SEPTEMBER 15, 2019
Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

Readings from the Holy Scripture
Is 49:13-23
Gal 6:14-18
Gospel According to John 3:13-21

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

Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian

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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                                PRINCIPAL ORGANIST
George Paroonagian                          Sirvard Galstian

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

Parish Council Members: Lorig Chorluyan, Vicken Jessourian
Marilou Pinajian, Alex Avedis, Hagop Cilingiryan, Diran Jebejian,
David Kasparian, Gregory Parseghian, Dennis Tarzian,
Dawn Hourdajian and Haykanush Melkonyan.

After the Homily the service of Antasdan will take place in
commemoration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

There is No Hokehankisd today.

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, Wendy Lathey, Aram & Mary Varteressian,
Dan Patoyia (Moynihan), Juliette Haddad, James Azarian,
Varoujan Harutunian, Marie Harutunian, Joseph Harutunian,
Joanna Jaworska, Mosses Bairamian, Lou Scipione, Jared Tashjian,
Ruben Grigoryants, Michael Sakolsky, Lynne Ford,
Frank Cornawchiulo, Ryan Hallak, John Hallak, Carmelina Mancini,
Marie Tenguerian, Hana Botie, Mary Ann Kral, Emily Ring,
Clara Yeramian, Jerry DiSant, Julie Frattarola, Melanie Sarkisian and all
those who are suffering.

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”


**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 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.

**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.
**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  We are in need of new staff members. Please consider joining our team.

- **5th Grade lead teacher.** A fun group to teach, and you already have a fabulous helper that can cover days you need off and jump in while you're teaching. She may not be there every week, but is passionate about St Leon Sunday School.
- **9th Grade helper.** May co-teach and cover class when teacher is out. This teacher does fun activities to motivate the students and you will enjoy your time with the class.
- **Substitutes Needed:** Our teachers are so gracious to volunteer their time each week, but sometimes something comes up and they need coverage. This is a great way to toe dip into joining our staff.
- **Please email me at acarden56@gmail.com if you are interested and would like to discuss further.**

**WOMEN’S GUILD** is selling Chorag in the Community Center after church. Please see Edna Tungrian or Marilou Pinajian.

**BIBLE STUDY**  September 18, 2019  Wednesday Night TIME:  7:30-9:00 PM. Come join us as we continue our study of the book of Psalms.

**ARMENIAN SCHOOL** is selling Baghaj today in the Community Center. On Sunday September 22 we will be selling lahmajun (bag of 10 for $16), sujuk (double bag $10). Please see Barbara Hovsepian.
**SOLES FOR SOULS**

St. Leon is one of several organizations partnering with the Rotary Club of Fair Lawn to "Wear out Poverty" through a shoe drive starting on September 7. Bins will be available on the church campus, accepting new or gently worn shoes, from September 7 - September 30.

Soles4Souls is a non-profit organization which has distributed over 35 million pairs of shoes in over 127 countries. Boxes are located in the Youth Center and Community Center.

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**KIDNEY DONOR REQUESTS**

**Robert Ross** is one 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.
THE FEAST OF EXALTATION
OF THE HOLY CROSS

Every autumn, the Armenian Church celebrates the Exaltation of the Holy Cross—one of the five major feasts of the Church, and the most important of the four feasts of the Holy Cross.

The Exaltation refers to the True Cross on which Christ was crucified, which according to Church tradition was ceremoniously elevated for veneration on three occasions. It was first elevated by St. James the Apostle, the first Bishop of Jerusalem, who lifted the Cross with the words "We bow before thy Cross, O Christ"—a formulation still used in the Armenian liturgy.

The second occasion involved the discovery of the True Cross after a period of some 300 years. In A.D. 326, Queen Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine, traveled to Jerusalem to identify the holy places associated with Christ's life. She authenticated the True Cross by placing upon it the body of a recently deceased youth, who was miraculously raised to life when he came in contact with the formerly discarded cross. According to tradition, the True Cross was overgrown with aromatic basil, which is used in the commemoration of the feast day today.

The third occasion came in the 7th century, when the Persians had seized the True Cross of Jesus after conquering the city of Jerusalem. Leading a coalition of forces, including Armenians, the Emperor Heraclius recaptured the Cross and, en route to Jerusalem, passed with it through Armenia, where the Cross was repeatedly raised up and venerated.

