

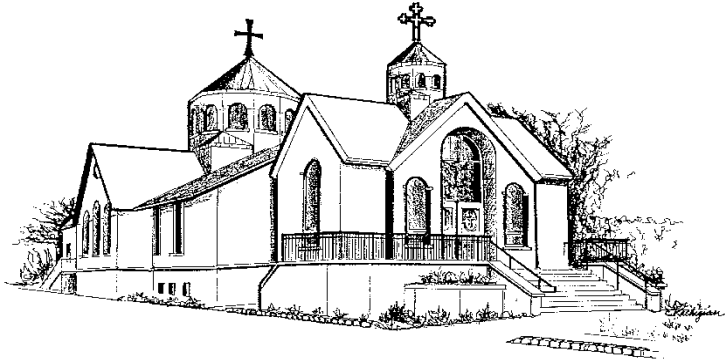
# **ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH**

**Sixth Sunday After Exaltation**

**October 22, 2023**

**Morning Service 9:00 AM**

**Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM**



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## **Readings from the Holy Scripture**

**Isaiah 20:2-21:6**

**Galatians 4:3-18**

**Luke 4:14-23**

*“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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# ALTAR SERVERS

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

Please keep our motherland in your prayers



## PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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# HOKEHANKISD

✠ Jilda & Nayra Erkan request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Sevan Erkan** on the occasion of the 40<sup>th</sup> day (*Karasonk*) 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.

✠ Annette Fehmian & family request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Edward Fehmian**, *beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle* on the occasion of the 1st 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.

✠ Vicken, Nora, Gregory and Jack Yaghdjian, Patrick, Simona, Nicole and Michael Yaghdjian, Anny Bakalian, and Ruby Gulian & family, request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Sirapi "Pepi" Yaghdjian**, *beloved mother, grandmother, cousin*, on the occasion of her 1st 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.*

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## 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 Tenguarian, 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.

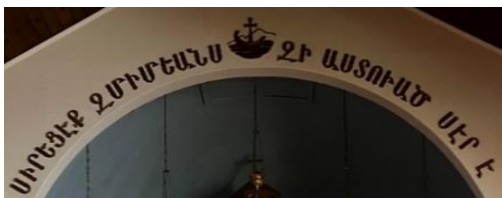
\* Also, please do not chew gum or cross legs during church services.

\* 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.

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*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.





**ՀԱՂՈՐԴԱԳՐՈՒԹՅՈՒՆ**  
**Ամենայն Հայոց**  
**Կաթողիկոսն ընդունեց**  
**տեղեկատվական**  
**տեխնոլոգիաների ոլորտում**  
**2022 թ. ՀՀ պետական**  
**մրցանակի դափնեկրին**

Հոկտեմբերի 18-ին Ն. Ս. Օ. Տ. Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ծայրագույն Պատրիարք և Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում ընդունեց տեղեկատվական տեխնոլոգիաների ոլորտում համաշխարհային ներդրման համար ՀՀ պետական մրցանակի արժանացած «ԱԴՈՒԲ» (Adobe) ընկերության նախագահ և գլխավոր գործադիր տնօրեն Շանտանու Նարայենին՝ ուղեկցությամբ «Սինոփսիս Արմենիա» ընկերության նախագահ Երվանդ Ջոռյանի և գործադիր տնօրեն Հովիկ Սուսայեյանի:

Շնորհավորելով ՀՀ պետական մրցանակին արժանանալու առիթով՝ Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը ողջունեց պարոն Շանտանու Նարայենի ներդրումը ՏՏ ոլորտում և կարևոր նկատեց, որ վերջինիս մտքի արգասիքները նպաստեն մարդկային կյանքի առաջընթացին ու բարօրությանը, խաղաղությանն ու արդարությանը:

Իր խոսքում Նորին Սրբությունն ընդգծեց, որ Հայոց Եկեղեցին իր հոգևոր առաքելությանը զուգահեռ եղել է նաև հայ մշակույթի և գիտական մտքի կերտողն ու արարողը՝ հանդիսանալով հայի ինքնության պաշտպանը և հարատևության երաշխավորը:

