ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

November 24, 2019
First Sunday of Advent

Morning Service 9:00 AM  Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Readings from the Holy Scripture
Is 36:1-9
Thes 1:1-10

God so loved the world that he gave his only 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

Sr. Dns, Dr. Berdj Feredjian,
Diran Jebejian, Hrach Kasaryan, Nubar Kasaryan,
Sebuh Oscherician, Sarkis Pilavdjian
Subdns. Paul Chamesian, Gregory Kazanjian, Vahe Kiljian

CHOIR MASTER
George Paroonagian

PRINCIPAL ORGANIST
Sirvard Galstian

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

We welcome Rev. Fr. Armash Bagdasharian who is our guest celebrant.
Fr. Armash was ordained on July 24, 2016 at St. Vartan Cathedral and is
now serving at St. John’s Cathedral as assistant pastor.

There will be a second plate collection at the direction of Diocesan
Primate Bishop Daniel Findikyan, all parishes in the Eastern Diocese
will conduct a special plate collection this Sunday to benefit the relief
and repair efforts of the Mekhitarist Monastery.

HOKEHANKISD

†Harry Ashbahian, Thomas and Carol Ashbahian & Family,
Gregory & Janet Ashbahian & Family, Jill Ashbahian & Family
and Cynthia Gendjoian & Family request Hokehankisd for the soul
of Irene Ashbahian, loving husband, mother, grandmother and
great-grandmother on the 40th day of her passing into eternal
rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and request
the Altar Candles be lit in her memory.

†John and Vivian Hovsepian request Hokehankisd for the soul of
their beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother,
Diramayr Ovsanna Hovsepian, on the occasion of her 22nd year
of passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the
Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in her memory.
The Vezirian, Carmichael, Hovsepian and de los Reyes Families request Hokehankisd for the soul of their beloved father, grandfather, brother and uncle, **Richard Mark Vezirian**, on the occasion of his 17th year of passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in his memory.

The Barsamian Family, The Arslan Family, The Ezik Family request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Ohannes Barsamian, Diramayr Barsamian, Khachig Arslan, Egsa Arslan, Minas Mor, Marisa Ezik, Nivart Ezik and Cercis Ezik** of their passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in their memory.

Rev. Fr. Armash & Yn. Maran Baran Bagdasarian request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Akitasdelen Family, Bagdasarian Family, Bagdat Family, Berberoglu Family, Ezik Family, Kucukyan Family** of their passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in their memory.

Virginia Cherishian, Valenti Family, Lessersohn Family, Joanne Cherishian & Garlick Family request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Stephen Cherishian**, loving husband, father & grandfather on the 4th year of his passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in his memory.

Murad Civanian requests Hokehankisd for the soul of **Aram Civanian**, loving father on the 20th year of his passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in his memory.
Robert & Beth Doramajian, Perry and Vicky Sarkisian, Robert & Beth Sarkisian, Edward and Jodi Sarkisian and Richard Sarkisian and their Families request Hokehankisd for the soul of their loving parents Rena Sarkisian on the 35th year and Arthur Sarkisian on the 10th year and Bedros & Eliabeth Condatzi and Kirkor & Perouz Sarkisian loving grandparents of their passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in their memory.

Bonjuklian Family request Hokehankisd for the soul of Senekerim Bonjuklian, loving husband, father and grandfather of his passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in his memory.

Mariam Hayrabedian, Christopher & Annie Havatian & Family, Khatchig Hayrabedian request Hokehankisd for the soul of Panos Hayrabedian, loving husband, father & grandfather on the 4th year of his passing into eternal rest. The Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in his memory.

Adrienne, Gregory, Brett, Jilda, Grant, Ashley Tenbekjian and grandchildren request Hokehankisd for the soul of Helen Manookian loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother on the 20th year of her passing into eternal rest and for the soul of the departed members of the Mardirosian Family. The Family has donated toward Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in their memory.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Remember in your prayers and ask for the recovery of Annette Kouchshirin, Mary Ellen Sebelle, Karen Weidner, John Damergy, Brandon Katz, George Ghazarian Jr., Robert Foronjy, Jim & Wendy Lathey, Aram & Mary Varteressian, Dan Patoyia (Moynihan), Juliette Haddad, James Azarian, Varoujan Harutunian
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”

Rev. Fr. Armash Bagdasarian was born in Istanbul, Turkey, with the baptismal name Vahe. At a very young age he began serving the Armenian Church as an altar boy and choir member. He received his early education in local schools, including the Ozel Icik Lyceum High School and Old and New Testament studies at the All Saints Presbyterian Church (under the auspices of the Armenian Patriarchate of Constantinople). He was ordained at St. Vartan Cathedral in July 2016 and now serving at St. John Cathedral in Detroit.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE:
Father Diran and the Parish Council sincerely request that parishioners respond to the following, so that our beloved Church may function in a more orderly and respectful manner:

Altar Candles ~ Please note, according to Armenian Church tradition, all Altar Candles must be lit before the beginning of Badarak. Those desiring to light candles in memory of loved ones or friends are requested to notify the Church Office in advance by noon of Wednesday preceding the Sunday of remembrance.

