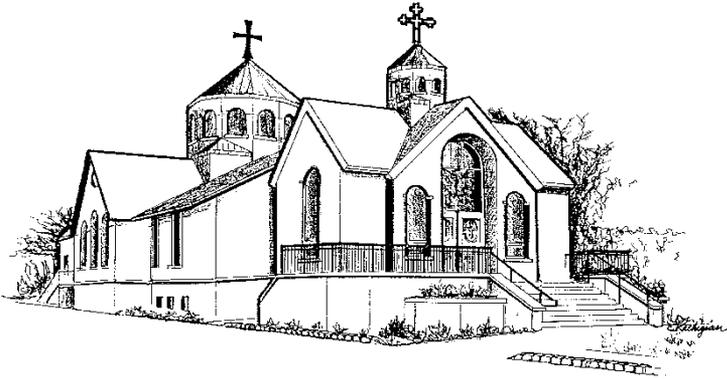


*ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH*  
*Easter Sunday*  
*April 17, 2022*

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



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**Readings from the Holy Scripture**  
*Acts 1:15-26*

***“Krisdos haryav e merelot!” – “Orhnyal é  
harootyounun Krisdosi!” “Christ has risen from the  
dead!” - “Blessed is the resurrection of Christ!”***

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Sirvard Galstian

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*“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*



**~ After Fr. Diran’s Homily, the Service of Antasdan (Blessing of the Fields) will take place.**



**Kiss of Peace-** We need volunteers to perform the “Kiss of Peace” during Sunday Soorp Badarak. It’s a beautiful way to partake in our service. Please consider volunteering & call our church office to be placed on a rotating list.

**Sunday, April 24th** – The Gomidas Choir of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, under the direction of Maestro Kris Kalfayan, will be singing during our Sunday Badarak.

**2022 Church Directory** – Additional copies of our 2022 St. Leon Church Directory can be purchased. Call church office on weekdays or speak with a Parish Council member on Sundays.

# Church Etiquette

**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* reminded **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*.



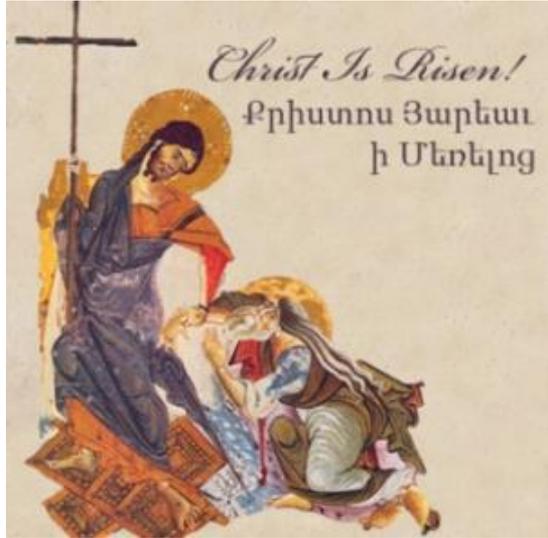
**Armenian School:** *Today, our delicious & freshly baked, BAGHAJ pastry will be available for purchase at \$10 per bag of one dozen pieces. ~ Don't go home without a bag or two! ~*

*All inquiries about upcoming purchase opportunities for baghaj, sujuk, & lahmajun may be forwarded to Barabara Hovsepian at (551) 206 - 6686.*

**St. Leon's Social Club:** Seniors have much to offer, wisdom, experience, and time! Our Social Club meets every Wednesday, 11:30am-3:00pm at the community center. You can play cards, backgammon, board games of your choice, or just enjoy a cup of coffee! 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 *Parish Council*. Please join us in Abajian Hall after church services.

**The Hope of  
Easter  
In Times of  
Darkness**  
A Special  
Easter Message  
from Bishop Daniel  
Findikyan



The true joy of Easter and of the resurrection of Jesus Christ lies in the assurance that God—almighty and invincible—is alive and with us now and always. Those that open their hearts wide to him need not fear anyone or anything. That hope is magnificently expressed in a hymn that is sung during the Armenian Church’s “Peace Hour Service” [խաղաղական ժամ / *Khaghaghagan Zham*].

The “Song of Isaiah,” as it is known, was originally conducted in monasteries every night, just before the monks retired to bed. Today we are most likely to hear it during Great Lent. The hymn is based on verses from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, chapters 8 and 9. The stanzas are punctuated with the repeated refrain, “For God is with us” [Զի Աստուած ընդ մեզ է / *Zee Asdvadz unt mez eh*].

