

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Sunday of the Advent

March 26, 2023

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Isaiah 66:1-24

Col 2:8-3:17

Matthew 22:34-23:39

“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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Ն.Մ.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

✝ Vahe Kurdian, Joyce Shoghig Kurdian, & Grace Shaghig Kurdian request Hokehankisd for the soul of *beloved wife & mother*, **Anahid Chatmajian Kurdian** of her 40th day (Karasoonk) 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.

✝ The Hovahanessian children & grandchildren request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Dr. Avedis Hovhansseian**, *beloved father & grandfather* on his 30th year of passing into eternal rest and for the soul of **Diramayr Seta Hovhanessian**, *beloved mother & grandmother*, 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 ones.

✝ Arlene Paskalian, Seta & Zareh Kantardjian, Ara & Jennifer Kantardjian & Roman request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Sarkis Paskalian**, *beloved husband, brother, & uncle* on his 40th day (Karasoonk) of passing into eternal rest, and also for the souls of **John & Rose Paskalian**, *beloved parents* on 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 ones.

✝ Berjouhi & Thomas Adamian & family request Hokehankisd for the souls of **Krikor, Haroutune & Marie Marounians**, **Osep, Haroutune, & Mariza Adamian**, **Hagop & Armineh Tatioossians**, **Antranik, Anni, Avo, & Rozette Fetikians**, *beloved parents, brother, & sister* of their 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 ones.



✝ Eliz & Ara Alboyacian, Mike & Joanne Serhat, Patty & Ardash Sariyan & their families, request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Antranik Serhat**, *beloved father* on **his 40th day (Karasonk)** of passing into eternal rest. And also, for the souls of, **Iskuhi Serhat**, *beloved mother*, **Anayis & Aleks Alboyacian**, *beloved parents*, **Miryam Torosdag, Sarkis Torosdag, Anjel Torosdag, & Araksi Alboyacian**, *beloved grandmother*, 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 ones.

✝ Armine and Garo Khanarian, Suren Tourian, & grandchildren Nora, Michael, & Andrew request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Nora Tourian**, *beloved mother & grandmother* of **her 40th day (Karasonk)** of passing into eternal rest and also for the soul of **Arek Tourian**, *beloved father & grandfather* of **his 15th 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 ones.

✝ John Tudra requests Hokehankisd for the soul of **Barbara Yeterian** on passing into eternal rest. He has donated towards the altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved one.

✝ Bert, Rosemary, Steven, & Jennifer Bedrosian request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Peter Yotnakparian**, *beloved brother-in-law & uncle*, on the occasion of **his 40th day (Karasonk)** 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.

Ruzanna Arevshatyan, Felicia Asomani, James Azarian, Mosses Bairamian, Hana Botie, Zoe Brooks, Frank Cornawchiulo, Jerry DiSant, Mike Fenarjian, Julie Frattarola, Ruben Grigoryants, Varoujan Harutunian, Lusine Hovsepyan, Silva Jinivizian, Robert John Karanfilian III, Brandon Katz, Annette Kouchshirin, Jim & Wendy Lathey, Fran Loiacono, Carmelina Mancini, Bill Manookian, Sebu Oscherician,, 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 izmeemeeyanis, 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.



**Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսն
ընդունեց
Գերմանիա-Հարավային
Կովկաս
բարեկամական խմբի
պատվիրակությանը**

Մարտի 20-ին Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ծայրագույն Պատրիարք և Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում ընդունեց Գերմանիայի Դաշնային Հանրապետության Բունդեսթագի Գերմանիա-Հարավային Կովկաս բարեկամական խմբի պատվիրակությանը՝ ուղեկցությամբ ՀՀ ԱԺ պատգամավոր Լիլիթ Կիրակոսյանի:

Հանդիպմանը Նորին Սրբությունը կարևորեց նմանօրինակ այցելությունների միջոցով երկու երկրների բարեկամական կապերի առավել ամրապնդումը: Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը մասնավոր անդրադարձ կատարեց տարածաշրջանում առկա մարտահրավերներին, Հայաստանի սահմանների նկատմամբ ոտնձգություններին, Արցախի շրջափակմանը և հումանիտար ճգնաժամին, տակավին գերության մեջ գտնվող հայորդիների խնդրին, ինչպես նաև արցախյան հայկական հոգևոր, մշակութային ժառանգության պահպանման խնդիրներին: Այս կապակցությամբ Հայոց Հովվապետն իր երախտագիտությունը հայտնեց Գերմանիայի իշխանություններին՝ 44-օրյա պատերազմի ընթացքում ու հետպատերազմյան շրջանում Հայաստանին և Արցախին ցուցաբերած աջակցության համար՝ հույս հայտնելով, որ միջազգային հանրությունը հետևողական ջանքեր կգործադրի Ադրբեյջանի ռազմատենչ քաղաքականությունը կանխելու ուղղությամբ:

