

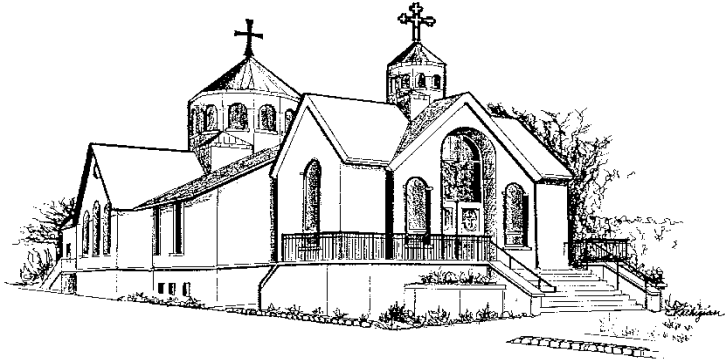
ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak

October 1, 2023

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Isaiah 65:22-25

Galatians 6:14-18

Matthew 24:30-36

“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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*Today's Celebrant is Rev. Fr. Bedros Kadehjian.
Fr. Diran is visiting our Sunday School.*



*By Order of our Primate a Special Prayer Service
will be conducted before the singing of Hayr Mer for
our brothers and sisters in Artsakh.*



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HOKEHANKISD

† Suzanne Ak, Robert, Gayane, & Kyle Ak, Caroline, Jacob, & Lucia Pfeuffer, Setrak Ak, Artin Ak, and Silva Yagan request Hokehankisd for the souls of **Murad Ak**, **Aram & Arsalus Ak**, **Arman Ak**, and **Arsalus Dadurian** 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.

† Lori, Jessica Arax, & James Vary Montgomery, request Hokehankisd for the souls of **Vary & Arax Aslanian**, *beloved parents, grandparents* 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.

† Linda Horn & family, Barbara Triozzi & family, request Hokehankisd for the souls of **Marion Kahaumjian**, *beloved mother* on the occasion of the 40th day (Karasonk) and for **Paul Kahaumjian**, *beloved father*, 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.

† Lori Horn & family request Hokehankisd for the souls of **Richard Tekirian**, **Mary Tekirian**, **Michael Tekirian**, and **George Tekirian** 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.

† The Zakian family requests Hokehankisd for the souls of **Beatrice Zakian Partikian**, on the occasion of her 1st year of passing into rest and for **Hagop Zekian** on his 9th 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 ones.

Hokehankisd Request Deadline:

All Hokehankisd requests must be submitted by **noon on Thursdays** so that it can be printed in that week's Sunday bulletin. Please be mindful that a standard word format is used to maintain non-preferential consistency in the allotted printing space. Be sure to include contact information when emailing or leaving a message with the church office with your submissions.

✝ 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 on 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.

(Kindly assist with updating the prayer list by notifying the church office of any changes).

Aleksan Aristakesian, Felicia Asomani, James Azarian, Mosses Bairamian, Hana Botie, Zoe Brooks, Frank Cornawchiulo, Jerry DiSanti, Mike Fenarjian, Julie Frattarola, Ruben Grigoryants, Varoujan Harutunian, Lusine Hovsepyan, Silva Jinivizian, Robert John Karanfilian III, Brandon Katz, Annette Kouchshirin, Jim & Wendy Lathey, Carmelina Mancini, Bill Manookian, Sebu Oscherician, Emily Ring, Michael Sakolsky, Melanie Sarkisian, Marie Tenguerian, Greg Tenbekjian, Clara Yeramian.