The ancient hymn was already being sung at the turn of the eighth century, when the Armenian Bishop Stepanos Siunetsi described it in his famous Commentary on the Daily Prayer-Hours. The song is also known in other ancient eastern churches.

Late at night, darkness blinds our eyes, but also our hearts and minds. The fear and gloom that are afflicting us today in the wake of the COVID pandemic are not very different from the demonic anxiety that invades our imagination at night.

The Song of Isaiah, with its mantra-like confession of faith, valiantly defies those visible and invisible antagonists. It plants and fortifies in us the conviction that God’s loving care for us is ever-

present and unfailing. In this way, the hymn can serve as a kind of spiritual therapy to lift us up and to strengthen our faith in the living God, omnipresent and all-powerful.

Blessed is the resurrection of Christ. *Now* God is with us!

God the Lord is with us. Know it, all you nations, and be vanquished!  
For God is with us.

Hear this from one end of the earth to the other. For God is with us.

All of you that grew powerful, be vanquished! For God is with us.  
And should you regain your power, again you will be vanquished. For  
God is with us.

The Lord will thwart the intrigues you are contemplating. For God is  
with us.

And the word you are speaking. For God is with us.

We will neither tremble nor worry; we will not fear you. For God is  
with us.

We will glorify the Lord our God. For God is with us.

He will be with us when we are frightened. For God is with us.

Our hope will be in him, and he will be our holiness. For God is with  
us.

Our hope will be in him. For God is with us.

And he will be our salvation. For God is with us.

Here we are—I and my family that God gave me. For God is with us.

The people that sat in darkness have seen a great light. For God is  
with us.

And you, who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, light will  
shine on you. For God is with us.

For a child was born, a son has been given to us. For God is with us.

His dominion is on his shoulders. For God is with us.

And his name shall be called "Angel of the Great Mystery." For God is  
with us.

And "Excellent Counselor." For God is with us.

And "God the Powerful Prince." For God is with us.

And "Prince of Peace, Father of the Eternal Age to Come." For God is  
with us.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Now and always and unto the ages of ages.

Amen.



*~Today, there will be an additional plate collection for our Ukranian brothers & sisters, prior to Father Diran's Homily.*



## **HOKEHANKISD**

**Hokehankisd Deadline:** Please note that Hokehankisd requests must be received by **3pm, Thursday** to be included in that week's Sunday bulletin. You may email or call the church office.



### **PRAYER FOR REQUIEM – HOKEHANKISD**

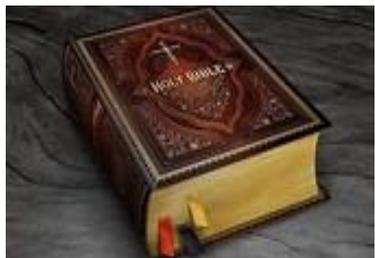
*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. O Christ, Son of God, forbearing and compassionate, have compassion, in your love as our creator, upon the souls of your servants who are at rest, especially upon the souls of your servants (names), for whom we are offering these prayers. Be mindful of them in 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 *Glenn Ajamian, James Azarian, Mosses Bairamian, Hana Botie, Zoe Brooks, Frank Cornawchiulo, Jerry DiSant, Lynne Ford, Julie Frattarola, Ruben Grigoryants, John Hallak, Ryan Hallak, Varoujan Harutunian, Silva Jinivizian, Robert John Karanfilian III, Brandon Katz, Mary Ann Kral, Annette Kouchshirin, Jim & Wendy Lathey, Carmelina Mancini, Sebu Oscherician, Dan Patoyia (Moynihan), Emily Ring, Michael Sakolsky, Melanie Sarkisian, Marie Tenguerian, Greg Tenbekjian, and Clara Yeramian. 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”.***



## **BIBLE STUDIES**

**Wednesday, April 27, 2022.**

**TIME: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM**

Zoom Bible Study. Please call or e-mail Fr. Diran and he will send you the link for the Bible Study

### **Book of Ezekiel**

Chapter 1 “The Vision of the Chariot”

Chapter 2 “The Vision of the Scroll”

Chapter 3 “Ezekiel at the River Chebar”

The last two Chapters of the Book of Jeremiah;

Almost as much space is given to the oracle concerning Babylon as to all the other nations combined. This national power was by far the greatest tragedy Jerusalem had ever faced. All the issues with the previous nations do not compare to the clash with Nubuchadnezzar. Yet here we have the words, “Babylon is taken, Bel is shamed. Merodoch is broken in pieces” (50:2), Their god, who claimed to be creator and king, was found to be but one more important and useless deity in the face of the great finality of God. Jeremiah was accused by his countryment of loving Babylon more than Judah because he had urged them to surrender. Here we see how preposterous were those allegations. The prophet threw fire at Babylon, to whom he said, “You were glad, because you rejoiced, You destroyers of My heritage... you have grown fat... you bellow like bulls” (50:11). He who laughs best, however, laughs last. God always has the last word. It will be the laughter of redeemed men and women that will finally ring out over the universe. All lesser rejoicing will be silenced. There will be the final triumph of the church over the world. These oracles call out to modern men and women. Our deities have different names today but we nonetheless fall into temptation and bow to them instead of the one true God.





