monitor the rapidly changing and evolving developments regarding Covid-19, and have stayed in touch with our Primate & the leadership of the Eastern Diocese, who continue to address concerns relating to this unexpected disruption to our daily lives.

In an effort to fulfill our civic duties in helping to contain the spread of the virus, and to protect members of our community who may be susceptible to severe illness, we are taking the following actions:

- **All organizational activities**, including fellowship hour after church, have been temporarily suspended until March 31, unless otherwise noted below.
- Sunday School and Armenian School have been suspended until further notice.
- The Fish’n’Chips dinner, scheduled to take place on Tuesday March 31, is cancelled.
- The Lenten Lecture series, which takes place on Friday evenings during Lent, **will be moved to the church sanctuary**, where we can accommodate social distance and give parishioners an opportunity to view the lecture via live-stream.
- Friday & Sunday services will take place as scheduled. We will continue to live-stream both services, so those that are unable to worship with us in person can do so from home.
BIBLE STUDY  Wednesday Night – March 25, 2020

TIME:  7:30-9:00 PM. Come join us as we continue our study of

Book of Ecclesiastes
Chapter 4 “Judgement and the Future Belong to God”
Chapter 5 “Reverence, Humility and Contentment”
Chapter 6 “The Frustration of Desires”

• We studied chapters 30 and 31 of the Book of Proverbs, and chapters 1-3 introducing the theme of Ecclesiastes —Qoheleth, in Hebrew, meaning one who collects, gathers, stores, understands, learns, discovers, brings together… — and bluntly stating the futility and worthlessness of things humans value most.
• Proverbs 30 is a collection of “the words of Agur son of Jakeh” (30:1) which summarize the life experience of this sage—and echo the introductory chapters of Ecclesiastes: “Surely I am too stupid to be human; I do not have human understanding” (30:2).
• Proverbs 31 is a collection of the “words of King Lemuel. An oracle that his mother taught him” (31:1). Following a couple of verses proscribing wine and strong drinks for the king, but permitting for those who are “in bitter distress” (31:6) to facilitate forgetting “their poverty, and remember their misery no more” (31:7), the chapter concludes in a beautiful acrostic ode to the “perfect woman” (verses 10-31), each verse starting with a letter of the Hebrew alphabet. This ode idealizes virtues valued in Assyrian culture, and it is puzzling how they got incorporated in the Scriptures.
• The opening chapters of Ecclesiastes/Qoheleth insist in gloomy tones on the worthlessness of everything “for all is vanity and chasing after wind” repeated as a refrain. The dark clouds break a bit allowing a glimmer of hope to touch the soul at chapter 3, when Qoheleth begins to understand the wisdom of everything having “a season and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; (…) a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together…” (3:1-8). He comes to learn that “whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him” (3:14)
KIDNEY DONOR REQUESTS

Robert Ross is one of 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.

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.

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 Pinsian, 10 Wyckoff Terrace, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
Call 201-791-0621 or email your order to: mpinsian@gmail.com

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**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND INCLUDE YOUR PAYMENT WITH YOUR ORDER**

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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.

POSTPONED - DATE TO BE DETERMINED

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
1915
STOP THE DENIAL
THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE
THE ANNUAL COMMEMORATION IN TIMES SQUARE

Truth
Justice
Recognition

SUNDAY
APRIL 26, 2020
at 1:30pm
Parishioners who wish to make a contribution 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 Wednesday April 1, 2020. Enclosed please find the amount of $________.

**LILIES - Please print:**

Name ________________________

In Honor of ________________________

In Memory of ________________________

Telephone ________________________


“Oh, Alleluia! Alleluia” Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise. Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise. He who on the cross a Victim for the world’s salvation bled, Jesus Christ the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead. Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat. See the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat. Once he died and once was buried; now he lives forevermore. Jesus Christ, the world’s Redeemer, whom we worship and adore. Christ is risen, Christ the first fruits of the holy harvest field, Which will all its full abundance at his second coming yield. Then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before Him wave, Ripened by his glorious sunshine from the furrows of the grave. Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high; Alleluia! to the Savior, who has won the victory; Alleluia! to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity: Alleluia, alleluia! to the Triune Majesty.  

