

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Zec. 9:9-15

Phil. 4:4-7

Matthew 20:29-21:17

"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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We are pleased to announce that GOMIDAS CHOIR will be singing the Badarak on April 14. Mark your calendars.



After Der Diran's Homily the Service of the Opening of the Doors (Trenbatseg) will take place followed by the blessing of the Palm Branches.



Special thanks to William Basralian for donating the Palm Branches that will be blessed & distributed today.



PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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HOKEHANKISD

Hokehankisd Request Deadline:

Hokehankisd requests must be submitted by **noon on Thursdays** so that it can appear in that week's Sunday bulletin. **Please be mindful that a standard word format is used to maintain non-preferential consistency in the allotted printing space.** Include contact information when leaving a message 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 forever, and unto the ages of ages.



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Remember in your prayers and ask for the recovery of.

(Kindly assist with updating the prayer list by notifying the church office of any changes).

Aleksan Aristakesian, Felicia Asomani, James Azarian, Mosses Bairamian, Hana Botie, Zoe Brooks, Frank Cornacchiulo, Jerry DiSanti, Julie Frattarola, Varoujan Harutunian, Lusine Hovsepyan, Silva Jinivizian, Robert John Karanfilian III, Brandon Katz, Annette Kucukshirin, Jim & Wendy Lathey, Sara Malajian, Carmelina Mancini, Bill Manookian, Sebu Oscherician, Emily Ring, Michael Sakolsky, Melanie Sarkisian, Marie Tengerian, 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."

Church Etiquette

Reverence Required

Please refrain from entering the pews when the following parts of the *Divine Liturgy (Soorp Badarak)* are taking place.

Kindly, 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. Intonation by the Priest, pg. 31
5. Vorti Asdoodzo pg. 33
6. Hayr Mer, pg. 41
7. Hymn, "Der Voghormya," pg. 42-45
8. Holy Communion, pg. 49.

1. Also, please **do not** chew gum, cross legs, nor stretch arms over back pews during church services.
2. Please observe the "arrows" in the liturgy books, they indicate when you should **Stand, Sit, or Kneel**.
3. 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 and says,
"Love one another, because God is Love."
("Seeretsek izmeemeeyanis, zee Asdvadz ser")*



BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday, April 10, 2024.

TIME: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Call or e-mail Fr. Diran to receive a zoom invite to the Bible study group.

Synoptic Gospels

No. 34, 35. 36. 37

The Call of the Disciples

Teaching in the Synagogue at Capernaum

The Healing of the Demoniac in the Synagogue

Jesus and the Samaritan Women- Jesus is heading back to Galilee from Jerusalem. Jesus chooses to go through Samaria although he did not have to. The encounter that Jesus has with the Samaritan woman takes place at Jacob's well. Jacob is a common ancestor for the woman and Jesus and the wells are the place for Weddings (Betrothal) in the Old Testament. In the Gospel of John, Jesus is the bridegroom the Samaritan women represents the Church (God's people) which is made up of sinners (Isaiah 62:5, Jeremiah 2:2, Hosea 2:16-20, Rev. 19:6-8:21:9-10. Jesus being the bridegroom is also God. Although Jews did not interact with Samaritans, Jesus asks the Samaritan woman for water. She couldn't understand how Jesus being a Jew is asking her for water. Jesus begins to explain to her that if he knew who is asking for water, she would ask him for the water that Jesus gives which the water of life everlasting. Jesus continues to point out her sins and she leaves convinced that Jesus is Prophet. Jesus is the true light which enlightens all people with the living water. In the Gospel of John, we are called to believe in him, testify to the ways he brings abundant life to everyone, and we are invited to come and see for ourselves as the Samaritan women does as she goes back to her community and tell the people what happened. Jesus' ministry in Galilee emphasizes "Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand", which is shared throughout the Gospels. Jesus affirms the fulfillment of the scriptures in Luke 4:16 which is met by the people of the synagogue with anger and rage. Despite his rejection, Jesus continues his ministry in Galilee where he does great works.