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.

**DRESS CODE FOR CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL**

As we worship in our beloved Armenian Church on Sundays and attend Sunday School, let us be mindful that we are in God’s House. Since we are in God’s House, it is important that we dress appropriately. The attire (clothing) we wear on Sundays should be in good taste; therefore, any transparent clothes, shorts and skirts with length above the knees, halter and tank tops, spaghetti straps, jeans, etc, should be avoided. Bare shoulders should be covered with a shawl.

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One of the most meaningful holidays of the year is on the horizon: Thanksgiving Day. It’s a uniquely American holiday—in which our whole country sets time aside to express thanks for the bounties of God.

But the idea of thanking God over a family meal is hardly foreign to Armenians. In the Armenian Church, the spirit of Thanksgiving flows through every prayer, through every celebration of the Holy Badarak. It’s something we offer every Sunday, through the Eucharist—a Greek word that actually means “thanksgiving.”

Above all, a spirit of gratitude is one of our points of contact with Jesus Christ: an attitude he exemplified in his earthly ministry, and urged his followers to embrace.  

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

eNewsletter of Eastern Diocese
KIDNEY DONOR REQUESTS

Robert Ross is one of our St. Leon Parishioners and is in need of a kidney transplant. Please call Marlene Ross for further information (201-410-5840). Any donation of a kidney match or otherwise elevates the patient to the top of the list.

Sebuh Oscherician is one of our St. Leon Parishioners and Deacon and is in need of a kidney transplant. Please call Rita Oscherician for further information (201-417-7145). Any donation of a kidney match or otherwise elevates the patient to the top of the list.

ST. LEON SOCIAL CLUB. Seniors have much to offer - our wisdom, our experience and our time. St. Leon Social Club meets every Wednesday from 11:00-4:00 PM. Donation $4 coffee and dessert. Bring a sandwich, lunch is at 12:00 noon. There are card games, backgammon, bring a board game or just sit around and have coffee and dessert. Bring a friend and enjoy the afternoon.

GIVING TREE /STAR OF HOPE Star of Hope Ministries Christmas Joy Shoppe will serve 5000 children this season. This effort will be accomplished because of Star of Hope’s partnership with many churches, businesses and organizations of Greater Paterson and surrounding areas. Simply purchase a toy that is $20.00 or less and place it in the Joy Box. (THE JOY BOX WILL BE HERE IN A FEW WEEKS) *Balls, games, black and ethnic dolls, scarves, hats and gloves are appreciated the most. Toys must be unwrapped. No guns or gifts that encourage violence please.
BIBLE STUDY  Wednesday Night – December 11, 2019
TIME:  7:30-9:00 PM.  Come join us as we continue our study of Book of Proverbs

Chapter 5 “Warning against Impurity and Infidelity”
Chapter 6 “Practical Admonitions”
Chapter 7 “The False Attractions of Adultery”

General introduction to the Book of Proverbs: the Wisdom we will be contemplating in our next Bible study meetings is unlike the fruit of human reasoning, which often declares good what is evil, light what is darkness, sweet what is bitter (See Isaiah 5, 20).

This Wisdom has a spiritual nature, by grace of which we become filled with eternal knowledge and become capable of acting in accordance with the mind of God; we become capable of understanding the way God understands, we start seeing things as God sees them, we begin to love as God loves.

With this Wisdom we bear forth good fruits as defined by the Apostle Paul (Col 1, 9-10); that is with this Wisdom we meet our Creator and recognize Him as our Lord. This Wisdom is the confluence where human reason and its original divine source mirror each other faithfully.