## ST. LEON ARMENIAN SCHOOL SPRING PLANT SALE 2022

St. Leon Armenian School is having their annual Spring Plant Sale. We are selling flowers and vegetables/herbs. If ordering flats, please note there are 48 or 24 plants to a flat. Our plants are top of the line, delivered directly from the greenhouse to St. Leon on the day of pick up. We know you will be satisfied with their quality. Please order early.

**Your plant orders must be submitted as soon possible, no later than April 17<sup>th</sup>.** Your plant order will be ready for pick up around 5:00 PM on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Please complete your order form and attach your **check payable to St. Leon Armenian School** and give them to Nora Balekji, Barbara Hovsepian, or Tom Ashbahian. Thank you for supporting St. Leon Armenian School.

A Gentle Reminder: Order *Early* to avoid items which sell out quickly!

**If you have received this notice by email, please print out the order form below, fill it, attach your check, and give the form and check to Nora Balekji, Barbara Hovsepian, Tom Ashbahian or mail it to the church office St. Leon Armenian School, 12-61 Saddle River Road, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410.**

**Write the number of flats, pots, baskets on the line of each item you wish to purchase.**

<b>FLATS OF 48 \$15</b>  <b>Ageratum (48)</b> Blue _____  <b>Alyssum (48)</b> Pink _____ Purple _____ White _____  <b>Begonias (48)</b> Pink _____ Red _____ White _____  <b>Coleus (48)</b> Mixed _____  <b>Dusty Miller (48)</b> _____  <b>Impatiens (48)</b> Mixed _____ Orange _____ Red _____ Rose _____  Violet _____ White _____  <b>Marigolds (48)</b> Orange Lg. Fl _____ Yellow Lg. Fl _____  <b>Marigolds (48)</b> Dwarf Bicolor _____ Dwarf Orange _____ Dwarf Yellow _____  <b>Impatiens (48)</b> Lavender _____ Pink _____ Salmon _____	<b>Petunias (48)</b> Red _____ White _____ Pink _____  <b>Portulaca (48)</b> Mixed _____  <b>Salvia (48)</b> Dwarf Red _____ Tall Blue _____  <b>Zinnia (48)</b> Tall _____ Medium _____ Dwarf _____  <b>Vinca (48)</b> Red _____ Pink _____ Orchid _____ Mixed _____ White _____  <b>Wave Petunias</b> <b>Flat of (24) \$17</b> Lavender _____ Purple _____ Pink _____ White _____ Red _____ Blue _____	<b>4" Plants \$3.50</b>  <b>Coleus</b> _____  <b>Spikes</b> _____  <b>Geraniums</b> Red _____ White _____ Pink _____ Violet _____ Salmon _____  <b>14" Coco Basket</b> <b>Hanging basket with</b> <b>mixed flowers</b> <b>\$25</b> _____  <u><b>PATIO PLANTERS</b></u> <b>13" with grass &amp; mixed</b> <b>flowers \$20</b> _____  <b>10" with mixed Herbs</b> <b>\$15</b> _____  <b>12" Geraniums, spike</b> <b>with vinca vine</b> <b>\$18</b> _____	<b>Ivy Geraniums</b> Red _____ Rose _____ Lavender _____  <b>Hanging Basket 10"</b> <b>\$16.00</b>  <b>Impatiens:</b> Red _____ Pink _____ White _____ Violet _____ Lavender _____ Rose _____ Salmon _____ Cherry Splash _____ Orange _____  <b>Petunias (Large</b> <b>Flower)</b> Blue Sky _____ Blueberry Ice _____ Grape Ice _____ Hot pink _____	<b>Non-Stop Begonia</b> Orange _____ Yellow _____ Pink _____ Red _____  <b>Boston Fern</b> _____  <b>Geraniums</b> <b>6" Peach Basket</b> <b>Red</b> _____ <b>Pink</b> _____ <b>Violet</b> _____ <b>Salmon</b> _____  <b>Vegetables</b>  <b>Bell Peppers</b> <b>(48) \$15</b> _____  <b>Tomato</b> <b>(48) \$15</b> _____  <b>Cucumber Bush</b> <b>8" Patio Pot \$10</b> Lavender _____
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**ARMENIAN GENOCIDE**