*(Christopher Wordsworth 1865)*
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

Yes, I would like to support/maintain the beautiful tradition of our Armenian Church. Enclosed please find the amount of $_______ towards the purchase of plants for Christ’s Tomb. Please return this form with your donation to the Church Office by Wednesday, April 1, 2020. **Please print:**

Name _____________________________________________________

In Honor of________________________________________________

In Memory of____________________________________________

Telephone_______________________________________________
The mission of the Eco Disciples (St. Leon Church 9th Grade Sunday School Class) is to improve the quality of our environment and to spread awareness that one bag can make a difference. For our Lenten project, through environmental stewardship we hope to impact our neighbors by fundraising, educating, bringing awareness, collaborating, and serving our communities. Our goal is to raise money for charity and to be more environmentally friendly.
Saint Leon Armenian Church

Lenten Service and Lecture Series

Lenten Services begin at 7:30 p.m.
Lenten Lectures begin at 8:30 p.m.

Friday, March 6th
God Loves You
Presented by Rev. Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian

Friday, March 13th
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

Lectures are approximately 30 to 45 minutes
Sponsored by the Sarkis Gabrellian Endowment Fund
12-61 Saddle River Road, Fair Lawn, New Jersey 07410 (201) 791-2862
St. Leon Armenian Church Women’s Guild
12th Annual

Hye Tea Social
for Ladies and their Female Guests

Thursday Evening, May 14, 2020
Abajian Hall 7 PM

This year bring your own tea cup and gloves!

Entertainment by accomplished piano students of Sirvard Galstian

Donation: $25 per person, $10 per child 12 and under
payable by May 1st

After May 1st, $35 per person, $20 per child

Your Check Is Your Reservation! No Walk-Ins.
Make checks payable to St. Leon Women’s Guild
and mail to:

Lynn Beylerian
823 Peach Tree Lane
Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417

For Seating Arrangements call or email Lynn
201-914-0354 lynnbeylarian@gmail.com

St. Leon Armenian Church Community Center
12-61 Saddle River Road, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
The Stained Glass Windows of St. Leon Armenian Church

A Power Point Presentation
of the windows that adorn our church.
Program sponsored by Women’s Guild

Tuesday, April 14th, 2020 at 8 PM
Abajian Hall
All are invited to attend.
Refreshments after the presentation.
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կորոնավիրուսի համավարակի վերաբերյալ մարտի 13-ին հանդես են
եկել հետևյալ հայտարարությամբ:

«Մտահոգությամբ ենք անդրադառնում աշխարհում, ինչպես և
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Սակայն երբ բազմաթիվ ընդունելի կառուցվածքներ, մարդկային տարած կանգնեցվել և արագացվել նրանց
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Lenten Service-Lenten Lecture                           |
| Sun | March 22 | Morning Service Divine Liturgy  
Women’s Guild Program – Radio City Music Hall-POSTPONED  |
| Wed | March 25 | NO -St. Leon Social Club                                     |
| Fri | March 27 | Lenten Service-Lenten Lecture                               |
| Sun | March 29 | Morning Service Divine Liturgy  
Sunday School                                            |
| Wed | April 1  | St. Leon Social Club                                         |
| Fri | April 3  | Armenian School  
Lenten Service – Lenten Lecture                            |
| Sun | April 5  | Palm Sunday  
Morning Service Divine Liturgy                             |
| Tues| April 7  | Remembrance of the Ten Virgins                              |
| Thurs| April 9 | 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
7:00 PM Washing of the Feet  
9:00 PM Betrayal Service                                   |
| Fri | April 10 | 7:00 PM Burial Service                                      |

Last Gospel  
John 1:1-14