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.

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.

Armenian School:

All inquiries for purchasing opportunities of lahmajun, sujuk may be forwarded to Nora Balekji at 973-513-2507 or nbalekji@gmail.com.

The next distribution is on Sun, 3/17/24.

The last day to place your order is on Mon, 3/11/24 by 5pm.

Pre-paid orders may be picked up in Abajian Hall on the designated day.

Sunday School:

SS 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, acarden56@gmail.com.**

St. Leon’s Social Club:

Social Club meets every Wednesday, 11:30am-3:00pm at the elevator accessible, upper level of our **Youth 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:

There is **NO HOSPITALITY** today.

Please join us, next week *after* badarak, for coffee & fellowship in Abajian Hall.

Please Note: All campus postings *must be pre-approved* by the church office. **All others will be removed.** No taping on glass or doors permitted. And *sorry*, no personal business promotions. Consider instead, inquiring about advertisement opportunities in our *Lradoo*.



WOMEN'S GUILD FUNDRAISER
FOR SALE TODAY ON THE PATIO....

- WG CHOREG (BY THE DOZEN)**
- HANTES CHOREG LOAVES**
- TEL BANEER (STRING CHEESE)**
- CHEESE BOREG**

*All made with love by our
volunteers.*

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

Palm Sunday

ACYOA DAY

March 24, 2024

Luncheon & Program to follow Divine Liturgy
Hosted by the St. Leon ACYOA

Donation: \$30.00 Adults

\$20.00 ACYOA Junior Members and Children 12 & under

RSVP by Sunday, March 17th

Advance reservations only. Tables of 10 reserved with full payment.

Luncheon catered by Krichian's Grill & Bistro and served by our ACYOA Members

For reservations, please email Saynik Cilingiryan at saynikcil@gmail.com

Payment can be made by Venmo @stleonacyoa-NJ or check payable to "St. Leon ACYOA Jrs"

and mailed to: Saynik Cilingiryan

424 Lincoln Avenue

Wyckoff, NJ 07481



THE WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

INVITES YOU TO

SAINTLY WOMEN'S DAY

Saturday, April 6, 2024



St. Hripsime - Honored Saint for 2024

CHURCH SERVICE AT 11:00 AM

Luncheon and Program immediately following in Abajian Hall

12-61 Saddle River Road, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

\$35 per person. No walk-ins please!

MENU: Cheese Boreg, Tossed Salad, Lemon Chicken with Rice Pilaf,
String Beans Almondine, Dinner Rolls and Butter, Dessert, and Coffee/Tea

GUEST SPEAKER: ARPI NAKASHIAN

Director of On-line Education, St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary

RSVP BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

LISA TARTAGLIONE: 201-394-8325 or lisavirg2009@gmail.com

Please make checks payable to St. Leon Women's Guild and mail to:

LISA TARTAGLIONE, 370 HASBROUCK BOULEVARD, ORADELL, NJ 07649

Include your name, phone number, church affiliation, and those you wish to be seated with.

Your check is your reservation.

Jump into spring early with the

ST. LEON
ARMENIAN
SCHOOL

PLANT
SALE!



Hardcopies of the order form are available in the church narthex.

submit orders by

APRIL 12

pickup orders on

MAY 17 @5:00pm

We are grateful for another year of your support of our students! We are once again selling flowers and herbs. Ready to beautify your yard while keeping deer at bay? Order some deer-resistant Vinca, Marigolds, Dusty Miller, or Lantana. Our plants are top-of-the-line, delivered directly from the Skyline Greenhouses to St. Leon on the day of pick up. Please order early to avoid items selling out quickly!

Got questions? Call Tom Ashbahian at (201) 400-4334 or the Church Office at (201) 791-2862.