Գերմանիա-Հարավային Կովկաս բարեկամական խմբի փոխնախագահ Տաբեա Ռյոսները իր հերթին անդրադարձ կատարեց Հայաստան պատվիրակության այցին ընդգծելով, որ այն նպատակ ունի տարբեր ոլորտներում առավել ամրապնդելու ու զարգացնելու երկու երկրների փոխգործակցությունը: Պատվիրակության անդամները կարևորեցին տարածաշրջանում խաղաղության և կայունության հաստատումը:

Զրույցի ընթացքում անդրադարձ կատարվեց Հայոց Եկեղեցու առաքելությանը ազգային ինքնության պահպանության ու հոգևոր արժեքների կերտման գործում:

Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսն ընդունեց «Դանիական-հայկական բարեգործական առաքելություն» ՀԿ անդամներին

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Նորին Սրբությունն իր օրհնությունն ու գնահատանքը բերեց բարեգործական կազմակերպության պատասխանատուներին Հայաստանում իրականացվող սոցիալական և կրթական ծրագրերի առնչությամբ:

Վեհափառ Հայրապետն ընդգծեց, որ հայաստանյան թեմեր հովվապետական այցելությունների ընթացքում ականատես է եղել մատաղ սերնդի հոգևոր կրթությանը նպաստող կիրակնօրյա դպրոցների արդյունավետ գործունեությանը, որոնք կազմակերպվել են «Դանիական-հայկական բարեգործական առաքելություն» կազմակերպության սատարմամբ: Հայոց Հովվապետը նաև գոհունակությամբ անդրադարձավ կազմակերպության կողմից հաշմանդամություն ունեցող երիտասարդներին և նրանց ծնողներին տրամադրվող հոգևոր և հոգեբանական աջակցությանը:

Իր հերթին Հայր Մայքլ Թոմսենը Ամենայն Հայոց Հայրապետին ներկայացրեց թեմերի հետ համատեղ իրականացվող ծրագրերը՝ իր երախտագիտությունը հայտնելով Նորին Սրբության մշտական գորակցության համար:



BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday, April 19th, 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.

First Book of Maccabees

Chapter 9 “Bacchides Returns to Judea”

Chapter 10 “Revolt of Alexander Epiphanes”

Chapter 11 “Ptolemy Invades Syria”



We see the Jewish revolt and war of independence after Gentile Empires desecrate the Temple and try forcing the Jews to abandon their religion. The Israelites do not ask God for help but instead begin a movement and resistance. Leading the resistance is a priest and his five sons, known as the Maccabees. After winning the war they set up what becomes known as the Hasmonean dynasty, which rules Israel for a century until Rome arrive.



Sunday of the Advent



“Maranatha!”

“O that you would tear open the heavens and come down.”

(Isaiah 64:1)

On behalf of all believers, who raise their eyes to the skies, who try to reach out to Heavens, the prophet exclaims, “O that you would tear open the heavens!” Lord, if you rip that thickness which seems to separate us from You, then we can, at last, find the true peace, the security, the joy we need desperately! This hope has found its answer in Jesus Christ. The heavens were torn apart when the Word became flesh. On this Sunday of Advent, we joyfully celebrate the opening of heavens; and with the angels, we sing: “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” (Luke 2:14)

But the Sunday of Advent is also devoted to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, reminding us that he who has torn apart the heavens in the silence of a night in Bethlehem will tear open them again on the Last Day, at His second coming to judge the living and the dead. In a few minutes, tomorrow or in millennia: “because you do not know the day or the hour.” (Matthew 25:13)

On the first advent, the Messiah came in the humility of the manger and in the humiliation of the cross, but He will return in power and great glory. But He will return in power and great glory. We are between these two comings, an in-between that can only be vigilant, joyful, and hopeful expectation because everything has changed since Christ: everything has been revealed in Him, everything is waiting to be accomplished by Him. Thus, in these times of vigil: “Be

always on the watch and pray.” Take all the means to stay alert: “If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping.” (Mark 13:36). We must stay awake. Our life on earth must never become a time of sleepiness, even though a large number of sleeping pills are at our disposal. They are called worries, riches, pleasures, sin in general. But also, the lack of vigilance to care for the weakest and smallest or the lack of attention in managing our time well in order to not miss what is the most important.