**107**

**24 April 1915**



Memorial Service by

Very Rev. Father Sahag Yemishian,  
Sts. Vartanantz Church

Reverend Joe Garabedian, Armenian  
Presbyterian Church

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**Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
4:00P.M.  
Huff Pond,  
Memorial Drive, Montvale

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Program

Mayor Mike Ghassali

Senator Holly Schepisi

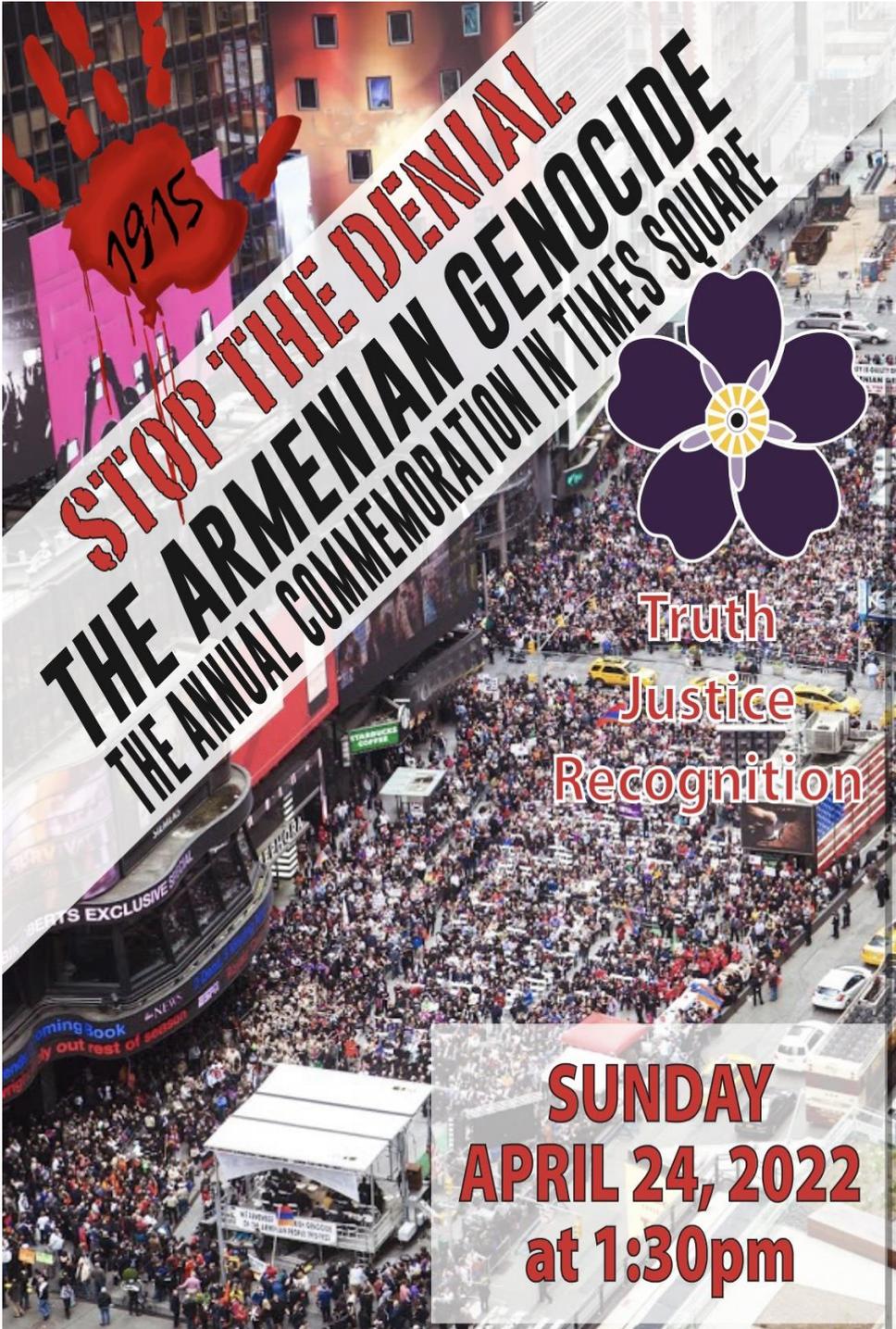
Commentary by Aram Hamparian Executive Director, ANCA

Musical Interlude by Steve Vosbikian

Recitations by Hovnanian Armenian School Students

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# STOP THE DENIAL THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE THE ANNUAL COMMEMORATION IN TIMES SQUARE



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**SUNDAY  
APRIL 24, 2022  
at 1:30pm**



