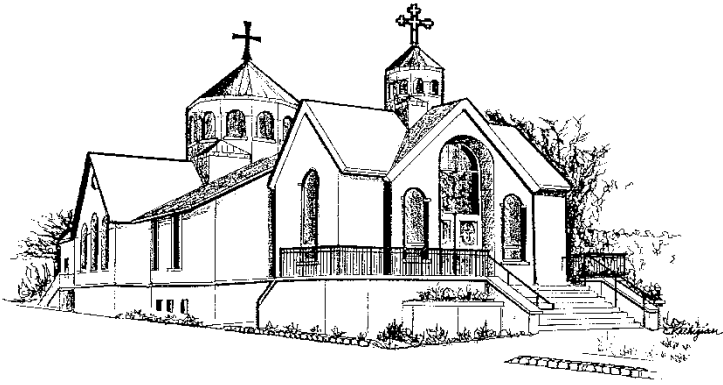


*ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH*  
*Sunday of the Judge*  
*March 27, 2022*

**Morning Service 9:00 AM**

**Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM**



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**Readings from the Holy Scripture**

Isaiah 65:8-25

Phil. 3:1-4:9

Luke 17:20-18:14

**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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# ALTAR SERVERS

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Sebuh Oscherician, Sarkis Pilavdjian, Nurhan Ezik,  
Gregory Kazanjian

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Sirvard Galstian

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Daniella Ashbahian

Dawn Donofrio



*“Krisdos ee méch me haydnetsav.” – “Orhnyal é haydnootyoonun Krisdosi.”*  
*“Christ is revealed among us.” - “Blessed is the revelation of Christ.”*

**Kiss of Peace:** If you would like to volunteer to perform the “Kiss of Peace” during Sunday Badarak, please call our church office.

**Holy Communion:** There is no Holy Communion during the Lenten season.

**Sunday, April 24th** – The Gomidas Choir of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, under the direction of Maestro Kris Kalfayan, will be singing during our Sunday Badarak.

**2022 Church Directory** – Additional copies of our 2022 St. Leon Church Directory can be purchased. Call church office on weekdays or speak with a Parish Council member on Sundays.

## HOKEHANKISD

✝ Vahe Naltchayan & family, Khoren & Zepure Pashalian, Shadi & Taline Nehme & family, Albert & Natalie Araian & family request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Vartan Naltchayan**, *loving brother & uncle, on the occasion of his 6<sup>th</sup> year of passing into eternal rest*; and for the soul of **Lucine Naltchayan**, *loving mother & grandmother, on the occasion of her 6<sup>th</sup> year of passing into eternal rest*; and for the soul of **Mihran Naltchayan**, *loving father & grandfather, on the occasion of his 46<sup>th</sup> year of passing into eternal rest*. The family has donated toward altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.

**Hokehankisd Deadline:** Please note that Hokehankisd requests must be received by **Thursday** to be included in that week's Sunday bulletin. You may email or call the church office.

### 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 *James Azarian, Mosses Bairamian, Hana Botie, Zoe Brooks, Frank Cornawchiulo, Jerry DiSant, Lynne Ford, Julie Frattarola, 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, Krikor Marounian, Sebu Oscherician, Dan Patoyia (Moynihan), 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”.***

### **Church Etiquette**

**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*.

## BIBLE STUDY



**Wednesday, April 27, 2022.**

**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

### **Book of Ezekiel**

Chapter 1 “The Vision of the Chariot”

Chapter 2 “The Vision of the Scroll”

Chapter 3 “Ezekiel at the River Chebar”

The last two Chapters of the Book of Jeremiah;

Almost as much space is given to the oracle concerning Babylon as to all the other nations combined. This national power was by far the greatest tragedy Jerusalem had ever faced. All the issues with the previous nations do not compare to the clash with Nubuchadnezzar. Yet here we have the words, “Babylon is taken, Bel is shamed. Merodoch is broken in pieces” (50:2), Their god, who claimed to be creator and king, was found to be but one more important and useless deity in the face of the great finality of God. Jeremiah was accused by his countrymen of loving Babylon more than Judah because he had urged them to surrender. Here we see how preposterous were those allegations. The prophet threw fire at Babylon, to whom he said, “You were glad, because you rejoiced, You destroyers of My heritage... you have grown fat... you bellow like bulls” (50:11). He who laughs best, however, laughs last. God always has the last word. It will be the laughter of redeemed men and women that will finally ring out over the universe. All lesser rejoicing will be silenced. There will be the final triumph of the church over the world. These oracles call out to modern men and women. Our deities have different names today but we nonetheless fall into temptation and bow to them instead of the one true God.



