

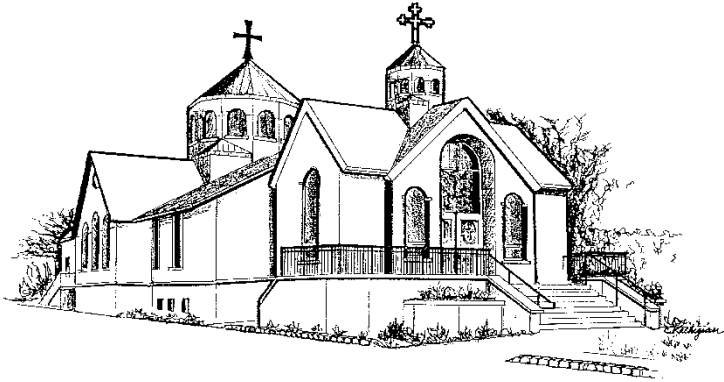
ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Second Palm Sunday

May 29, 2022

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Acts 23:12-35

I John 5:13-21

Gospel of John 12:12-23

“Krisdos haryav ee merelots!” –

“Orhnyal é harootyunun Krisdosi!”

“Christ is Resurrected from the Dead!” -

“Blessed is the Resurrection of Christ!”

Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian
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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. Thank you.

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.

Armenian School:
All inquiries about upcoming purchase opportunities for *sujuk*, & *lahmajun* can be forwarded to **Nora Balekji at 973-513-2507** (sorry, no baghaj until further notice).

Church Etiquette

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



Today's altar flowers are donated in honor of Chelsea Kress & John Recinello's Wedding.



Coffee Hospitality:

Today's hospitality is hosted by our *Armenian School*. Please join us in Abajian Hall after church services.

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!



A Message from Fr. Mesrop

Parsamyan

***Primate of the Eastern Diocese of
the Armenian Church of America***

Yesterday, evil manifested itself again in our national life: another lone gunman, another unfathomable motivation, another atrocity to chill the heart. This time, the scene was an elementary school in southern Texas; the victims, nineteen innocent children, and two teachers.

The grief unleashed by this atrocity can hardly be imagined. The parents, the survivors, will carry emotional and spiritual burdens for the rest of their days, and we pray they will eventually receive a measure of peace from our merciful God.

In the face of such motiveless evil, such contempt for human life, we must draw wisdom from the deep lessons of our heritage. As Armenian Christians, we know—from experience—that Evil is abroad among us; that this world is a veil of tears. We believe that to save His children, God sent His only Son to live among us and suffer the ills of this world. That Son, Jesus Christ, triumphed over evil, sin, and death—and shares his triumph with everyone willing to grasp his rescuing hand in faith and love.

Beyond that supreme truth, there are no words of consolation to offer in the face of such a dreadful injustice—except for the assurance that our risen Lord knows the sufferings of his sweet children, and will remember them when he establishes his kingdom, where true peace and justice will finally prevail.

It is to him we pray—today and in the days to come—for the souls of the departed, and for an end to the afflictions tormenting our world. In the immortal words of our liturgy: *Ungal, getso, yev voghormya Der*; Receive our prayers, save your people, and have mercy, O Lord.

~ Please share the prayer below with our faithful in the days to come.

A Prayer for the Massacred Innocents of Uvalde, Texas

O Christ our Lord: You are the hope and consolation of the broken-hearted. We invoke your name during these difficult days for our nation, as we witness the aftermath of yet another mass shooting. With heavy hearts and troubled minds, Lord, we come to you seeking divine guidance, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

Let your mercy embrace all of the innocent victims of the devastating shooting in Uvalde, Texas; through our prayers, lift up the grief-stricken parents who lost their sweet children and loved ones in this outrage.

Remember, as our loving Creator, the nineteen innocent children and two adults whose lives were taken in a senseless, malicious act. Usher their souls into your Kingdom, to find eternal rest in your presence. Let the bereaved families find relief from the unbearable pain of their ordeal, through the mysterious, healing grace of the Holy Spirit.

We implore you, O God, to bring the light of your counsel to our nation at this time. We pray that you will inspire our lawmakers to address the relevant issues—involving the use and abuse of weapons, the treatment of mental illness, and public safety and protection, among others—in serious, sensible, and practical ways, and not in the cynical, self-serving manner to which we have become sadly accustomed.

At the same time, we are aware that no merely human solution can address the existence of evil in this world. Only *you*, Heavenly Father, through the redeeming sacrifice of your Son, Jesus, can fully address that reality. And so we place our trust in you alone, Lord. Only in you will we find true safety, true justice, true peace that passes all human understanding.

United in this humble prayer, we ask for your blessing, and offer glory to you as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages and ages. Amen.



HOKEHANKISD



Anthony Hazarian requests Hokehankisd for the soul of

Nazik Bogos Haragoz, *loving mother, grandmother, & great-grandmother* and for the soul of **Kevork Hazarian**, *loving father* and also for the souls of all other loving deceased

Hazarian Family Members who have passed into eternal rest.

He further requests Hokehankisd for the soul of **Anahid Hazarian**, *loving sister* and for the soul of **Hamaz Beyleryan**, *loving uncle* who have also passed into eternal rest.

He also requests Hokehankisd for the souls of

Meline Hazarian & Hatchig Hazarian & Nuran Beyleryan *loving cousins* and for the soul of his *best friend*, **Harutyun Ansir** and the entire loving deceased **Ansir Family Members** who have passed into eternal rest. He has donated toward altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of his loved ones.

