

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

March 5, 2023

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Isaiah 54:11-55:13

2 Cor. 6:1-7:1

Gospel of Luke 15:1-32

“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

Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian
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*Today's homily will be offered by
Very Rev. Fr. Harutyun Damadian*



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HOKEHANKISD

✝ Bert, Rosemary, Steven, & Jennifer Bedrosian request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Vrege Gabrelian**, *beloved cousin*, on the occasion of his 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.

✝ Maida & Arda Garabedian, Viken, Taleen, & Arden Banelian request Hokehankisd for the soul of *beloved grandmother*, **Mariam Garabedian** on the occasion of **her 30th year** of passing into eternal rest, and also for the soul of **Ashod Garabedian**, *beloved uncle*, 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.

✝ Yester Garabedian, children & their families request Hokehankisd for the souls of **Mariam, Ashod, & all deceased members of the Garabedian family**. The family has donated towards the altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.

✝ Very Rev. Fr. Harutyun Damadian requests Hokehankisd for the souls of **Patriarch Shnork Kalustian, Patriarch Karekin Kazanjian & Patriarch Mesrob Mutafian.**

✝ Betty & Janette Marie Tashjian request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Vartkes D. Tashjian**, *beloved husband & father*, on the occasion of **his 4th 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, Sebu Oscherician, Very Rev. Father Mesrop Parsamian, Dan Patoyia (Moynihan), Marilou Pinajian, Emily Ring, Michael Sakolsky, Melanie Sarkisian, Marie Tenguarian, 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 izmeemeyanís, 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.*



Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում մեկնարկեց Գերագույն հոգևոր խորհրդի ժողովը

Փետրվարի 28-ին Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում, Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ծայրագույն Պատրիարք և Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսի նախագահությամբ, մեկնարկեց Գերագույն հոգևոր խորհրդի ժողովը:

Ժողովը բացվեց Տերունական աղոթքով, ապա Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսի գլխավորությամբ ԳՀԽ անդամներն աղոթեցին 1988 թվականի փետրվարի 27-29-ը Սուսգայիթում իրականացված ջարդերին զոհ գնացած հայորդիների հոգիների խաղաղության և հանգստության համար:

Այնուհետև Գերագույն հոգևոր խորհրդի հոգևորական և աշխարհական անդամներին իր օրհնությունն ու բարեմաղթանքները փոխանցեց Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը՝ ժողովականներին մաղթելով արդյունավետ աշխատանք:

Նորին Սրբությունը ողջունեց նաև ԳՀԽ կազմում ընդգրկված նոր անդամներ Շիրակի թեմի առաջնորդ Գերաշնորհ Ս. Միքայել արքեպիսկոպոս Աջապահյանին, Դամասկոսի Հայոց թեմի առաջնորդ Գերաշնորհ Ս. Արմաշ եպիսկոպոս Նալբանդյանին, Արցախի թեմի առաջնորդ Գերաշնորհ Ս. Վրթանես եպիսկոպոս Աբրահամյանին, Գուգարաց թեմի առաջնորդ Գերաշնորհ Ս. Հովնան եպիսկոպոս Հակոբյանին, ԱՄՆ Հայոց Արևելյան թեմի առաջնորդ Հոգեշնորհ Ս. Մեսրոպ վարդապետ Պարսամյանին և Տիար Հայկ Իգնատյանին:

Ժողովի օրակարգում ընդգրկված են ազգային, եկեղեցավարչական, կանոնական, կարգապահական, հայեցակարգային և Եկեղեցու առաքելության արդյունավորմանն առնչված հարցեր: Քննարկման առարկա կդառնան Հայաստանում ու Արցախում ստեղծված կացությունը և առկա մարտահրավերների հաղթահարմանն ուղղված Եկեղեցու առաքելությունը, Մայր Տաճարի օժման, Մյուռնոսօրհնության և հարակից այլ միջոցառումների կազմակերպչական աշխատանքները:



BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday, March 8th, 2023.

TIME: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Zoom Bible Study.

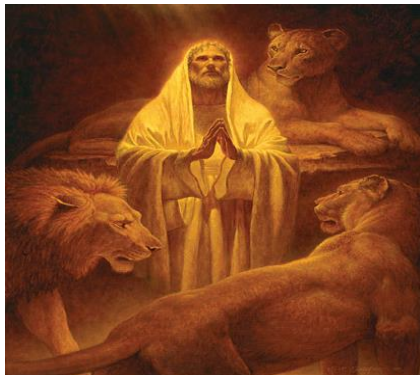
Please call or e-mail Fr. Diran and he will send you the link for the Bible Study.