## **St. Leon Armenian Church Lenten Service**

### **& Lecture Series for 2022**

Friday March 4<sup>th</sup> **“Understanding the Lord’s Prayer”**  
Presented by Deacon Adam Bullock

Friday March 11<sup>th</sup> **“Understanding the Divine Liturgy ”**  
Presented by Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian

Friday March 18<sup>nd</sup> **“ First and Second Marriage”** The Armenian Church’s Position Presented by Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian

Friday March 25<sup>th</sup> **“The Messiah of the Prophets”**  
Presented by Mr. Hovanes Khosdeghian

Friday April 1 **“Lessons I learned from the devil” An Exorcist shares some wonderful truths of our faith he has learned in ministry of spiritual liberation”**  
Presented by Very Rev. Fr. Glen Sudano

Friday April 8<sup>th</sup> **“Christ is Resurrected from the Dead ”**  
Rev. Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian

(Lectures will be approximately 30-45 minutes)

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

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# SCHEDULE OF CHURCH SERVICES

## Holy Week and Easter

St. Leon Armenian Church  
 12-61 Saddle River Road  
 Fair Lawn, New Jersey  
 Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian, Pastor

<b>Sunday, April 10, 2022</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
Morning Service	9:00 am
Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
Opening of the Doors	12:00 pm

<b>Thursday, April 14, 2022</b>	<b>Great and Holy Thursday</b>
Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
Washing of the Feet	7:00 pm
Betrayal Service	9:00 pm

<b>Friday, April 15, 2022</b>	<b>Great and Holy Friday</b>
Burial Service	7:00 pm

<b>Saturday, April 16, 2022</b>	<b>Easter Eve</b>
Children’s Communion & Breakfast	9:30 am
Great Vespers	7:15 pm
Divine Liturgy	8:00 pm

<b>Sunday, April 17, 2022</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
Morning Service	9:00 am
Divine Liturgy	10:00 am





## PLANTS FOR CHRIST'S TOMB

*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.



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### **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 11, 2022. Enclosed please find the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

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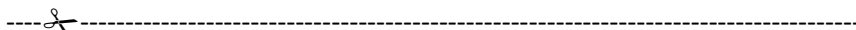
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## LILIES FOR THE HOLY ALTAR



### **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 11, 2022.

Enclosed please find the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

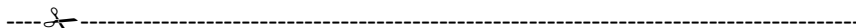
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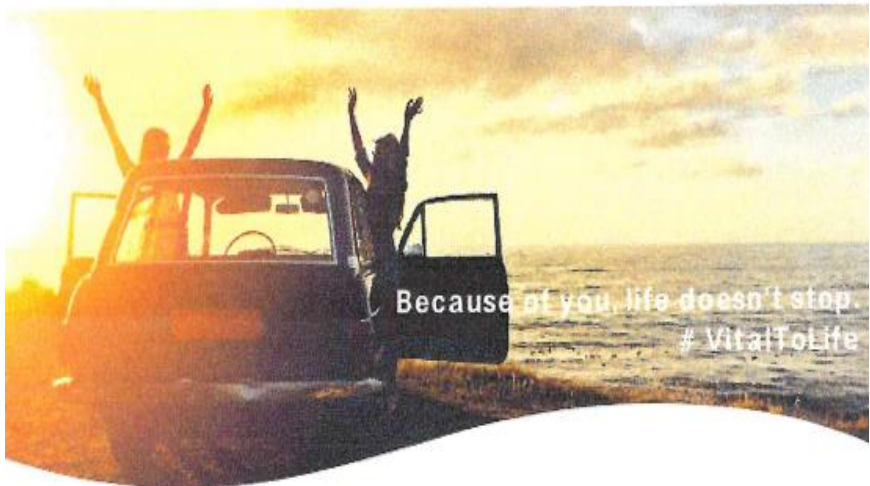
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**Armenian School** All inquiries about upcoming purchase opportunities for *baghaj*, *sujuk*, & *lahmajun* may be forwarded to Barabara Hovsepian at (551) 206 - 6686..

