

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

**Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 17, 2023**

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Isaiah 49:13-23

Galatians 6:14-18

John 3:13-21

“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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*After Fr. Diran's Sermon the Service of Antasdan
for the Feast of the Exaltation of the
Holy Cross will be conducted.*



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HOKEHANKISD

There is no Hokehankisd service on major feast days.

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 which says,
"Love one another, because God is Love."*

("Seeretsek izmeemeeyanis, 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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Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսն ընդունեց ՀՀ-ում Ֆրանսիայի նորանշանակ դեսպանին

Սեպտեմբերի 13-ին Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ծայրագույն Պատրիարք և Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում ընդունեց Հայաստանի Հանրապետությունում Ֆրանսիայի Հանրապետության նորանշանակ արտակարգ և լիազոր դեսպան Օլիվիե Դըկոտինյիին:

Դեսպանին բարեմաղթելով արդյունավոր առաքելություն՝ Նորին Սրբությունն անդրադարձ կատարեց երկու երկրների միջև հաստատված ջերմ հարաբերություններին և գործակցությանը: Վեհափառ Հայրապետը գոհունակությամբ ընդգծեց, որ հայ-ֆրանսիական բարեկամական կապերի խորացման գործում իր ներդրումն ունի նաև Ֆրանսիայի հայկական համայնքը:

Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը, անդրադառնալով տարածաշրջանում ստեղծված ծանր կացությանը, իր երախտագիտությունը հայտնեց Ֆրանսիայի իշխանություններին Հայաստանի ու Արցախի առջև ծառայած մարտահրավերների հաղթահարման գործում ցուցաբերվող աջակցության և զորակցության համար:

Իր հերթին նորանշանակ դեսպանը հաստատեց, որ Ֆրանսիան շարունակելու է տարբեր ոլորտներում բազմակողմանի աջակցություն ցուցաբերել Հայաստանին և ջանքեր գործադրել Արցախին հումանիտար օգնություն և անվտանգային երաշխիքներ տրամադրելու ուղղությամբ:



In the Shadow of the Cross: The Holy Cross and Armenian History

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 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, on 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.

The cross is a source of great national pride for us as a khachagir—or “cross-bearing”—nation. For over the centuries, Armenians have borne Christ’s cross with faith, hope, and love.

What was once an instrument of torture and death—comparable to the modern electric chair—became for us Christians the symbol of salvation, and victory over death.

Naturally, to those with no faith, our veneration for the cross makes no sense at all. They cannot understand how so base an instrument could be at the center of our worship, of our churches and altars. But we see in the cross the instrument on which our Lord sacrificed Himself in order to cleanse mankind of its sins. The cross for us is the instrument of life: a divine sign that shows the power of life over death. It is for this reason that Christians throughout the world venerate the Holy Cross. Throughout our history, we Armenians have lived in the shadow of the cross. Armenians were (and still are) geographically situated on the “leading edge” of the Christian world. Having suffered for our faith in Christ, we have also shared in the passion of His Crucifixion. No wonder, then, that the cross would become pre-eminent among our national emblems, appearing on the domes and walls of our churches, on our altars, in our homes—even erupting out of the Armenian landscape, as stone khachkars.

Imagine the impact this sign must have had on the minds of our ancestors in the Middle Ages! Everywhere they turned, the sign of the cross confronted their eyes—in overt but also rather subtle ways.

Our churches have cruciform plans, and our priests bless their congregations with crosses. We put chaplets with crosses on the heads of those making the marriage vow. Babies —both boys and girls —are given crosses at the time of baptism. We also give those children names like “Khachig” and “Khachador” (in medieval times, our ancestors used feminine forms of these as well). We even trace the lines of the invisible cross etched into the very architecture of the human body when we make the Sign of the Cross.

Why did our ancestors surround themselves with crosses? Perhaps because they understood that human nature being what it is, all of us are prone to making the wrong choices. So, in anticipation of their own moments of fateful decision, they dotted the landscape with crosses, to unavoidably remind themselves of “the power of God.” To view the cross as a sign of God’s power is not simply to recall that He is watching us, knows the secrets of our hearts, and will judge us accordingly (although this, of course, is true). But more significantly, the cross is our evidence that God has used —and

will use—His power to help us in our times of trial: that through His son, He has stretched forth His hand to mankind as a whole, and to every human individual, to redeem us, guide us, support us—and make us worthy of His kingdom, in spite of our mortal tendency to defy Him.

The Armenians of old took this power very seriously. One of their favorite sayings was: Sourp Khachn yeghitsi eents oknagan—” Let the Holy Cross be my support.” We today could benefit from their wisdom, by keeping our own thoughts focused on the mystery of the Holy Cross.

Such veneration should not be confused with idolatry. We worship the idea or the mystery behind the Holy Cross. Our expectation and hope from the sign of the cross reflects our faith in the Resurrection of Christ. The presence of that sign at every stage and every turn in our lives reminds us that His blood was shed over the original cross, to free us as individuals from our sins. As frequently as we confront a cross, we must be aware of the sacrifice that Christ made on our behalf. More to the point, we must consider why that sacrifice was necessary—and what is required from us in response.

During times of adversity and upheaval, the Holy Cross has been the most powerful support for the Armenian flock of Christ. And in times of peace, too, the sign of the Holy Cross has been —and is—our most abundant source of consolation. The cross casts its shadow over our lives—but it also sheds light, healing old wounds, and illuminating before us the way to God’s kingdom. It guides us along a path of righteousness, whose ultimate destination is the victory over the ills of the world.

—*Very Rev. Fr. Krikor Maksoudian and Christopher H. Zakian*





BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday, Sept 27 , 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

Ascription of Praise

Confession of Sins

Supplication for Pardon

We see the presence of God in the darkest situations. God uses the most unimaginable ways to change the history of events. After most Jews 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 execution is thwarted by the sheer number of the Jews. Ptolemy then attempts to have the Jews killed by crushing by elephant and orders 500 elephants to be intoxicated in order to enrage them. However, the execution is repeatedly thwarted. God first causes Ptolemy to oversleep, then causes him to miraculously forget his anger against the Jews. 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 send two angels who prevent this. Ptolemy abruptly forgets his anger with the Jews and honors them with various immunities and a banquet, with several dates being established as commemorative festivals. The Jews request and receive permission to return home and to kill all the Jews who chose to abandon their faith in order to be spared. The book includes a letter, ostensibly by Ptolemy, to this effect. Finally, the Jews return home.





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 * Please note orders resume in September.

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 Women’s Guild.

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.



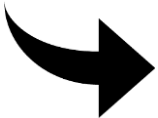


Holy Name Medical Center provides
**COMPLIMENTARY BLOOD PRESSURE
SCREENING at St. Leon**

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 20th, 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!





VEMKAR
ONLINE
SERIES



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 KAYAIAAN

VEMKAR.US



26th St. Leon Armenian Church Golf & Tennis Outing

Monday Sept 25th, 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 22nd 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 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](https://www.facebook.com/stleonchurch)

 [instagram.com/stleonchurch](https://www.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



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!

SAVE THE DATE!

Under the auspices of
His Grace, Bp. Mesrop Parsamyan, Primate
Diocese of the American 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

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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 17	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Sunday School	
		TOBAY	
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 4-8pm	
Sun	Oct 15	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School, Annual Food Festival 12-4pm	

Last Gospel: John 12:28-33

~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

