

# **ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH**

**Barekendan of the Fast of Exaltation  
September 10, 2023**

**Morning Service 9:00 AM**

**Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM**



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## **Readings from the Holy Scripture**

**Isaiah 13:1-11**

**2 Cor. 7:4-16**

**Gospel of Mark 7:31-37**

*"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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**Artsakh Needs Our Prayers**

Please keep our motherland in your prayers



# PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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# HOKEHANKISD

✝ Mr & Mrs George & Silvia Khorozian request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Hagop Karalian**, on the occasion of his 40<sup>th</sup> day (Karasoonk) 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, Yester Garabedian, Ruben Grigoryants, Varoujan Harutunian, Lusine Hovsepyan, Silva Jinivizian, Robert John Karanfilian III, Brandon Katz, Annette Kouchshirin, Jim & Wendy Lathey, Carmelina Mancini, Bill Manookian, Sebh 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.*

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*Do you know what the writing above the altar says?*



*It is written in classical Armenian which says,  
“Love one another, because God is Love.”*

*(“Seeretsek izmeemeeyanis, zee Asdvadz ser e”)*

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# 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.

# *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.

## Ի Պաշտպանութիւն Ուղղափառ Հաւատոյ



Յառաջիկայ Շաբաթ օր տօնն է Տիեզերական Առաջին ժողովի 318 Սուրբ Հայրապետներուն որոնք հաւաքուեցան առաջը առնելու Զրիստոսի եկեղեցին պառակտող սխալ ուսուցումներու դէմ, եւ ի պաշտպանութիւն Յիսուս Զրիստոսի քարոզած աւետարանին ուղղափառ ճշմարտութեան:

Այս աշխարհի վրայ իր առաքելութեան ընթացքին Յիսուսի խօսքերը շատ անգամ սխալ կը հասկցուէին, կ'աղաւաղուէին երբեմն անմեղօրէն եւ երբեմն դիտումնաւոր կերպով: Քանիցս մեր Տէրը հերքեց իրեն վերագրուած սխալ ուսուցումները, սրբագրեց իր խօսքերուն աղաւաղումը, եւ շարունակեց իր քարոզութիւնը որպէս ճշմարիտ աստուածգիտութիւն ի սեր եւ ի փրկութիւն Աստուծոյ ժողովուրդին:

Զրիստոսի համբարձումէն ետք, Զրիստոնէութեան առաջին դարերուն, Զրիստոսի ուսուցումներուն աղաւաղումները շարունակուեցան եւ նույնիսկ բազմացան, եւ եկեղեցւոյ հայրերը ստիպուեցան պահպանել Զրիստոսի Աւետարանին եւ Սուրբ եկեղեցւոյ ճշմարիտ եւ ուղղափառ ուսուցումները:

Չորրորդ դարուն Արիոս անունով Աղէքսանդրացի քահանայ մը սկսաւ ուսուցանել թէ Զրիստոս արարած մըն էր լոկ, ուրանալով Յիսուսի աստուածութիւնը եւ հետեւաբար Սուրբ Երրորդութեան վարդապետութիւնը: Զրիստոնէական ուղղափառ դաւանանքի դէմ այս սպառնալիքին առաջը առնելու համար գումարուեցաւ Տիեզերական Առաջին ժողովը 325 թուին Նիկիա (այժմու Իզնիք) քաղաքին մէջ, մասնակցութեամբ 318 հայրապետներու, որոնց կարգին Արիստակէս Եպիսկոպոս, որդի Ս. Գրիգոր Լուսաւորչի: Նիկիոյ Սուրբ ժողովը

վճռականօրէն մերժեց Արիոսի ուսուցումը, եւ եկեղեցւոյ ուղղափառ վարդապետութիւնը համադրեց հաւատոյ հանգանակի մը մէջ որ մեզի ծանօթ է այժմ որպէս *Նիկիական Հանգանակ*, որու առաջին համարը կ'ըսէ. «Կը հաւատանք մէկ Աստուծոյ՝ ամենակալ Հօր, արարչին երկնքի եւ երկրի, եւ ամէն բանի՝ տեսանելիներու եւ անտեսանելիներու: **Եւ մէկ Տիրոջ Յիսուս Զրիստոսի՝ Աստուծոյ Որդիին, ծնած Հօր Աստուծմէ, միածին, այսինքն Էութեամբ Հօր հետ նոյնը: Աստուծմէ Աստուած, Լոյսէ Լոյս, Ճշմարիտ Աստուծմէ՝ Ճշմարիտ Աստուած, ծնունդ՝ եւ ո՛չ թէ արարած: Բնութեամբ Հօր հետ նոյնը, որու միջոցաւ գոյացան ամէն ինչ երկնքի մէջ եւ երկրի վրայ, տեսանելիներն ու անտեսանելիները:» Զրիստոնէական հաւատքի ուղղափառ վարդապետութեան դէմ Արիոսի յարուցած սպառնալիքը դժբախտաբար կրկնուած է պատմութեան ընթացքին տարբեր երեւոյթներով եւ տարբեր ժամանակներու մէջ: Մեր այժմու իրականութեան մէջ Սուրբ Եկեղեցւոյ Առաքելական եւ Ուղղափառ վարդապետութեան դէմ սպառնալիքները ներկայ են միշտ, թէկուզ գողարկուած, եւ մեր մարտահրաւերն է պահպանել մեր սուրբ հայրապետներու հաւատքը ամբողջ եւ անփոփոխ, եւ անեղծ փոխանցել յաջորդ սերունդներուն:**