**Coffee Hospitality** – Everyone is invited to the Community Center immediately following worship services. Today's Hospitality is hosted by the Choir.

# Blood Drive



## Sponsored By: St. Leon Armenian Church

Saturday, April 16, 2022  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Bloodmobile  
12-61 Saddle River Rd.  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

Appointments strongly recommended.

Joyce IshKanian  
email : [ish011@hotmail.com](mailto:ish011@hotmail.com)  
Cell #: 201-852-4327

You may make an appointment using the link below or QR code:  
[https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/55098](https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/55098)

### Donor Guidelines:

- \* Weigh at least 110 lbs.
- \* Eat a meal before donation
- \* Bring ID
- \* Drink plenty of water before and after donation

### Ann BLOOD RECIPIENT:

"I wish I could tell my donor how grateful I am for your selfless act. You may have wondered what became of your donation well, it saved my life."



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For more information or to schedule a donation,  
call 1.877.258.4825 or visit us at [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org)  
Find us @vitalant   

*Palm Sunday*  
*ACYOA Day*  
*April 10, 2022*

Luncheon & Program to follow Church Service

Donation: \$25.00 Adults  
\$15.00 ACYOA Junior Members and Children 12 & under  
RSVP by April 3<sup>rd</sup> - **Sorry, No Walk-Ins**

For reservations, please email Susan Chamesian at  
[susanchamesian@gmail.com](mailto:susanchamesian@gmail.com)

Make checks payable to "St. Leon ACYOA Jrs"  
and mail to: Susan Chamesian  
694 William Bliss Drive  
New Milford, NJ 07646



**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 and Koorabia for your Holiday Table.**

**Everything will be frozen, packed and ready to be picked up in front of the Rectory garage from 12 to 2 pm. on Palm Sunday, April 10 OR from 9 am -12 pm. on Easter Saturday, April 16.**

**Please fill out the order form below. Be sure to mark your Pick-Up Day! (NEW)**

**Make your check payable to St. Leon Women's Guild, write "Easter" on the memo line, and mail to Nancy Scicchitano, 204 Larch Lane, Mahwah, NJ 07430.**

**Questions? Call Nancy at 201-755-7120 between 5 and 8 pm or email [nsicchitano@gmail.com](mailto:nsicchitano@gmail.com). THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD.**

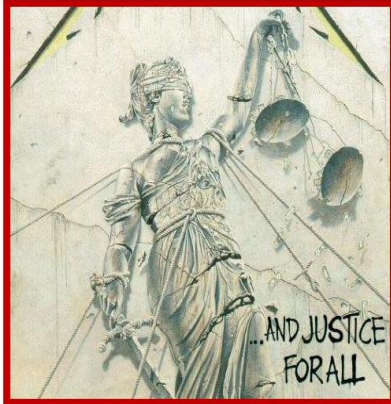
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Quantity	Item	Price	Total
-----	WG Choreg (12 braids per bag)	\$ 15/doz.	-----
-----	Hantess choreg (1 large loaf individually wrapped)	\$ 13/each	-----
-----	String Cheese (1 braid)	\$ 8/each	-----
-----	Koorabia Cookies (tray of 1 dozen pieces)	\$ 15/tray	-----
	TOTAL DUE		\$ -----

**CHOOSE PICK-UP DAY: \_\_\_\_\_PALM SUNDAY or \_\_\_\_\_ EASTER SATURDAY.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORDER!**



# RESTITUTION OF PROPERTY IN TURKEY AFTER 100 YEARS

A PRESENTATION BY  
**ÖMER KANTIK**

*Legal Counsel*

Turkish authorities have confiscated assets belonging to non-Muslim foundations and individuals—from the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century until the 2000s—thereby eroding their capacity to serve and support their communities. There have been some positive developments since 2000.