We commit our sick and shut-ins to our Heavenly Father who care and watches over all His children. ***"I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.***



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
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 and says,
“Love one another, because God is Love.”*

(“Seeretsek izmeemeyanis, 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

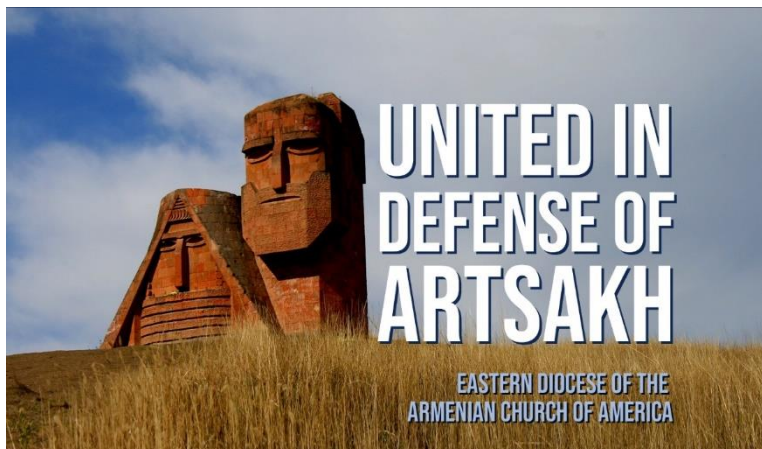
The Four Symbols of the Gospels...

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.



Artsakh Under Attack: A Message From Our Primate

Dear Friends:

We awoke this morning to news that weighs heavily on our hearts: Azerbaijan has launched large-scale military attacks against Artsakh. This has resulted in the shelling of peaceful communities, and even the targeting of Artsakh's capital city, Stepanakert.

In times like this, we turn to our faith for strength and guidance. The people of Artsakh, our brothers, and sisters, need our prayers now more than ever. As the Psalms assure us: "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those crushed in spirit" (Ps 34:18).

My friends, I urge you to take a moment today to pray for the safety and well-being of all affected. May God shield them in His grace, provide them with peace in this time of chaos, and guide those in positions of authority to a resolution that safeguards human dignity and life.

Let us stand united in prayer, asking for God's merciful intervention in this grave situation.

Prayerfully,
Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan, *Primate*



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Տեղի ունեցավ Գերագույն հոգևոր խորհրդի ժողով

Սեպտեմբերի 22-ին Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում, նախագահությամբ Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Բ Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսի, տեղի ունեցավ Գերագույն հոգևոր խորհրդի ժողով, որի ընթացքում քննության առնվեց ս. թ. հոկտեմբերի 1-ին Սրբալույս Մյուռոնի օրհնության արարողության անցկացման հարցը:

Նկատի առնելով Արցախի շուրջ ստեղծված ծանր իրավիճակը՝ որոշում կայացվեց հետաձգել Մյուռոնօրհները և հարակից միջոցառումները:

Որոշվեց նաև հոկտեմբերի 1-ը հռչակել Արցախի համար համազգային աղոթքի օր, որի առիթով Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում և Հայաստանի ու Սփյուռքի բոլոր եկեղեցիներում հավարտ Ս. Պատարագի կկատարվի աղոթքի հատուկ կարգ:





BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday, Oct.25, 2023.

TIME: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Call or e-mail Fr. Diran to receive a zoom invite to the Bible study group.

The Prayer of Manasseh

King Manasseh was one of the most wicked kings in all of history of Israel, if not the worst in all of Israel. He reinstated idol worship and restored polytheism. Manasseh prayed to God for mercy and repented. He died in 643 B.C. It combines well-known facts from the Old Testament and elements of Apocrypha. The prayer affirms that even the worst of offenders can find mercy and forgiveness with God.

Synoptic Gospels

While the entire Bible is inspired by God, He used human authors with different backgrounds and personalities to accomplish His purposes through their writing. Each of the gospel authors had a distinct purpose behind his gospel and in carrying out those purposes each emphasized different aspects of the person and ministry of Jesus Christ.

Our Visiting Celebrant.



Rev. Fr. Bedros Kadehjian's

baptismal name is Ara Papken Kadehjian. He was born in Englewood, NJ, and grew up in Queens, NY. He was baptized and later served at St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral in New York City. He was ordained by Archbishop Barsamian on April 3, 2005, at St. Vartan Cathedral, and given the priestly name Bedros.