ST. LEON ARMENIAN SCHOOL SPRING PLANT SALE 2024



St. Leon Armenian School is having its annual Spring Plant Sale! We thank you for your continued support of our students. We are once again 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 Skyline Greenhouses to St. Leon on the day of pick up. **There are no price increases this year!** We know you will be satisfied with their quality. We'd appreciate you sharing it with family and friends. Please order early to avoid items selling out quickly!

Hard copies of this notice and order form are available in the church narthex. If you have received this notice by email, please print it out. Fill out the order portion, attach your check, and give the form and check to Nora Balekji, Barbara Hovsepian, Donna Hortian, or Tom Ashbahian, OR mail it to the church office: *St. Leon Armenian School, 12-61 Saddle River Road, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410.*

Your plant orders must be submitted as soon as possible, no later than APRIL 12. Your plant order will be ready for pick up around 5:00pm on Friday, May 17.

Write the number of flats, pots, and/or baskets in the box to the right of each item you wish to purchase:

FLATS OF 48: \$16.00		FLATS OF 24: \$17.00		INDIVIDUAL 4" POTS: \$3.50		HERBS 4" POTS: \$3.00	
Ageratum (Blue)		Wave Petunias (Lavender)		Bacopa (Blue)		Arugula	
Alyssum (Pink)		Wave Petunias (Purple)		Bacopa (White)		Basil (Purple Ruffles)	
Alyssum (Purple)		Wave Petunias (Pink)		Coleus		Basil (Genova)	
Alyssum (White)		Wave Petunias (White)		Lobelia (Blue)		Basil (Italian Largeleaf)	
Begonias (Red)		Wave Petunias (Red)		Lantana (Trailing Gold)		Chives	
Begonias (White)		Wave Petunias (Blue)		Lantana (Trailing Lavender)		Cilantro	
Coleus (Mixed)				Lantana (Multicolor)		Dill Fernleaf	
Dusty Miller				Sweet Potato Vine (TriColor)		Lavender	
Impatiens (Mixed)		10" HANGING BASKETS: \$20.00		Sweet Potato Vine (Greenleaf)		Oregano	
Impatiens (White)		Impatiens (Blue)		Sweet Potato Vine (Darkleaf)		Parsley (Plain)	
Marigolds (Dwarf - Bicolor)		Impatiens (Red)		Vinca Vine		Parsley (Curly)	
Marigolds (Large - Orange)		Impatiens (Rose)		Spikes		Peppermint	
Marigolds (Large - Yellow)		Impatiens (Salmon)		Sunpatiens/New Guinea		Spearmint	
Portulaca (Mixed)		Impatiens (Violet)		Torenia (Blue)		Sage (Purple)	
Salvia (Dwarf - Red)		Impatiens (White)		Angelonia Serenita (Mixed)		Sage (Golden)	
Salvia (Dwarf - Red)		New Guinea Impatiens		Begonia (Dragon Wing Pink)		Rosemary	
Vinca (Mixed)		Scaevola		Begonia (Dragon Wing Red)		Tarragon	
Vinca (Orchid)		Torenia		Begonia (Non Stop - Mixed)		Thyme (Lemon)	
Vinca (Pink)						Thyme (Silver Queen)	
Vinca (Red)							
Vinca (White)		10" HANGING BASKETS: \$12.00					
Zinnia (Medium)		Strawberry-Everbearing					
Zinnia (Tall)							

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: _____



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-



April 17th, 2024
(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!





Genocide Commemoration

Sun, April 21st, 2024, at 12:30pm

Bus Departure From St Leon to
Times Square, NYC

Transportation provided by Knights & Daughters of Vartan –

***no reservations needed, first come-first serve**



Mon, April 22, 2024, at 12 noon

Hackensack, NJ

(commemorative plaque across Court House)

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

WOMEN'S GUILD MILITARY BRIDGE



Thursday, April 25, 2024

Abajian Hall 7:00 PM

Donation \$10.00

Cards / Refreshments / 50/50 Raffle

No knowledge of cards necessary!