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## Armenian Genocide Commemoration in Times Square Sunday April 24, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

### FREE BUS TRANSPORTATION for ALL STUDENTS & SCOUTS TO & FROM TIMES SQUARE

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Watch: [WWW.ARMEIANRADIONJ.NET](http://WWW.ARMEIANRADIONJ.NET)

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### Sunday, April 24, 2022 at Noon

**New York City: March for Justice and Reparations**

**From:** St. Illuminator's Cathedral (221 E. 27<sup>th</sup>St)

**To:** Turkish Consulate and Azerbaijan Consulate  
on the way to Times Square

**Sponsored by:** AYF NY/NJ and ANC NY/NJ

### Friday, April 22, 2022 at 12:30pm

**New Jersey: Bergen County Courthouse Green**

10 Main Street Hackensack, NJ

**by: Bergen County Officials**

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### Saturday, April 16, 2022 at 1:30pm

**Armenian Flag Raising Ceremony in FORT LEE, NJ to honor the Armenian Martyrs of 1915**

**309 Main Street, Fort Lee, NJ 07024**

**Sponsored by ANC of NJ**



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Please provide name of guests with payment  
An entire table may be reserved by providing names  
with payment for 12 guests; NO REFUNDS

SATURDAY  
may 7

7 PM TO MIDNIGHT  
12-61 SADDLE RIVER ROAD, FAIR LAWN, NJ

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# Annual St. Leon

## Armenian Church Picnic



Sunday,  
June 5, 2022  
12:30p.m. to  
4:30p.m.  
Rain or Shine

Bring your  
family,  
friends and  
appetites for  
great  
Armenian  
food, music and  
community.



Want to help make sure the picnic  
is a success? Become a sponsor!

Visit the following URL

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Volunteers needed, please contact Lynn Markarian  
([lynn.markarian@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.markarian@gmail.com))

For more information call 201-791-2862

## Dear St. Leon Church Parishioners and Friends:

We are very pleased to host our long running annual St. Leon Church Picnic on **Sunday, June 5, 2022** immediately following church services. We invite you to come and enjoy delicious kebab, bulghur pilaf, desserts and more all made with care by our talented volunteers. And as always, there will be music!

While we are fortunate to receive donations of many of the ingredients and supplies required for the picnic, the church must still make a significant financial investment in order to ensure we can host an enjoyable picnic for all. It's financial donations from our generous sponsors that make this possible.

Please consider becoming a sponsor this year to help keep this wonderful tradition going. Visit <http://bit.ly/StLeonPicnic> to make an online payment or use the attached sponsorship form to mail in your pledge of support. We look forward to hearing from you; with your support we make the St. Leon Church Picnic better each year! If you have any questions call the church office or **Haig Buchakjian at 201-317-8619**.

*Not able to make a financial contribution?  
We need volunteers too!*

So many members of our community come together each year to make the picnic the wonderful event we have come to enjoy from planning committee volunteers to our beloved Women's Guild who spend hours preparing our favorite foods for the big day to the many volunteers who come out the weekend of the picnic to setup, grill, man registers, serve meals, work in the kitchen and clean up. We are truly blessed to have such dedicated people in our church family working for the benefit of our parish and we'd love for you to become a part of the team. If you are not sure where your talents can be best used, we are certain we have a perfect spot for you! Please contact Lynn Markarian ([lynn.markarian@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.markarian@gmail.com)).

# Picnic Sponsorship Form

(Detach the section below and mail to our church office at **12-61 Saddle River Road, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410**, along with your payment)

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Yes, I would like to be a Picnic Sponsor for the 2022 Annual St. Leon Armenian Church Picnic.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50 pledge      \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 pledge      \_\_\_\_\_ \$250 pledge

\_\_\_\_\_ \$500.00 pledge

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Other pledge amount

*Please write "Picnic Sponsor" in the memo portion of your check*

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

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***Thank you for your support!***

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	April 17	Easter Service
Fri	April 22	Armenian School
Sun	April 24	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Feast of the Holy Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide, Sunday School
Tues	April 26	Women's Guild Meeting 6:30pm
Wed	April 27	Bible Studies
Fri	April 29	Armenian School
Sun	May 1	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School
Fri	May 6	Armenian School
Sat	May 7	Spring Soiree
Sun	May 8	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School

\*There are no wedding sacraments permitted on the five major feast days in the Armenian Church which are:

Armenian Christmas – January 6, 2022

Easter – April 17, 2022

Transfiguration – July 24, 2022

Assumption of the Virgin Mary – August 14, 2022

Exaltation of the Holy Cross – September 11, 2022