The Book of Daniel

Chapter 13 “The History of Susanna and the Elders”

Chapter 14 “The History of Destruction of Bel and the Dragon”

The entire book of Daniel is about the blessings of knowing God. Daniel is one of the great biblical models of what it means to know the Lord. Daniel recognizes that a critical time has come for God’s people and that realization grew out of his regular times of study, meditation, and prayer. It is often so in the kingdom of God. One reason for Daniel recording his prayer was to testify that God does hear, honor and answer secret prayer. Daniel, a man of prayer, wanted God’s people to see the intimate connection between their prayer and the events of history. Daniel’s ritual acts of self-denial were integral components of a disciplined prayer life. True prayer is based on the fact that God is a God who speaks.





Sunday of the Prodigal Son

This Sunday the Armenian Church is remembering Jesus' parable of the **Prodigal Son**, found in Luke chapter 15. Calling this parable, the 'Parable of the Prodigal Son,' is saying something important in how we as Armenians view this parable. After all, the 'prodigal son' is not the only character in the story. There is also the oldest son: the jealous one who remained at home. Then there is the father, a figure which represents the merciful love of our Heavenly Father. St. John Chrysostom even says that the lamb who is slaughtered is a central character as it represents Jesus to us.

However, within the prayer tradition of the Armenian Church, we focus on the Prodigal son because we identify with him for, we too have sinned. We too have wasted the treasures God has lavished upon us. We recognize that, like the Prodigal son, we have the same need to repent and to be brought back into God's good graces. This is why the Prodigal son is remembered *every Sunday* in Badarak.

At the beginning of the Divine Liturgy before blessing the bread and wine for the first time, the priest, behind the closed curtain, recites a prayer of behalf of the church. To fully appreciate the richness of the prayer, we need to remember a story from the life of the prophet Isaiah (chapter 6). The prayer recalls a vision the prophet Isaiah had where he saw God seated upon the altar in heaven. Isaiah responds by saying, **"Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips;"** On the altar, Isaiah sees there are coals burning. We then read...

⁶ Then flew one of the seraphim to me, having in his hand a burning coal which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin forgiven."

In this preparatory priest prayer of Badarak, the burning coal that cleansed Isaiah is being likened to the communion we will soon receive. The priest then identifies himself as being like the prodigal son in need of his father's mercy, and as a harlot. The prayer states:

And may our faltering be consumed by this fire, as that of the Prophet was consumed by the live burning coal offered to him with the tongs, so that in everything your mercy may be proclaimed, as the loving kindness of the Father was proclaimed through the Son, who brought the prodigal son back to the paternal inheritance and led the harlots into the heavenly kingdom, that blessed realm of the righteous. Yes, indeed! I too am one of them.

Receive me also with them as one who is in need of much of that love for humankind, as one who is saved by your grace and redeemed by the blood of Christ; so that your divinity may be made known to all and in all, being glorified with the Father, equal in honor, one in will and one in lordship most praised.

This prayer is anticipating that God will cleanse us through communion, and that we will be welcomed back into the arms of our loving father so that the Divine mercy of God might be known to the world through us. The teaching is clear. If we understand ourselves to be as unfaithful as the prodigal son, and if we, following the prodigal son's example, ask to be treated as unworthy servants, then God in His mercy will restore us. Then, as we are filled with His merciful love, we too should make that love manifest in the church by forgiving one another. The church will be full of the mercy, love and light of Christ. We will then carry that Divine love out to share with the world.

Identifying with the plight of the prodigal son runs throughout the writings of our church fathers. In one of St. Gregory of Narek's prayers (Narek prayer 47B), we read an example of the level of repentance we are called to display before our glorious God. St. Gregory writes:

Like the Prodigal Son, who though shamed, received his father's forgiveness, I make my entreaty, prostrate before you, my face twisted in grief, pleading: Father of compassion, God of all, I am not worthy to be called even a worthless, irresponsible hireling, let alone "son," or even to have this word uttered about me. Still accept me, a wandering exile, defeated by wounds, faint with gnawing hunger. Heal me with your bread of life, confront me with mercy, for you are my first refuge. Clothe me, a lawless sinner, merciful and unvengeful God, with the clothes of my former innocence. Place, with your boundless generosity, the ring with your seal of courage on my sinful hand that lost everything by straying in sin. (translation Dr. Thomas Samuelian)

During Great Lent, the tradition of the Armenian church invites us to humbly identify as the prodigal son. For the path to oneness with God, and the peace and joy that He offers, does not come to us through self-aggrandizement, but through heartfelt humility. Not partial humility, but full humility. In other words, to be full of God's spirit, we need to empty ourselves of every drop of sin and pride we cling to, so that He can fill us with His Spirit.