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. Thank you.





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, Silva Jinivizian, Robert John Karanfilian III, Brandon Katz, Mary Ann Kral, Annette Kouchshirin, Jim & Wendy Lathey, Carmelina Mancini, Bill Manookian, 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”



BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday June 8th, 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 19 “Israel Degraded”

Chapter 20 “Israel’s Continuing Rebellion”

Chapter 21 “The Drawn Sword of God”

Chapters 14-18 begin by focusing on Idolatry which was the standard method of religion in ancient times. Ancient peoples believed that any depiction of a thing somehow partook of the essence of that thing, no matter how crude or artificial the depiction might be. A picture of a tree contained part of the essence of the tree; a statue of a god contained part of the essence of that god. Where that statue was, the god was of necessity at least partly present. Anything offered to a god’s statue was offered directly to the god. Israel is often compared to a grapevine in the Old Testament. It is likely that the Israelites of Ezekiel’s day were accustomed to this comparison and that other prophets had used it in their hearing. Grapevines grow rather well in the climate and terrain of the land of Canaan, and wine became a major domestic and export product in ancient Israel. But, as Jesus later reminded his hearers (John 15:6), the only good thing about a grapevine is its grapes. We see the allegory of prostitution (harlotry) which is the most frequent metaphor in the allegory, and by it Jerusalem’s unfaithfulness to the Lord is compared to a prostitute’s unfaithfulness, which is of course, occurs repeatedly and over a long term. We see the emphasis on a positive note of hope and forgiveness for the nation of Israel. A significant contribution of the Book of Ezekiel to biblical theology is clear, which is extensive teaching about individual responsibility, the fact that people are fully responsible before God for their own actions and not punished for the sins of others.



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Ի՞նչ կը մտածէ Սփիւռքը

What does the Diaspora think?

Հայկական Սփիւռքի Հարցախոյզը (ՀՄՀ) աշխարհի տարբեր երկիրներու մէջ հայկական համայնքներու հասարակական կարծիքը ուսումնասիրող գիտահետազոտական աշխատանք մըն է որու նպատակն է ներկայացնել այն հարցերը, դիրքորոշումները եւ հակումները որոնք կը ձեւաւորեն 21-րդ դարու հայկական աշխարհը:

Ակադեմական փորձագետներու եւ մասնագետներու խմբակի մը առաջնորդութեամբ, ՀՄՀ-ը կը փորձէ ներկայացնել սփիւռքի արդի պատկեր մը: Այս ծրագիրը կու գայ ամբողջացնելու սփիւռքագիտութեան հիմնական պակաս մը եւ կը տրամադրէ սփիւռքեան կեանքին վերաբերող այլազան եւ բազմաշերտ հասկացողութիւն մը:

ՀՄՀ-ը կը գործէ Լոնտոնի Հայկական Հիմնարկի հովանաւորութեամբ եւ Գալուստ Կիւպէնկեան Հիմնարկութեան նիւթական աջակցութեամբ:

Այս տարի հարցախոյզը **Միացեալ Նահանգներու եւ Օնթարիո, Գանատայի** համայնքներուն մէջ պիտի կատարուի:

Մեկնարկը **6 Մայիսին** է եւ կաւարտի 29 Յուլիս 2022-ին:

Ձեր տեսակէտն ու կարծիքը կարեւոր են:

Հարցախոյզը կրնաք լրացնել առցանց այցելելով՝ www.armeniadiasporasurvey.com

The Armenian Diaspora Survey (ADS) is a research project on public opinion in Armenian diaspora communities around the world, to inform the public, scholars, policy-makers and community leaders about the issues, attitudes and trends shaping the Armenian world in the 21st century.

Led by a team of academics, researchers and experts, the ADS aims to provide a snapshot of the contemporary Diaspora. The project fills a critical gap in the knowledge of the Diaspora and provides evidence-based understanding of the multilayered and diverse aspects of diasporic life.

ADS is funded by the Armenian Communities Department of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation and carried out under the auspices of the Armenian Institute in London.

This year, the survey will be held in the Armenian communities in **the United States and Ontario, Canada.**

The survey will be launched on **May 6** and close on July 29, 2022.

Your views and opinion matter.

Complete the questionnaire online: www.armeniadiasporasurvey.com

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May 6, 2022



July 29, 2022

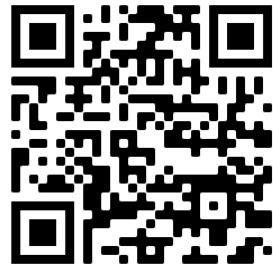
Annual St. Leon

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.



Want to help make sure the picnic
is a success? Become a sponsor!

Visit the following URL

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the QR code with your smartphone

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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SESSION B: JULY 17 - JULY 30

SESSION C: JULY 31 - AUGUST 13

Questions? ✉ KathrynA@armenlandiocese.org ☎ 215-452-8322

REGISTER ONLINE: DiocesanSummerCamps.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	May 29	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, NO Sunday School,
Sun	Jun 5	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Pentecost, Sunday School Awards, Annual Picnic
Fri	Jun 10	Armenian School Commencement
Sun	Jun 12	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy
Sun	Jun 19	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Father's Day
Sun	Jun 26	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy

Last Gospel is
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, 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

