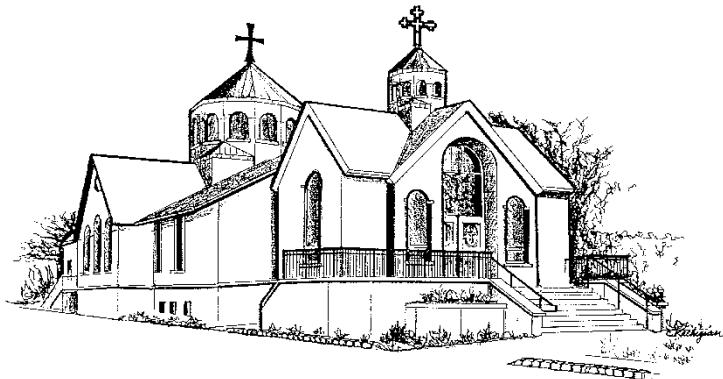


ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
Sunday of the World Church
May 1, 2022

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Acts 9:23-31

I Peter 2:1-10

Gospel of John 2:23-3:12

“Krisdos haryav ee merelots!” –

“Orhnyal é harootyunun Krisdosi!”

“Christ is Resurrected from the Dead!.” -

“Blessed is the Resurrection of Christ!”

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“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



Kiss of Peace- 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 to be placed on a rotating list.

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.

Coffee Hospitality: Today’s hospitality is hosted by our Women’s Guild. Please join us in Abajian Hall after church services.

Church Etiquette

Reverence Required ~ Please refrain from entering the pews when the following parts of the Divine Liturgy (Soorp Badarak) is taking place (see below). You may stand in the back of the church until these parts have ended. The parish council will be happy to assist you.

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*.



Armenian School:

Packages of lahmajun will be available for purchase at Abajian Hall, after 12 noon today.

St. Leon's Social Club: Seniors have much to offer, wisdom, experience, and time! Our Social Club meets every Wednesday, 11:30am-3:00pm at the community center. You can play cards, backgammon, board games of your choice, or just enjoy a cup of coffee! We encourage you to bring a friend and spend an afternoon together! Donation is \$3. Hope to see you there this week.

HOKEHANKISD

† Gary E. Bashian & family, E. Paul Bashian & family, Janet Perlstein & family, Nancy Bunin & family request Hokehankisd for the soul of Araxi A. Bashian, *loving mother, grandmother, & great-grandmother* on the **4th year** of her passing into eternal rest and for the soul of Edward G. Bashian, *loving father, grandfather, & great-grandfather* on the **15th year** of his 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.

† Mrs. Sona Damergy, and Anthony & Melanie Paxinopoulos, Sophia & Nikoletta, and Seth & Megan Damergy, Zachary & Alexis and Carl & Anahit Goshgarian, request Hokehankisd for the soul of John R. Damergy, *loving husband, father, grandfather* on the **1st 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 one.

† Maida & Arda Garabedian, Viken, Taleen, & Arden Banelian request Hokehankisd for the soul of Arka Garabedian, *loving husband, father, grandfather* on the **7th 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 one.

† Marie-rose Arakelian requests Hokehankisd for the soul of Arka Garabedian, *loving uncle* on the **7th 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 one.

† Sandi & Kelly Kademian request Hokehankisd for the soul of James Kademian, *loving husband, father, brother*, on 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.

† Mrs. Anais Kradjian, Dr. & Mrs. Kirk Tchorbajian & Family, Ms. Diane Haroutunian & Family, Mr. & Mrs. Jason

Stephans & Family, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kradjian & Family, request Hokehankisd for the soul of Hagop Kradjian, *loving husband, father, & grandfather* on the **5th 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 one.

Hokehankisd Deadline: Please note that Hokehankisd requests must be received by **3pm, 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 *Glenn Ajamian, James Azarian, Mosses Bairamian, Hana Botie, Zoe Brooks, Frank Cornawchiulo, Jerry DiSant, Lynne Ford, Julie Frattarola, Ruben Grigoryants, John Hallak, Ryan Hallak, Varoujan Harutunian, Barbara Hovsepian, Silva Jinivizian, Robert John Karanfilian III, Brandon Katz, Mary Ann Kral, Annette Kouchshirin, Jim & Wendy Lathey, Carmelina Mancini, Sebuh 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”.