HOLIDAY FOOD SALES

St. Leon is selling frozen foods for the Holiday’s

Lamb Shish Kabob  $25.00  package of 4 skewers
Keufta          $25.00  package of 6
Cheese Borag    $15.00  package of 6
Chorag          $13.00  package of 12
Filo Dough      $2.00  1 lb package
A CONCERT CELEBRATING
THE 150th ANNIVERSARY
OF THE HOLY FATHER OF
ARMENIAN MUSIC

ETERNAL GLORY
GOMIDAS VARTABED

ST. VARTAN ARMENIAN CATHEDRAL • 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 7:30 PM

Under the auspices of the Diocesan Primate
HIS GRACE BISHOP DANIEL

Featuring THE GOMIDAS CHOIR
KRIS D. KALFAYAN, musical director

SPECIAL GUESTS:
Composer/pianist JOEL A. MARTIN
("Jazzical Gomidas")
The New Docta String Ensemble

Tickets: $40 reserved | $30 general admission
For information contact gomidaschoir@gmail.com
Hilda (318) 496-0248 | Talar (201) 289-1995 | Anoush (646) 259-5290
# ACSA Basketball

## 2019 - 2020

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**Note to all players and coaches:** Please arrive at least 30 minutes before game time.

8cores, standings and information at www.acsasports.org

www.facebook.com/acsabasketball

www.instagram.com/acsa_basketball
St. Leon Armenian Church
Blood Drive

Sunday, December 8, 2019
9:00-1:00 PM
12-61 Saddle River Road
Fair Lawn NJ

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call
Mrs. Joyce Ishkanian 201-652-8762 or email Ish011@hotmail.com

Donor Guidelines:
Weigh at least 110 lbs
Eat before donation
Bring ID
16 and 17 year old need written parental consent

Community Blood Services
CELEBRATE ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS
AT ST. LEON

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2020, 7PM TO MIDNIGHT
12-61 SADDLE RIVER ROAD, FAIR LAWN, NJ

$55 ADULTS
$25 FOR STUDENTS 22 AND YOUNGER
MEZZE INCLUDED CASH BAR

Mail checks to: Linda Araz Berenson
831 Mountain Avenue, Wyckoff, NJ 07481

FOR INFORMATION
EMAIL PREFERRED: berensonl@aol.com | 201.805.4743
Reservations accepted with full payment to
ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH.
Please provide name of guests with payment.
An entire table may be reserved by providing names
with payment for 12 guests. NO REFUNDS

ONNIK DINKJIAN
FEATURING
MAL BARSAMIAN
ARA DINKJIAN
JIM KZIRIAN
RAFFI MASSOYAN
ST. LEON SUNDAY SCHOOL
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
PAGEANT
SUNDAY
DECEMBER 15, 2019
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING BADARAK

A LIGHT LUNCHEON BUFFET
WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE
PROGRAM
ADULTS: $10    STUDENTS: $5
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We are again offering the opportunity of sending greetings to your fellow Parishioners through a special St. Leon Christmas Greeting Card.

Please complete this form and return it to the Church Office. (Please mail by Sunday, December 15, 2019). The card will appear in the January Bulletin & January Lradoo.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS:
DONATION: ____________
PLEASE PRINT
Name ____________________________________________
Address ____________________________________________

POINSETTIA’S FOR THE HOLY ALTAR

The Poinsettias that decorate the Altar during the Christmas season, please complete the form below and return it with your check, to the Church Office. (Please mail by Sunday, December 15, 2019)

The list will appear in the January Bulletin & January Lradoo.

POINSETTIA’S FOR THE ALTAR
DONATION: ____________
PLEASE PRINT
Name ____________________________________________
Address ____________________________________________
Telephone _________________________________________
In Memory of ______________________________________
In Honor of ____________
Mekhitarist Monastery Damaged in Flood

The Italian city of Venice suffered a near-record tide last week, with flood waters peaking at more than six feet above the benchmark level—the highest in 50 years—thereby posing a threat to the city’s famous Renaissance architecture. Among the structures suffering damage in the flood was the Armenian Catholic monastery on the Island of San Lazzaro, home to the Mekhitarist congregation of monks.

According to monastery officials, the flood waters caused significant damage to the lower stories of the monastic complex, which were subjected to waves so strong that they broke the outer walls of the island. The upper floors remain intact, however, along with the valuable artifacts and volumes housed in them.

The Mekhitarist monastic brotherhood, founded in 1717 by Abbot Mekhitar of Sebastia, is one of the great historic centers of Armenian learning, universally admired for promoting and preserving the scholarly study of Armenian language and history.

With the flood waters now receding, the Mekhitarist brotherhood expressed gratitude to all Armenians who showed solidarity and support for the San Lazzaro monastery in its time of need. Repairing the damage will be a substantial undertaking, however, which will need to address strengthening the existing protections of the island against the expectation of high flood levels in the future.

At the direction of Diocesan Primate Bishop Daniel Findikyan, all parishes in the Eastern Diocese will conduct a special plate collection this Sunday to benefit the relief and repair efforts on San Lazzaro.
**COFFEE HOSPITALITY**  Everyone is invited to the Community Center immediately following worship services. Today’s Hospitality is given by the Sunday School.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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Last Gospel is Luke 12:32-40