

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday After Exaltation

October 15, 2023

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Isaiah 19:1-11
Galatians 2:1-10
Mark 12:35-44

“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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**Our Brothers & Sisters of
Artsakh Need Our Prayers**

Please keep our motherland in your prayers



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HOKEHANKISD

✝ Murad Civanian requests Hokehankisd for the soul of **Margaret Civanian**, *beloved mother* on passing into eternal rest. He has donated towards the altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of his loved one.

✝ The Kalbian and Moore families request Hokehankisd for the souls of **Armen & Matilde Kalbian**, **Krikor & Berjouhi Teshkoyan**, **Setrak & Ovsanna Kalbian** and **Richard Kalbian**. The family has donated towards the altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.

✝ Clara & Alex Ersoy request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Alice Bossbaly Maggiano** on recently 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.

✝ Nora Melkonyan, Haykanush Melkonyan, Irina Zargarian & family, Marianna Shisir & family, request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Razmik Melkonyan**, *beloved husband, father, and grandfather* 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 one.

✝ Mariam Oganisyan & children Lena, Garnik, Hasmik & their families, request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Andranik Oganisyan**, *beloved husband, father*, on the 10th anniversary 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.

✝ Avedis Ohannessian, Shant & Amanda Ohannessian & family, Aghavnie Ohannessian & family request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Guluzar Ohannessian**, *beloved mother, grandmother*, on the occasion of the 2nd 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 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, Sara Malajian, 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.



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ԱՄՆ Արևմտյան և Ֆրանսիայի
Հայոց թեմերի ուխտավորներին

Հոկտեմբերի 7-ին Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ծայրագույն Պատրիարք և Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում ընդունեց ԱՄՆ Արևմտյան և Ֆրանսիայի Հայոց թեմերի ուխտավորներին՝ ուղեկցությամբ Ֆրանսիայի Հայոց թեմի առաջնորդ Հոգեջնորհ Տ. Գրիգոր վարդապետ Խաչատրյանի:

Հոգեջնորհ Հայր Սուրբը, հայցելով Նորին Սրբության օրհնությունը, ներկայացրեց ուխտավորներին և ընդգծեց, որ հայրենիք են ժամանել նաև իրենց գորակցությունը բերելու հայ ժողովրդին այս ծանր օրերին:

Իր սերն ու օրհնությունը փոխանցելով հայորդիներին՝ Վեհափառ Հայրապետը կարևորեց աշխարհասփյուռ հայոց թեմերից հայորդիների ուխտավորաբար Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածին այցելությունները, հատկապես Հայաստանի համար այս դժվարին ժամանակաշրջանում, ինչը հնարավորություն է ընձեռնում նրանց հաղորդ դառնալու Հայրենիքում առկա մարտահրավերներին և բռնի տեղահանված արցախահայության խնդիրներին:

Հանդիպմանը Հայոց Հովվապետն անդրադարձավ հայրենագրկված արցախցիների առջև ծառայած դժվարություններին՝ ընդգծելով, որ Հայոց Եկեղեցին ևս իր գործուն աջակցությունն է ցուցաբերում դրանց հաղթահարման գործում:

Իր խոսքում Նորին Սրբությունը ուխտավորներին հորդորեց իրենց երկրներում բարձրաձայնել Արցախի հայկական հոգևոր, մշակութային ժառանգության

պահպանության խնդիրը, և հետևողական ջանքեր գործադրել այդ ուղղությամբ:

Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը նաև իր գնահատանքը հայտնեց ուխտավոր հայորդիներին Հայրենիքի և Հայ Եկեղեցու նկատմամբ դրսևորվող նվիրումի և անսակարկ սիրո համար:



The Sacrament of The Ordination of a Bishop According to the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church

The ceremony for the ordination of a bishop (also known as “consecration”) is one of the more opulent ceremonies of the Armenian Church. It reflects the magnitude of the bishop’s unique ministry in the church. In the Armenian Church the Catholicos presides at all bishops’ ordinations with the participation of at least two additional bishops. The Armenian word for bishop, *yebeesgobos*, comes directly from the Greek word *episkopos*, which appears numerous times in the New Testament.

The word means “overseer” or “superintendent,” referring to that person appointed to watch over the affairs of the church within a defined geographical jurisdiction or diocese. The prayers of the ordination service frequently refer to the bishop as “chief priest” or “head of the priests” (*kahanayabed*).

Traditionally the ceremony for ordaining a bishop began with an all-night vigil, continuing into the early morning and concluding with the Holy *Badarak*. In recent times the long service is divided into two parts beginning on Saturday evening and continuing the next morning. The candidate is formally presented to the Catholicos by one sponsoring bishop and two lay sponsors. The two sponsors represent, respectively, the “rulers” and the “common people.” They ritually proclaim the candidate’s endorsement by every segment of the Armenian community. Next, two-by-two, representatives of every clerical order of the church’s hierarchy from acolyte to archbishop come forward to greet the Catholicos and endorse the candidate’s ordination as a bishop of the church. The evening ceremony continues with a ritual examination of the candidate’s worthiness for the episcopal office.