John 2:23-3:12

Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs which he did; 24 but Jesus did not trust himself to them, 25 because he knew all men and needed no one to bear witness of man; for he himself knew what was in man. 1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him." 3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.' 8 The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know whence it comes or whither it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." 9 Nicodemus said to him, "How can this be?" 10 Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand this? 11 Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen; but you do not receive our testimony. 12)



World Church

According to the Armenian Church calendar, the second Sunday following Zadeeg is designated as “Sunday of the World Church” (Աշխարհամատրամ Կիրակի). Although little is definitively known about the origin of this feast day, or why it is referred to as “Green Sunday” (Կանաչ Կիրակի), is there still something it can say to the Armenian Church today?

What we do know about this particular day can be derived from the *sharagan* of the day which contains the theme of blessing or consecrating a chapel (possibly a commemoration of some historic church dedication, most likely located in Jerusalem). In fact, a more accurate translation of the feast day is, “Sunday of the World Chapel” implying the physical building of a church (մատուռ), rather than the word for Church (Եելեւեցի), which refers to the community of believers.

An excerpt of the hymn sung during Առավուտեան ժամ (Morning Office) tells us what Armenian Christians believe the Church to be, which *includes* the building:

Having become your disciples by the holy apostles, we learned to glorify you in the temple of your holiness, which you founded upon the rock of faith, Lord, God of our Fathers. Come, people of the nations, let us joyfully celebrate the inauguration/dedication of the holy church, praising the Lord God of our Fathers. Together with the bodiless multitudes, all nations forever praise and highly exalt Christ the King who comes today into the holy church. Come into the church, people whose faith is in the Holy Trinity. Praise God. Joyfully celebrate to the edges of the table, and highly exalt him forever.

(*trans. Bp. Daniel Findikyan*)

Having been consecrated as a house of worship and prayer, every church building is a sacred space that resembles and recalls the holiness of heaven itself, in some cases the universe. It is where the faithful gather as the Body of Christ, where the richest and deepest mysteries of the Church are revealed and celebrated. The architecture is theologically meaningful as a brick-and-mortar icon of the presence of Jesus Christ, and our being grafted into him through baptism. As Peter writes to the Church in his first epistle (2:5),

Like living stones, you are being built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

What does it mean, or look like, to be a living stone? Baptized into the Church, the Body of Christ, we all have a *priestly* ministry to the whole world:

to give thanks to God for offering himself to us, and to offer ourselves back to him, to see the world as God sees it, and to offer *the world* the same eternal life that God gave us. Rather than *having* a mission, the Church *is* a mission, a mission to *the world*. It is one of reaching out and inviting others, everyone – from those already baptized into our family to those who never heard – into communion with Jesus Christ in whom there is healing and peace.

And the healing that we long for as an Armenian people still suffering from ancient and contemporary wounds inflicted upon us by the world, will be found when we forgive and then share God's love, forgiveness, and healing with others, when we allow God to raise us up, as a people, as the Church to recognize and stand for those in need of his justice and healing in the world, just as Christ has demonstrated his love to us.

The universal Church, which includes the Armenian Church, is the voice of hope and the hands of healing in the world, and our nourishment to carry out our mission to the world finds its source in Holy Badarak. Before distributing Christ's Body and Blood, the priest prays: Տպաւորեա՞ ի մԵզ...

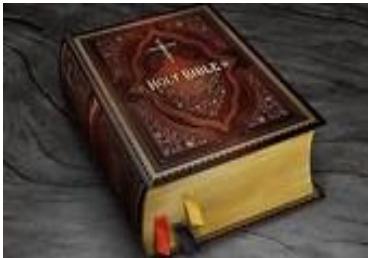
Imprint upon us the grace of your Holy Spirit as you did on the holy apostles, who ate this meal and became the ones to *clean the whole world*.

After sharing Holy Communion, the people sing together, proclaiming that our celebration of Holy Badarak is for salvation, not just for us as Christian Armenians, but for the whole world: Գնհւասավ զՊէլ ՏԵ՛...

We thank you, Lord, for you have fed us at your immortal table, serving your Body and Blood for *the salvation of the world* and as life for ourselves.

Who else will be Jesus to the rejected of society if not the Church, if not the Armenian Church? Let's not wait for others to do that kind of ministry because they might be better at it and have more experience, because we have other issues of importance to which we are required to attend. The world is waiting for hope, a hope that lasts – the exact hope that the Armenian Church has to offer, with the Cross perched on top of the *kmpet* (կլպէթ) casting its shadow over the world, the symbol for which our church buildings now stand, and have firmly stood over the centuries weathering every attack, pandemic, and evil thrust upon her.