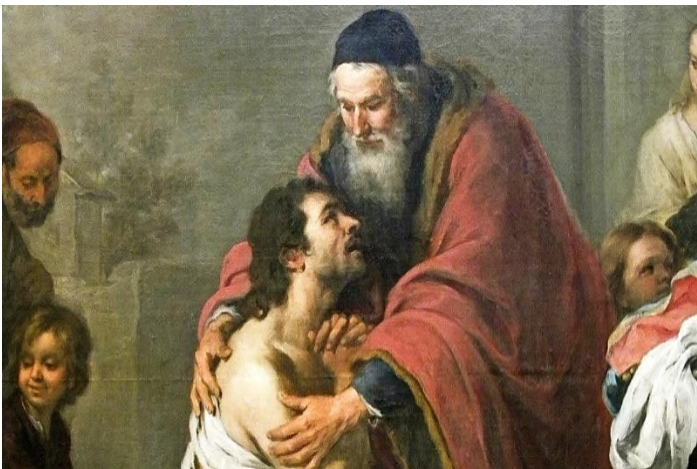
Our Heavenly Father anxiously awaits our return to Him. A return that can be easy, provided we abandon the weight of the sin we carry with us. For St. John Chrysostom, the prodigal son's repentance is exemplary in that the prodigal son completely let go of his sin. St. John writes:

Let us do likewise, and not be wearied with the length of the journey, for if we are willing, the return will become swift and easy, provided that we desert sin, which led us out from our father's house.

This Lent let us follow the sacred Armenian tradition of asking ourselves in what ways have we distanced ourselves from our Heavenly Father? In what ways have we wasted the gifts he has given us? In what ways are we selfish?

Once we identify these things, then let us totally abandon sin, and run back into the arms of our compassionate Father; for he is scanning the horizon, awaiting our return.

By Fr. Tavit Boyajian



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

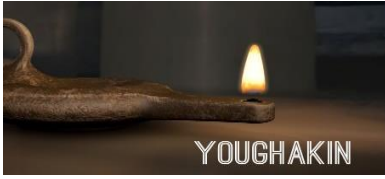
"Prayer: Preparing to Meet the Risen Lord"

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 \$_____.

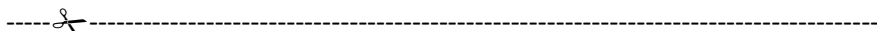
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Telephone _____



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...

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. Thank you.

Armenian School:

All order inquiries for lahmajun, sujuk, and baghaj can be forwarded to Barbara Hovsepien by texting 551-206-6686, or by emailing

bhovsepien@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:

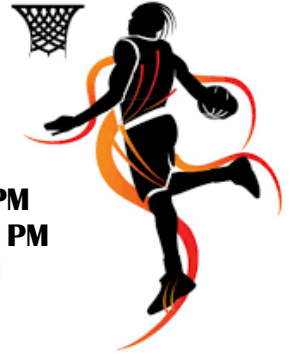
Today’s hospitality is hosted by our Sunday School.

We welcome you to our newly renovated Abajian Hall after Badarak, for coffee and fellowship.



TODAY!

**SUNDAY
MARCH 5, 2023**



Van Buren H.S. Queens, NY

Girls	HM1 vs Vart	2:30 PM
Men	SVC vs Leon2	3:45 PM
Seniors' Leon	vs HM	5 PM

St. Leon Gym, NJ

Men	Leon1 vs Vart1	1 PM
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Hackensack H.S. NJ

Junior's	Leon1 vs HM	1:30 PM
Girl's	Leon vs HM2	2:45 PM
Junior's	Leon2 vs Vart	4 PM
Senior's	APC vs Sarkis	5:15 PM



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

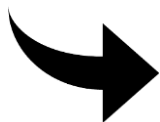


Holy Name Medical Center provides
**COMPLIMENTARY BLOOD PRESSURE
SCREENING at St. Leon**

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.**

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

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)



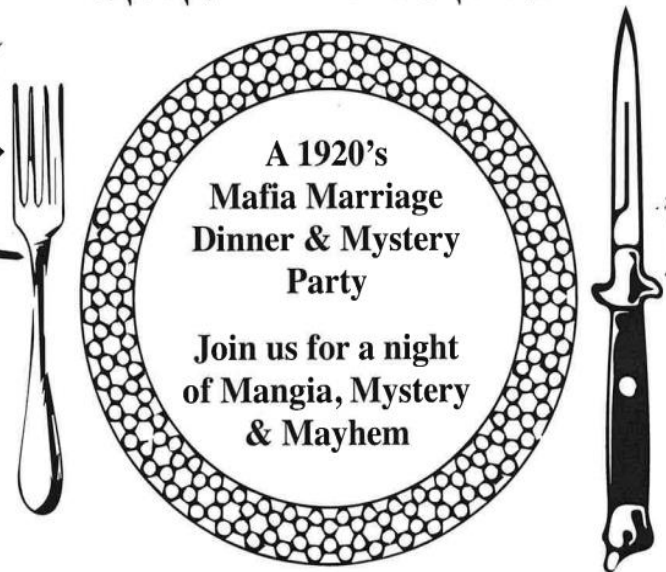
Mon, April 24, 2023, at 12 noon

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

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 5	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy- Sunday of the Prodigal Son Sunday School
Fri	Mar 10	Armenian School, Lenten Service & Lecture 7:30pm
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

Last Gospel:
Luke 12:32-40

*~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