Come and enjoy a fun evening!

Make a table of 4 people or come alone and we will seat you

For reservation you can email chrischakmakian@gmail.com

Please make your check payable to
St. Leon Women's Guild and mail to:

Christine Badach

560 Eder Ave, Wyckoff, NJ 07481



ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

BINGO

NIGHT

\$30 pp includes 2 game boards, pasta dinner, salad & dessert

10 & under - \$15 (dinner only) Under 3 - Free

Cash Bar

Additional Game Boards \$3 each

No Tickets Sold At Door - Your cashed check is your reservation

No Refunds

SATURDAY
MAY 4

DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM
GAME STARTS 7PM SHARP

FOR RESERVATIONS CONTACT:

Susan Chamesian: susanchamesian@gmail.com or 201-704-1052

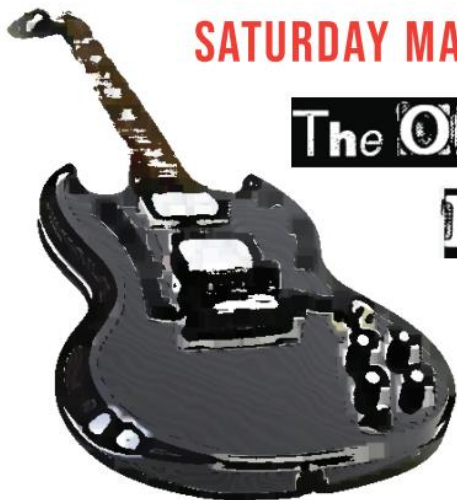
Email Preferred

Mail checks to: 694 William Bliss Drive New Milford, NJ 07646

Make checks payable to St. Leon Armenian Church

Rock the Night Away

SATURDAY MAY 11, 2024



The ON THE

TEAM Band

Linda Berenson: Vocals
Paul Shahinian: Guitar and Vocals
Jim Bashian: Keyboard and Vocals
Gary Malajian: Bass
Dennis Walker: Drums
Mark Friedman: Saxophone
Vinnie Cutro: Trumpet

7pm-11:30pm at ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

12-61 Saddle River Road, Fairlawn, NJ 07410

RSVP by May 3, 2024 – \$30 Per Person – No Walk-Ins – Cash Bar & Light Mezze

Please make check payable to "St. Leon Women's Guild"

**RSVP to: Lisa Tartaglione, 370 Hasbrouck Blvd, Oradell NJ 07649
lisavirg2009@gmail.com**

St 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.



*Individuals (18+): \$175

*Students (18-24): \$50



*Seniors (65+): \$100

**Applications will be supplied upon request.*



Thank you to the Fair Lawn High School Transition Program students who typically fold & deliver our Sunday bulletins.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mar 24	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School PALM SUNDAY ACYOA YOUTH DAY LUNCHEON 
		----- HOLY WEEK-----
Thu	Mar 28	Divine Liturgy, 10am Washing of the Feet Service, 7pm Betrayal Service, 9pm
Fri	Mar 29	Burial Of Christ Service, 7pm No Armenian School
Sat	Mar 30	Sunday School Egg Hunt, 9am, Communion Service & Breakfast hosted by our Men's Fellowship, 9:30am Great Vespers 7:15pm, Divine Liturgy, 8pm
Sun	Mar 31	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ 
Wed	Apr 3	Senior Social Club 11-3pm
Fri	Apr 5	Armenian School
Sat	Apr 6	Saintly Women's Day Luncheon
Sun	Apr 7	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School

Last Gospel: John 12:44-50

There are no wedding sacraments permitted on Palm Sunday (March 24, 2024) & on the five major feast days in the Armenian Church which are:

Armenian Christmas – January 6, 2025

Easter –March 31, 2024

Transfiguration – July 7, 2024

Assumption of the Virgin Mary – August 18, 2024

Exaltation of the Holy Cross – September 15, 2024