On the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, the Divine Liturgy is marked with an "Antasdan" service (blessing of the fields) during which the processional Cross is adorned with basil (a symbol of royalty) and the four corners of the church are blessed as a symbol for all the world.
An Oriental Orthodox Concelebration of the Divine Liturgy

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019 | 10 A.M.

St. Leon Armenian Church
12-61 Saddle River Road, Fair Lawn, N.J.

PRINCIPAL CELEBRANTS:

His Grace Bishop Daniel
Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

His Eminence Archbishop Mor Dionysius John Kawak
Patriarchal Vicar, Syriac Orthodox Archdiocese of the Eastern USA

His Eminence Mor Silvanus Ayoub
Knanaya Syriac Archdiocese

His Grace Bishop David
Coptic Orthodox Church Diocese of NY & NE

With the participation of the Clergy, Choirs, Altar Servers, and Faithful of the Armenian, Coptic, Ethiopian, Malankara, Syrian, and Eritrean Churches

FOR INFORMATION AND DIRECTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:
Fr. Diran Bohajian (201) 791-2362 / Fr. John Rizkalla (732) 619-6630
Fr. Joseph Chamoun (508) 335-7394 / Fr. Mahitama Selassie (516) 343-1873 / Fr. Amde Tsion (973) 518-7341
Fr. Shiryl Mathai (215) 901-6508 / Dn. Gebre Kristos Nicholas Siniari (973) 818-8113

Following the Divine Liturgy, a complimentary lunch will be served at Abojian Hall

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC—ALL ARE WELCOME
Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian has requested that in lieu of personal gifts to him on this occasion, donations should be made to St. Leon Armenian Church. All proceeds will then be donated to support the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem. Your donation will be acknowledged in the Commemorative Booklet.

Name_________________________________________ Phone__________________
Address_______________________________________ City__________ State_______ Zip__________

$500.__________ $250.__________ $100.__________ $50.__________ Other__________

20th Anniversary Luncheon — Details to follow.
Please mail your donations and/or memories to the church office by October 1, 2019.
St. Leon Armenian Church – Attn: Booklet Committee, 12-61 Saddle River Road, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

Thank you, kindly, for your participation and generosity. The Booklet Committee
ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
Fair Lawn ~ New Jersey

Cordially invites you to celebrate

REV. FR. DIRAN BOHAJIAN’S
20th Anniversary

SERVING ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH &
26 YEARS OF HIS ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2019
Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

HIS GRACE BISHOP DANIEL, PRIMATE
will Celebrate Divine Liturgy & also
Ordain Jack Hamparian to the Sub-Diaconate

ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON & PROGRAM TO
FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER DIVINE LITURGY

Donation:
Adults $60
Children 12 & under $30

For Reservations: *Please reserve early (email preferred):
Nadya Boyadjian 201-493-8803 or boyadjian@optonline.net
Susan Chamesian 201-262-5504 or susanchamesian@gmail.com

Please make checks payable to St. Leon Armenian Church and mail to:
Susan Chamesian, 694 William Bliss Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646.

*Reservations accepted with full payment. Sell out expected.
No walk ins. Please provide name of guests with payment.

NO REFUNDS

RSVP BY OCTOBER 27, 2019

St. Leon Armenian Church
12-61 Saddle River Road, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
St. Leon Armenian Church 83rd Annual

Food and Arts Festival

October 18, 19, 20
Fri 5-9pm  Sat 12-9pm  Sun 12-4pm

Enjoy the Antranig Dance Group, delicious food, Armenian artwork, and our country store!

Our Women’s Guild and volunteers have already begun preparing delicious menu items. Whether you eat in or take out, we have something for you!

facebook.com/stleonchurch
facebook.com/stleonsfoodandartsfestival

For more information visit www.stleon.org or call 201-791-2862
12-61 Saddle River Rd, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
**St. Leon’s Festival**

**Event Sponsorships**

- Festival Host ............... $1,000
- Tent ................................ $500
- Take Out ......................... $500
- Arekag Choir ................... $500
- Antranig Dancers .......... $500
- Calendar Raffle ............. $500
- Country Store ............... $250
- Tavloo Tourney ............. $250
- Menu Advertisement .. $175
- Event Sponsor ............... $150

**Sponsorship**

Our annual Festival is our parish’s biggest fundraising event of the year. Your participation, volunteering and sponsorship helps St. Leon continue to be a wonderful and vibrant parish.