**ÖMER KANTIK**, a member of the Turkey's Armenian community, who aims to reverse a more than century-long practice of administrative and judicial confiscation, is currently involved in over 100 restitution cases with attorneys Destina Kantik and Arda Kantik. Some properties have already been recovered through legal and administrative processes. He will share the little-known story of legal reform in contemporary Turkey, the ways in which the claims process affects minority communities, the impact of decisions of the European Court of Human Rights, pending judicial actions, and other developments.

ÖMER KANTIK represents various Armenian—Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox—foundations including *Surp Haç Tibrevank Ermeni Lisesi Vakfi*. He also represents the various Jewish, Greek and Chaldean Foundations in Turkey, and numerous individuals.

Attorney **DESTINA KANTIK** will join and translate for her father. She is a graduate of Harvard Law School, Robert College, and Istanbul University Law Faculty *summa cum laude*. She works on minority issues and matters of commercial law and arbitration.

The presentation will be in Turkish and English.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022 | 7:45 P.M. (ET)**

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

Register for Zoom and Abajian Hall at <https://bit.ly/Restitution-After-100-Years>.

**You Tube** Click on <https://bit.ly/StLeonEvents> at the beginning of the program.

**This event is jointly sponsored by**

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## REFUGEE AND HUMANITARIAN CRISIS DURING THE GREAT WAR AND THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022  
TIME 7:00 PM EST  
[REGISTER HERE](#)



**Dr. Asya Darbinyan**

**Postdoctoral Scholar at Martin-Springer Institute, Department of  
Comparative Cultural Studies, Northern Arizona University**

Dr. Darbinyan's talk focuses on the humanitarian emergency and refugee crisis at the Caucasus front during the First World War, caused by population movements as a result of war and the Armenian Genocide.

Reflecting on the experiences of the Armenian refugees in various parts of the Caucasus and in eastern provinces of the Ottoman Empire occupied by Russian troops, her research aims to uncover the perspectives of refugees and to show the role refugees themselves played in the struggle for survival.

PD hours and Kean Co-Curricular Credits will be provided!

For more information, please contact: Sarah Coykendall, Managing Assistant Director  
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**STAFF TRAINING: JUNE 29 - JULY 2**

**SESSION A: JULY 3 - JULY 16**

**SESSION B: JULY 17 - JULY 30**

**SESSION C: JULY 31 - AUGUST 13**

Questions? ✉ [KathrynA@armeniandiocese.org](mailto:KathrynA@armeniandiocese.org) ☎ 215-452-8322

**REGISTER ONLINE:** [DiocesanSummerCamps.org](https://DiocesanSummerCamps.org)

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mar 27	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunrise Service, Sunday School
Fri	Apr 1	Armenian School
Sun	Apr 3	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunrise Service, Sunday School
Fri	Apr 8	Armenian School
Sun	April 10	Morning Service Palm Sunday, Divine Liturgy, Opening of the Doors Service, Sunday School, Palm Sunday ACYOA Day
Thur	April 14	Holy Thursday Service – (refer to page 7 in this bulletin)
Fri	April 15	Holy Friday Service – (refer to page 7 in this bulletin)
Sat	April 16	Holy Saturday (Easter Eve), Sunday School Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Communion Service & Breakfast hosted by Men’s Fellowship
Sun	April 17	Easter Service
Fri	April 22	Armenian School
Sun	April 24	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School
Wed	April 27	Bible Studies

## **Last Gospel**

### **Matthew 11:25-30**

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

Armenian Christmas – January 6, 2022

Easter – April 17, 2022

Transfiguration – July 24, 2022

Assumption of the Virgin Mary – August 14, 2022

Exaltation of the Cross – September 11, 2022

And, Palm Sunday—April 10, 2022