Եկեղեցի եկէք այս Կիրակի եւ միասնաբար հաստատեցէք ձեր նուիրումը Սուրբ Եկեղեցւոյ ուղղափառ դաւանանքին, եւ նորոգեցէք ձեր ուխտը ապրելու ըստ մեր նախնեաց օրինակին, եւ փոխանցելու զայն յաջորդ սերունդներուն՝ անարատ ու անփոփոխ ինչպէս մեր Տէրը Յիսուս Զրիստոս որ «նոյնն է միշտ, երէկ, այսօր եւ յաւիտեան» (Եբր. 13. 8): Ան մեզի կու գայ եւ մեր միջեւ կը բաշխուի իր սուրբ Մարմնոյն եւ պատուական Արիւնին հաղորդութեամբ:

Տէրը օրինէ ձեզ եւ ձեր սիրելիները:

*Արշէն Քհնյ. Այվազեան*

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# BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday, Sept 13, 2023.

TIME: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

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

## Book 3 Maccabees

Chapter 5 “Execution of the Jews Is Twice Thwarted”

Chapter 6 “The Prayer of Eleasar”

Chapter 7 “Ptolemy’s Letter on Behalf of the Jews”

We read how Ptolemy IV’s victory over Antiochus III in 217 BC at the Battle of Raphia. Ptolemy visited Jerusalem and the Second Temple, wishing to see the inner sanctuary. However, he is miraculously prevented from entering the building. This leads him to disdain the Israelites. Upon his return to the capital Alexandria, he orders that all the Israelites in the kingdom are to be registered, be made to pay a poll tax and be reduced to the status of slaves. Those Jews who agree to abandon their faith and be initiated into the cult of Dionysus are to be spared. After most of Israelites persist in their faith, the king orders them rounded up and put to death in his hippodrome. The attempt to register all the Jews before their execution is thwarted by the sheer number of Jews. Ptolemy then attempts to have the Israelites killed by crushing with elephants. The execution once again is thwarted. God first caused Ptolemy to oversleep, then causes him to miraculously forget his anger against the Israelites. Ptolemy finally attempts to lead the elephants and his own army into the hippodrome to destroy the Jews personally, but after an impassioned prayer by Eleazar, God sends two angels who prevent this which shows God’s intervention in saving the Israelite nation from destruction.





## **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 201-791-2862.

## **Armenian School:**

All purchasing opportunities for lahmajun, sujuk, & baghaj, can be forwarded to Barbara Hovsepien by texting 551-206-6686, or by emailing [bhovsepien@optonline.net](mailto:bhovsepien@optonline.net) \* Please note orders resume in September.

## **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, or email at [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:**

There is no hospitality today. Please join us for our **ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE**, after badarak, in Abajian Hall.

**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](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.



**TODAY**

COME  
AND  
JOIN US



St. Leon Armenian Church Annual

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Abajian Hall

12:30pm – 3:00pm

Refreshments Will Be Provided

St. Leon Men's Fellowship



*Weekend in the Catskills 2023*

Date: Sept. 15, 16, 17

Location: Camp Nubar, Andes, NY

Cost: \$200

**GREAT FOOD, BEAUTIFUL  
SCENERY & FUN!!**

*Golf, Tennis, Basketball, Hiking, Fishing, Swimming,  
Canoeing, Tavloo, Cards, Etc.*

For reservations and information call:

Barry (evenings) 201-888-2668

Reservation deadline September 8, 2023

Mail your check to: Barry Halejian, 412 Glendale Rd., Wyckoff, NJ 07481

Make checks payable to St. Leon Men's Fellowship

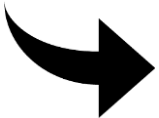


*Holy Name Medical Center* provides  
**COMPLIMENTARY BLOOD PRESSURE  
SCREENING at St. Leon**

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-



**September 20<sup>th</sup>, 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!*





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ONLINE  
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ENTERING THE WORLD,  
MIND, AND SOUL OF