Fr. Diran is beginning the Diocesan Scout Program on Saturday Mornings

The Program includes,

1. The Ararat Award for Cadette Girl Scouts & Senior Girl Scouts
2. The St. Gregory Award for Brownie Girl Scouts & Junior Girl Scouts
3. The Ararat Award for Boy Scouts
4. The St. Gregory Award for Cub Scouts.

Contact Der Hayr at the Church Office (201-791-2862) to schedule meeting times.



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.

Armenian School:

Pick up for all orders previously placed for lahmajun, sujuk, & baghaj, is today in Abajian Hall before 1pm, **today**. (Unclaimed items may be sold after 1pm, unless other arrangements have been made)

Contact Barbara Hovsepian at 551-206-6686 or bhovsepian@optonline.net

Sunday School:

Runs from 10am -12pm, PreK through 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 the upper level of our **Youth 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 ACYOA SRS.

Please join us after badarak, in Abajian Hall, for coffee & fellowship.

Please Note: All postings must be pre-approved by the church office. **All others will be removed.** No taping on glass or doors is permitted. *Sorry*, no personal business promotions. Consider instead, inquiring about advertisement opportunities in our *Lradoo*.

Lradoo & eLradoo

Parish Survey

We have launched a survey regarding preferences on the Lradoo and e-Lradoo. If you've already taken a few minutes to complete the survey, we thank you for your thoughts and participation.

We currently keep members of our community informed via our weekly eNewsletter as well as our bi-monthly print newsletter.

In an effort to streamline the dissemination of information, we are asking you for your opinion to let us know which one you'd prefer to receive moving forward. You may go to www.stleonsurvey.com to complete the form or if you prefer, contact Serda Belekdanian at 201-446-8006 or email her at serdab123@gmail.com with your preferences.

This is merely a survey and will help us better plan for any future decisions regarding our publications.

We thank you for your input.



**JOIN US IN WELCOMING THE NEWLY ORDAINED
BISHOP MESROP PARSAMYAN IN CELEBRATING HIS
FIRST EPISCOPAL DIVINE LITURGY**



Roundtrip Free Bus Transportation from
St. Leon to St. Vartan Cathedral

Pick Up:

**Saturday, October 14th 9:00 am sharp
St. Leon Armenian Church**

Bus will return back to St. Leon at approximately 3pm



Reservations are mandatory and will be taken on a first come
basis and limited to 55 passengers.

Please contact Serda Belekdanian at 201-446-8006
or email at serdab123@gmail.com to reserve.



Saint Leon Armenian Church

87th ANNUAL

FOOD & ARTS FESTIVAL



October 14th and 15th

Saturday 4 – 8 pm | Sunday 12 – 4 pm

Come and enjoy delicious Armenian foods, drink music and fellowship. Games & crafts for kids & our Country Store packed with all kinds of gifts & packaged items!

Once again this year, there are pre-packaged frozen food items available for pick-up during the Festival such as Manti, Tahin Hatz, Lahmahjun, Choreg & Tel Banir.



Whether you eat-in or take-out, we have something for you!

 facebook.com/stleonchurch

 instagram.com/stleonchurch

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH FOOD FESTIVAL RAFFLE

Sunday October 15, 2023



**Tickets are \$10 each
or Three (3) tickets for \$25.**

Drawing held at St. Leon Armenian Church during our Food Festival on Sunday at 3:00 PM.

To purchase tickets be on the lookout in your mail for the Saint Leon Food Festival/Raffle envelope or ask a Parish Council Member.

If you have any questions please contact Vicken Jessourian at 908-500-4670 or jessourian@comcast.net.

Fifty Percent (50%) of the total dollar amount collected will be distributed to the winners.
The prizes will be awarded as follows:

1st Prize	25.0%
2nd Prize	15.0%
3rd Prize	5.0%
4th Prize	3.0%
5th Prize	2.0%

Attendance is not required for eligibility



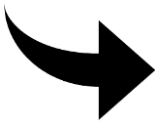


Holy Name Medical Center provides
**COMPLIMENTARY BLOOD PRESSURE
SCREENING at St. Leon**

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-



October 18, 2023
(Mark your calendars)

It's a walk-in service, no appointment needed.
Feel free to call the church office,
with any questions.
201-791-2862

Your heart will thank you!