**Food Sponsorships**

- Shish Kebab ...................... $500
- Luleh Kebab ...................... $500
- Chicken Kebab .................. $500
- Armenian String Cheese ... $250
- Cheese Boreg ................... $250
- Eech ............................... $250
- Keufte ............................. $250
- Yalanchi ......................... $250
- Baghaj ............................. $250
- Bourma ........................... $250
- Choreg ............................. $250
- Khadayif & Kurabia .......... $250
- Paklava ............................ $250
- Beverage ......................... $250

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**I would like to sponsor!**

Your Name ___________________________ Sponsorship Category __________________________

Please make checks payable to: St Leon Armenian Church

Mail to: St. Leon Church

12-61 Saddle River Rd, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

For more information

Please call Jonathan 201-954-5000
Dear Friends,

You are invited to our 83rd Festival. We can’t wait to enjoy the food, the friendship, and the entertainment with you. Please save the weekend in your calendar.

October 18, 19, 20

Our Women’s Guild and volunteers have already begun preparing to deliver our most loved Festival menu items. Come each day and enjoy something new.

Entertainment will include the Antranig Dance Group and Arekag Choral performances. Enjoy raffles and our children’s play area. Come visit our Armenian Gifts Country Store and Armenian Art exhibit. There’s something engaging for everyone.

We sincerely hope you will come and enjoy the weekend with family and friends.

Sponsorship

This annual event is St Leon’s biggest fundraising event of the year and we are blessed to already have several sponsors who have pledged support. See reverse side of this letter for sponsorship options. If you are interested in supporting a different element of the festival, please contact me. Warm thanks to those who have already pledged support.

Warm regards,

Jonathan Najarian
Food Festival Chair
201-954-5000
jonathan@nativegardens.net
Pilgrimage to
JERUSALEM

St. Stepanos Armenian Church
Feast of Theophany
Christmas in Bethlehem
Led by Fr. Daniel Karadjian, Pastor
January 13-21, 2020

Includes visits to:
Armenian Patriarchate/ St. James’ Monastery, Old City/ Tomb of Christ,
city of Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee, Jordan River, Dead Sea, Nazareth

Trip Includes: Round-trip airfare from New York; Full transportation and transfers in Holy
Land as specified in itinerary; Breakfast and Dinner daily; 4* Hotel accommodation (Double
occupancy); Entrance fee to all sightseeing destinations; Tour Guide (English).

Cost per person (based on double occupancy): approx. $2,750
Space is limited- registration deadline September 25, 2019

For more information, contact:
stepanoschurch@gmail.com
Or
Nourtravels@gmail.com (610)359-7521
23nd Annual
St Leon Armenian Church
Golf Open

Monday, September 30th, 2019
Ramsey Golf and Country Club
$185 per player
105 Lakeside Drive
Ramsey, NJ 201 327-0009
Scrambled Format
ramseycountryclub.com

Tournament Day Schedule
10:00 Registration
Barbeque Lunch  11:00 Lunch  Buffet Dinner
Cocktail Hour  12:00 Shotgun Start  Awards/Prizes
5:00 Cocktail Hour
6:00 Dinner/Awards/Prizes

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1. Name____________________ Phone____________ Email________________
2. Name____________________ Phone____________ Email________________
3. Name____________________ Phone____________ Email________________
4. Name____________________ Phone____________ Email________________

Payment:
Checks payable:
St. Leon Armenian Church  # of Golfers @$185 $_____
Richard Ohnikian
29 Dogwood Lane
Montvale, NJ 07645
201-925-4019 raohnik@optonline.net

Mail to: Sponsorship $_____

Dinner Only ($50) $_____

Total Amount Enclosed $_____

Registration Deadline is Sept 20th, 2019

See Sponsor form for more details . . . . .
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
("Jazzy Gomidas")
The New Docta String Ensemble

Tickets: $40 reserved | $30 general admission
For information contact gomidaschoir@gmail.com
Hilda (518) 455-0248 | Talar (203) 235-1295 | Anoush (646) 259-5290
Everyone is invited to the Community Center immediately following worship services. Today’s Hospitality is given by the Women’s Guild.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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Last Gospel: John 12:28-33