Պարոն Շանտանու Նարայենը շնորհակալություն հայտնեց Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսին ջերմ ընդունելության համար՝ ընդգծելով, որ մեծ պատիվ է լինել հայ ժողովրդի հոգևոր կենտրոնում:

Հանդիպմանը զրուցակիցներն անդրադարձան Արցախից բռնի տեղահանված հայորդիների առջև ծառայած մարտահրավերներին, Արցախի հոգևոր, մշակութային ժառանգության պահպանման և Հայաստանի անվտանգային խնդիրներին: Կարևորվեց մարդկության առջև ծառայած մարտահրավերների հաղթահարման գործում նաև բարձր տեխնոլոգիաների ոլորտի նորարարական ձեռքբերումները:



## **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 supervision of their instructor Doreen Yates, fold & deliver our bulletins every week.

# Church Campus Happenings...

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## **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:**

*School Fundraiser*



All inquiries for purchasing opportunities of lahmajun, sujuk, & baghaj, may be forwarded to Nora Balekji at 973-513-2507 or [nbalekji@gmail.com](mailto:nbalekji@gmail.com)

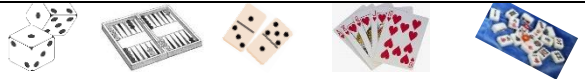
## **Sunday School:**

Runs from 10am -12pm, PreK through 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 Men’s Fellowship.

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

**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*.

# Emergency Coat Drive

## For Artsakh Refugees

Sponsored by the Knights/Daughters of Vartan

It's 1915 all over again except this time there are thousands of displaced refugees in Armenia and winter is approaching quickly!

Please donate overcoats and winter jackets for immediate shipment, to trusted intermediaries, for distribution in Armenia.

Items will be collected on **October 21, 22, 28 & 29th from 10:00am to 2:00pm ONLY** and will be shipped out immediately thereafter.

The following are acceptable:

### NEW OR GENTLY-USED (WASHED AND CLEAN):

1. Overcoats 2) Winter Jackets 3) Sweaters

#### NEW ONLY:

1. Underwear 2) Bras 3) Thermals 4) Hats 5) Gloves  
6) Tights 7) Winter pajamas 8) Socks 9) Blankets  
10) Sheets 11) Towels

PLEASE DELIVER DONATIONS TO:

St. Leon Armenian Church (at the Cottage House)  
12-61 Saddle River Rd, Fair Lawn, NJ -07410

**All items MUST be delivered in unsealed cardboard boxes (no plastic bags) and at the DAYS/HOURS listed above.**

To ensure arrival before winter, shipping costs are \$3.50/lb. Please help with these costs by making a tax-deductible donation to "Knights of Vartan" - please write "Artsakh Refugees" on the memo line.

For further information contact: Leo Manuelian (201-218-4058)



THANK YOU ... THANK YOU ... 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



# TODAY



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

# VOCATIONS

**BROADENING THE CALL**

THE ONGOING PROMISE OF ST. NERSESS SEMINARY

**SATURDAY, NOV. 4, 2023**

MACALUSO'S, HAWTHORNE, NEW JERSEY

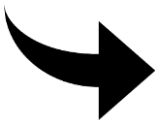


*Holy Name Medical Center* provides  
**COMPLIMENTARY BLOOD PRESSURE  
SCREENING**

Typically, every third Wednesday of each month, **from  
2-3pm** at Pinajian Youth Center

We need more participants for this service to  
continue.

Please consider stopping by on our next  
scheduled screening-



**November 15, 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!*





**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!**





# *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](http://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](mailto: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.





# 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](mailto: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 22	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School <b>TODAY</b>
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
Mon	Nov 13	WG Meeting 6:30pm
Wed	Nov 15	Senior Social Club 11-3pm HNH Nurse Visit 2-3pm 
Fri	Nov 17	Armenian School Men's Fellowship's OKTOBERFEST 

## Last Gospel: John 12:24-26

*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**