(Information copied from Vemkar website, please visit for more information online)



BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday, May 11, 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 7 “Impending Disaster”

Chapter 8 “Abominations in the Temple”

Chapter 9 “The Slaughter of the Idolaters”

This book is full of strange imagery that is thought provoking. Ezekiel is a 25 year old priest in Jerusalem when Babylonian soldiers arrive to suppress a rebellion there. They take Ezekiel away as a hostage. He has prophetic visions of God which are viewed as a metaphor. In a vision of the throne room of God, the prophet Ezekiel reports seeing humanoid creatures, each with four faces, four wings, human- hands and calf-like hooves. This is part of Ezekiel’s visions of prophecy. Ezekiel tells about the most famous vision: His spirit is transported to a valley filled with the scattered bones of human beings. Right before his eyes, these bones begin to rattle, snapping together to form skeletons. Muscles and skin then erupt onto the bones, quickly spreading and covering them to form lifeless corpses. Finally a wind begins to blow to blow, breathing into the bodies the breath of life. This, God promises, is what he will do for Israel, destroyed by Babylon. Ezekiel perseveres in prophesying to the Israelites to renounce idolatry and return to God. As a nation, the Israelites will be resurrected. We see very powerful insights about God. He would rather forgive then punish. God will never give up trying to bring back the Israelites into a covenant with Him.



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Please provide name of guests with payment

An entire table may be reserved by providing names
with payment for 12 guests; NO REFUNDS



SATURDAY
May 7

7 PM TO MIDNIGHT

12-61 SADDLE RIVER ROAD, FAIR LAWN, NJ

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IN KEEPING WITH OUR DUTY OF CARE, SAFETY PRECAUTIONS MAY BE UPDATED.

Annual St. Leon Armenian Church Picnic



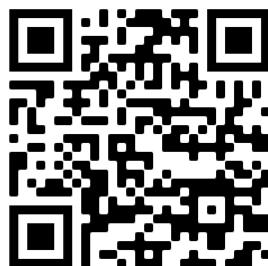
Sunday,
June 5, 2022
12:30p.m. to
4:30p.m.
Rain or Shine

Bring your
family,
friends and
appetites for
great
Armenian
food, music and
community.



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is a success? Become a sponsor!

Visit the following URL
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Volunteers needed, please contact Lynn Markarian
(lynn.markarian@gmail.com)

For more information call 201-791-2862

Dear St. Leon Church Parishioners and Friends:

We are very pleased to host our long running annual St. Leon Church Picnic on **Sunday, June 5, 2022** immediately following church services. We invite you to come and enjoy delicious kebab, bulghur pilaf, desserts and more all made with care by our talented volunteers. And as always, there will be music!

While we are fortunate to receive donations of many of the ingredients and supplies required for the picnic, the church must still make a significant financial investment in order to ensure we can host an enjoyable picnic for all. It's financial donations from our generous sponsors that make this possible.

Please consider becoming a sponsor this year to help keep this wonderful tradition going. Visit <http://bit.ly/StLeonPicnic> to make an online payment or use the attached sponsorship form to mail in your pledge of support. We look forward to hearing from you; with your support we make the St. Leon Church Picnic better each year! If you have any questions call the church office or **Haig Buchakjian at 201-317-8619.**

***Not able to make a financial contribution?
We need volunteers too!***

So many members of our community come together each year to make the picnic the wonderful event we have come to enjoy from planning committee volunteers to our beloved Women's Guild who spend hours preparing our favorite foods for the big day to the many volunteers who come out the weekend of the picnic to setup, grill, man registers, serve meals, work in the kitchen and clean up. We are truly blessed to have such dedicated people in our church family working for the benefit of our parish and we'd love for you to become a part of the team. If you are not sure where your talents can be best used, we are certain we have a perfect spot for you! Please contact Lynn Markarian (lynn.markarian@gmail.com).

Picnic Sponsorship Form

(Detach the section below and mail to our church office at **12-61 Saddle River Road, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410**, along with your payment)

Yes, I would like to be a Picnic Sponsor for the 2022 Annual St. Leon Armenian Church Picnic.

\$50 pledge \$100 pledge \$250 pledge

\$500.00 pledge

\$_____ Other pledge amount

Please write “Picnic Sponsor” in the memo portion of your check

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Sun | May 1 | Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School |
| Fri | May 6 | Armenian School |
| Sat | May 7 | Spring Soiree |
| Sun | May 8 | Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School, Mother's Day |
| Fri | May 13 | Armenian School |
| Sun | May 15 | Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School |
| Fri | May 20 | Armenian School |
| Sun | May 22 | Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School |

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 Holy Cross – September 11, 2022