Armenian Family Music and Poetry Afternoon

Sunday October 22 nd, 3 pm

St. Leon Armenian Church
12-61 Saddle River Rd. Fair Lawn, NJ



Artwork by Seda Melikyan

Please join us for a family gathering, where members of our community will come together and share their favorite Armenian poems, songs, music and dance in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. All ages and levels are welcome to share and enjoy our heritage and culture. Sponsored by St. Leon Armenian School. Microphones, and keyboard/piano will be provided. Please bring your own instruments.

\$10 donation to participate \$5 non participating visitors.
Cash or check written to St. Leon Armenian Church
Light refreshments to be served.

Advanced registration needed.
To sign up and for questions please call or email:
Tigranmikaelyan@yahoo.com Cell:347 513 6516

SAVE THE DATE!

**November 4, 2023: 12 VOCATIONS: THE ONGOING
PROMISE OF ST. NERSESS SEMINARY.**

Help us celebrate the vocations of the *next* 12 alumni priests and lay ministers who studied at St. Nersess and St. Vladimir's Seminaries. The celebratory gala dinner will be held at Macaluso's, Hawthorne, NJ. Details, booklet donations, and invitations can be found on www.stnersess.edu.

VOCATIONS

BROADENING THE CALL

THE ONGOING PROMISE OF ST. NERSESS SEMINARY

SATURDAY, NOV. 4, 2023

MACALUSO'S, HAWTHORNE, NEW JERSEY



St. Leon's Men's Fellowship

Presents

"Oktoberfest"

November 17, 2023, 7:00 p.m. at Abajian Hall

- Traditional German Oktoberfest dinner provided by Parkwood Catering of Midland Park
- Curated craft beers, brewed and presented by Hackensack Brewery
- \$70 per person (Tables of ten are highly recommended.)
- send checks, payable to "St. Leon's Men's Fellowship" to:

**Bob and Joyce Ishkanian
441 Glendale Road
Wyckoff, NJ 07481**

Please make sure to include your phone number on your check,
along with the names of tablemates, if any.

Reservations deadline is October 31.

Sorry, No walk-ins.



Please join us!

SAVE THE DATE!

Under the auspices of
His Grace, Bp. Mesrop Parsamyan, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern)



Christmas *at the* *Cathedral*

The Gomidas Choir

Kris D. Kalfayan, Musical Director
Art Terjanian, Organist

A musical celebration of Christmas and the
850th anniversary of Saint Nerses the Graceful

Friday, December 15, 2023
7:15 P.M.

Saint Vartan Cathedral, New York City



Order Tickets Here

gomidas-choir.ticketleap.com/christmas-at-the-cathedral/

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 paving 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 @ \$135.00

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: hyemom@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 the 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

*Applications will be supplied upon request.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Oct 1	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School	TODAY
Fri	Oct 6	Armenian School	
Sun	Oct 8	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School	
Mon	Oct 9	Church Office Closed	
Wed	Oct 11	Senior Social Club 11-3pm	
Fri	Oct 13	Armenian School	
Sat	Oct 14	Bus to Cathedral Annual Food Festival 4-8pm	
Sun	Oct 15	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School, Annual Food Festival 12-4pm	
Wed	Oct 18	Senior Social Club 11-3pm HNN Nurse visit 2-3pm	
Fri	Oct 20	Armenian School	
Sun	Oct 22	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School	
Tues	Oct 24	WG meeting, 6:30pm Abajian Hall	
Wed	Oct 25	Senior Social Club 11-3pm	
Fri	Oct 27	Armenian School	
Sun	Oct 29	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, 2024

Easter –March 31, 2024

Transfiguration – July 16, 2023

Assumption of the Virgin Mary – August 18, 2024

Exaltation of the Holy Cross – September 17, 2023