The Catholicos asks the sponsoring bishop and the candidate himself a series of questions concerning his integrity, personal faith, and readiness to assume the responsibilities of the episcopacy. The candidate is then required publicly to declare his obedience to the teachings of the great saints and teachers of the Armenian Church, who are listed by name. After that he likewise declares his rejection of various false teachings and heretics. Finally, the Catholicos places the omophorion (emeeporon), the distinctive garment of the bishop, over the shoulders of the candidate. With a concluding benediction, the first day’s ceremony concludes. The main ordination sacrament takes place the next morning during the celebration of the Holy *Badarak*, celebrated by the Catholicos. The *Badarak* begins as usual with the entrance of the Catholicos, the clergy, deacons and finally the candidate. Before the midday (Jashoo) Scripture readings, the candidate kneels down in front of the Catholicos, and a bishop holds the book of the Gospels on the shoulders of the candidate.

Meanwhile, the Catholicos places his right hand on the head of the candidate and offers a long prayer, in which he asks the Lord to make him a true shepherd like Christ, who lays down his life for the welfare of his flock (John 10:11).

The candidate, still kneeling, turns toward the people and raises his hands over his head while the hymn of ordination is sung, "The divine and heavenly grace" (Asdvadzayeen yev yergnavor shnorh). This ancient hymn is sung at the ordination of deacons, priests, and bishops in every Eastern and Oriental Orthodox Church. Repeated three times, the people respond, "He is worthy" (Arzhanee eh). After the third repetition, the candidate turns back toward the Catholicos, who again places his hands on the candidate's head and offers a second, expansive prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit: "love, faith, meekness, austerity, patience and persistence, so that he may be a living example of every virtue." The Badarak then continues with the day's Scripture Readings. Just before the Kiss of Peace, the Badarak pauses again. The Catholicos is seated on a throne and following a series of prayer petitions by the deacon, he offers a prayer that speaks about the richly embroidered priestly vestments that God instructed Aaron to wear (Exodus 28). The prayer cautions that "the honor of the episcopacy lies not in the vestments, but in a pure heart," and asks that God grant the new bishop "the grace to have his heart robed in resplendent vestments." One of the bishops now processes to the altar carrying the silver dove containing the sacred holy chrism or muron. Accompanied by the great hymn of Pentecost, "The Dove Was Sent Down" (Arakelo Aghavno), the Catholicos anoints the forehead of the new bishop. A third prayer ensues, in which the Catholicos asks that as the Holy Spirit came down upon Christ at his baptism, and upon the apostles in the Upper Room, the same Spirit may fill the new bishop with God's life-giving graces.

The Catholicos then places the bishop's staff into the hands of the candidate, a sign of his authority as a good shepherd of his flock. Next, the Catholicos places the bishop's ring on the little finger of the candidate's right hand, "a token of earnest commitment...as a faithful groom of the holy church." Finally, the Catholicos hands the

candidate the book of the Gospels, charging him always to preach boldly the Good News of God's undying love for us frail humans.

The ordination concludes with the reading of the Holy Gospel according to Mark 6:7-13, where Jesus gives instructions to the apostles and sends them out into the world to do God's work. During the singing of "Christ Has Been Revealed Among Us" (Kreesdos ee mech mer haydnetsav), the Catholicos, bishops and all the clergy greet the new bishop and one another with a holy kiss and the Badarak resumes. At the end of the Badarak all the faithful are invited to greet the new bishop by kissing his right hand in Christian love, unity, and joy.

On Sunday, October 8, Catholicos Karekin II celebrated an Episcopal Consecration service, wherein he ordained several new bishops for the Armenian Church. Among those receiving the sacrament of episcopal ordination was our Primate, the Very Reverend Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan.

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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.





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.



Thank you to the Fair Lawn High School Transition Program whose participants, under the guidance & supervision of their instructor Doreen Yates, assemble, fold & deliver our bulletins every week.

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:

Fund Raiser: All inquiries for purchasing of lahmajun, sujuk, & baghaj, may be forwarded to Nora Balekji

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,**

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:

There is no hospitality today. Join us for our **FOOD FESTIVAL**, 12-4pm

Please Note: All campus postings *must be pre-approved* by the church office. **All others will be removed.** No taping on glass nor doors permitted. And *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.



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!

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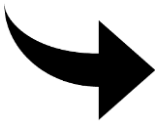


Holy Name Medical Center provides
**COMPLIMENTARY BLOOD PRESSURE
SCREENING at St. Leon**

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 Melkryan

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!

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!



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 15	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School, Annual Food Festival 12-4pm	
		TODAY	
Wed	Oct 18	Senior Social Club 11-3pm HNH 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	
Wed	Nov 1	Senior Social Club 11-3pm	
Fri	Nov 3	Armenian School	
Sun	Nov 5	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School	
Wed	Nov 8	Senior Social Club 11-3pm	
Fri	Nov 10	Armenian School	
Sun	Nov 12	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School	

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, 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