# ST. NERSESS SHNORHALI

JOIN US EVERY

**TUESDAYS AT 7PM VIA ZOOM**

FOR OUR VEMKAR ONLINE SERIES

**STARTING TUESDAY, AUGUST 22 TO SEPTEMBER 26**

JOIN US FOR EDIFICATION AND INSPIRATION AS WE ALL EMBARK ON THIS JOURNEY

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 22**

ST. NERSESS SHNORHALI'S LIFE AND  
EDUCATION IN CONTEXT

DR. ROBERTA R. ERVINE

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

A READING OF ST. NERSESS SHNORHALI'S  
SONG TODAY THE INEFFABLE (AYSOR ANJAR)

DN. HOVANNES KHOSDEGHIAN

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 29**

THE POETIC WORLD OF  
ST. NERSESS SHNORHALI

DR. JESSE S. ARLEN

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

ST. NERSESS THE GRACEFUL AND  
THE THREEFOLD WAY OF THEOSIS

FR. MESROP PARSAMYAN

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

ODES OF ST. NERSESS THE GRACEFUL

MATTHEW J. SARKISIAN

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

ST. NERSESS' ECUMENICAL RELATIONS  
WITH THE BYZANTINES

DN. ANDREW KAYAIAN

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## **26<sup>th</sup> St. Leon Armenian Church Golf & Tennis Outing**

**Monday Sept 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Haworth Country Club**

**33 Lakeshore Drive, Haworth, NJ 07641 (201) 384-7300**

### 26th Annual St. Leon Armenian Church Golf & Tennis Outing

Presenting Sponsor..... \$10,000

(Includes 8 players for golf or tennis, presenting sponsor signage, dinner-for-eight and two hole sponsorships)

Titanium Sponsor..... \$5,000

(Includes 4 players for golf or tennis, registration signage, dinner-for-four as well as two hole sponsorships)

Platinum Sponsor..... \$2,500

(Includes 4 players for golf or tennis dinner-for-two as well as one hole sponsorship)

Registration Sponsor..... \$1,000

Dinner Sponsor..... \$750

Lunch Sponsor..... \$500

Beverage Sponsor..... \$300

Hole Sponsor..... \$150

Sponsorship of any amount.....\$\_\_\_\_\_

(Sponsors of \$1,000 or more include 2 dinner guests, \$500 or more includes 1 dinner guest)

**Golf foursome, vacation property rental or other items you would like to donate for our silent auction**

Name\_\_\_\_\_

To be printed on sponsor sign \_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship Level\_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to St. Leon Armenian Church. Note "golf & tennis sponsorship" in memo.

Mail to: Rich Berenson, 831 Mountain Avenue, Wyckoff, NJ 07481 (917) 854-2357.

# St. Leon Armenian Church Women's Guild

## Chicken or Fish & Chips Dinner

Delicious dinner catered by Tastefully British



Friday, September 29, 2023

5:00- 7:00 pm

Last Serving at 6:45 pm

**Come enjoy great food with family & friends!**

Adults \$18.00

Children 10 and under \$10.00

Includes: Choice of fish or chicken & chips (fries), coleslaw, beverage & dessert

**(NO COMBINATIONS!)**

**Make your reservations by September 22<sup>nd</sup> by mailing your order form and payment**

**NO WALK-INS!**

### **ORDER FORM – Please Print**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Fish & Chips: \_\_\_\_\_ (Qty) x \$18.00

Adult Chicken & Chips \_\_\_\_\_ (Qty) x \$18.00

Children Fish & Chips \_\_\_\_\_ (Qty) x \$10.00

Children Chicken & Chips \_\_\_\_\_ (Qty) x \$10.00

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return form and payment by September 22, 2023**

**Checks payable to St. Leon Church Women's Guild**

**Mail form and payment to: Sona Damergy 935 Willow Avenue River Edge, NJ 07661**

Please contact Sona Damergy Cell 201-982-1146 or home 201-261-2232 with any questions

**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](mailto:serdab123@gmail.com) to reserve.



Saint Leon Armenian Church  
**87<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL**  
**FOOD & ARTS FESTIVAL**



October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>



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](https://facebook.com/stleonchurch)  
 [instagram.com/stleonchurch](https://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](mailto: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



# 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](http://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	Sept 10 <b>TODAY</b>	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy St Leon's OPEN HOUSE	
Tues	Sept 12	Women's Guild Meeting 6:30pm in Abajian Hall	
Sun	Sept 17	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Sunday School	
Thu	Sept 21	Armenian Independence Day	
Fri	Sept 22	Armenian School Opening Day	
Sun	Sept 24	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School	
Fri	Sept 29	Armenian School Fish & Chips Dinner 5-7pm Abajian Hall	
Sun	Oct 1	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School	
Fri	Oct 6	Armenian School	
Sun	Oct 8	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School	
Fri	Oct 13	Armenian School	
Sat	Oct 14	Annual Food Festival	
Sun	Oct 15	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School, Annual Food Festival	

## Last Gospel: 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, 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**