The Gospel is both good news and a great torment, which prevents us from falling asleep. We have to stay awake to make sure not to miss the big day. St. Cyprian of Carthage says: “Let us always with solicitude and caution wait for the sudden coming of the Lord, that when He shall knock, our faith may be on the watch, and receive from the Lord the reward of our vigilance.” Indeed, the early Christians were on high alert. They were looking impatiently for the return of Christ. “Maranatha!” is the earliest confession of the church. It is an Aramaic word that means, “Come, O Lord.” It was first used by the St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 16:22 and it appears in the next to the last sentence of the entire Bible (Revelations 22:20). “Maranatha” was more than wishful thinking. It was even more than a prayer. Maranatha was a way of life. It was the framework within which the early church lived out its faith expecting, waiting, and longing for the Lord’s return.

Hence, the Second Coming of our Lord can become a desirable reality: “We look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be revealed.” (Titus 2:13) and we pray: “O that you would tear open the heavens and come down...” (Isaiah 64:1). “I have done it, and I will,” replies our God and Savior Jesus Christ, “but I exhort you, you too strive to tear open the heavens, not by your own strength, but by my sanctifying grace, tear apart the heavens to join Me. Make an effort, do not remain clinging to the ground of your personal plans and your vanities. Throw away your sins, tear open the heavens and allow me to raise you higher.”

Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan

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**

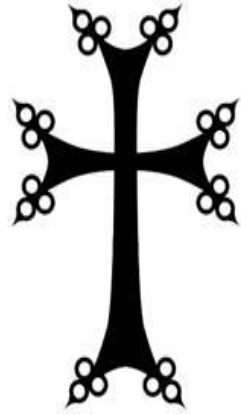
"Gratitude in All Things"
Presented by Rev. Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian

✓ **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. All others will be removed. No taping on any glass is permitted & sorry, no personal business promotions can be posted. Consider, inquiring about advertisement space in our Lradoo, instead.

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 the Stepanian Family. We welcome you to join us after Badarak, in our newly renovated Abajian Hall, for coffee and fellowship.

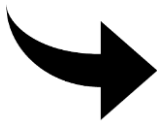


Holy Name Medical Center provides
**COMPLIMENTARY BLOOD PRESSURE
SCREENING at St. Leon**

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 19th, 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!



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!

TMBATA

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 GMC Parking at
300 East 34th Street
between 5:00 pm and 11:59 pm

TOUR SPONSOR

TUMO
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: _____



Genocide Commemoration

Sun, April 23rd, 2023, at 12:30pm

(Bus Departure From St Leon to)

Times Square, NYC

(Transportation provided by

Knights & Daughters

of Vartan – no reservations needed)




Mon, April 24, 2023, at 12 noon

Hackensack, NJ

(commemorative plaque by court house)



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



St. Leon Armenian Church

BINGO NIGHT

GAMES | PRIZES | DINNER

Friday, May 5, 2023

\$25 pp includes 2 game boards,
pasta dinner, salad & dessert

10 & under - \$10 pp

Cash Bar

Tricky Tray Raffles

Additional Game Boards \$3 each

Doors Open 6:30 Game Starts 7:00 sharp

No Tickets Sold At Door

For Reservations contact

Susan Chamesian at 201-704-1052 or

susanchamesian@gmail.com

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

Proceeds to benefit St. Leon ACYOA Srs Sports Weekend

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!





St. Leon Armenian Church

Paving the Way...Brick by Brick

Assist in paying 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 @ \$125.00

Maximum of two lines, 13 letters per line

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

_____ 8" x 8" Brick @ \$250.00

Maximum of four lines, 13 letters per line

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

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please return this form to:

Barbara Royland

44 Benson Avenue

Westwood, N.J. 07675

Email: hycmom@optonline.net

201-666-5735

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

All donations are tax deductible.

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 26	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy- Sunday of the Advent Sunday School Lenten Luncheon Take Out
		TODAY
Tues	Mar 28	Fish-n-Chips Dinner
Fri	Mar 31	Armenian School, Lenten Service & Lecture- 7:30pm
Sun	April 2	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy- Opening of the Doors-12pm Palm Sunday, Luncheon & Bake Sale
Thur	April 6	Divine Liturgy -10 am Washing of the Feet- 7pm Betrayal Service -9 pm
Fri	April 7	Holy Friday-Burial Service-7 pm No Armenian School
Sat	April 8	Children's Communion & Breakfast 9:30am Great Vespers-7:15pm Divine Liturgy-8pm
Sun	April 9	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy- Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! No Sunday School

Last Gospel:
Mark 4:26-34

*~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

(and Palm Sunday)

