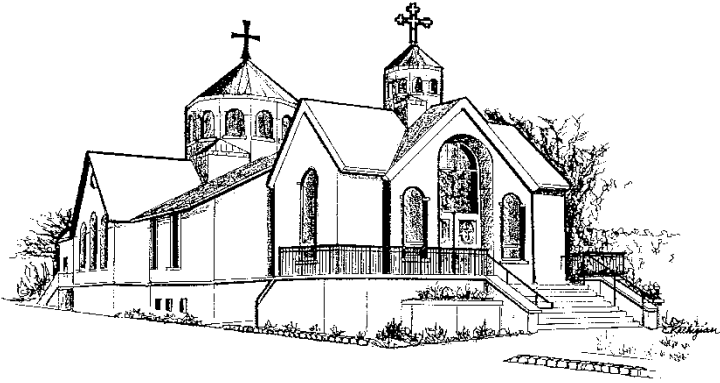


**ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH**  
*Octave of New Sunday*  
*April 24, 2022*

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



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**Readings from the Holy Scripture**

Acts 5:34-6:7

James 3:1-12

Gospel of John 1:1-17

***“Krisdos haryav ee merelots!” –***  
***“Orhnyal é harootyunun Krisdosi!”***  
***“Christ is Resurrected from the Dead!” -***  
***“Blessed is the Resurrection of Christ!”***

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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*



**Kiss of Peace-** 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 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, is 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.

**Coffee Hospitality:** Today’s hospitality is hosted by our *Sunday School*. Please join us in Abajian Hall after church services

## Church Etiquette

**Reverence Required** ~ Please refrain from entering the pews when the following parts of the Divine Liturgy (Soorp Badarak) is taking place (see below). You may stand in the back of the church until these parts have ended. The parish council will be happy to assist you.

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:**

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!

## HOKEHANKISD

✝ Aرسالوys Cakirdas, Tavit Arakelian & family request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Gulemir Garbis Cakirdas**, *loving husband, father, & grandfather*, on his **40<sup>th</sup> day (Karasoonk)** of his passing, into eternal rest. The family has donated toward altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved one.

✝ Sal & Anita Napolitano request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Julia Enokian**, *loving mother*, on **her 2<sup>nd</sup> year** of her passing into eternal rest. The family has donated toward altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved one.

✝ Hagop Froyan and family request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Antranig Froyan**, *loving father* and for the soul of **Zekiya Dawli**, *loving mother*, and for the soul of **Hanna Mardo Garabet Froyan**, *beloved brother*, and for the souls of **Arsalouse Froyan**, **Mary Froyan**, **Zavel Froyan** of their passing into eternal rest. The family has donated toward altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.

✝ The Mann and Avanesian families request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Zareh Hovanesian**, *loving father, father-in-law, & grandfather* of his passing into eternal rest. The family has donated toward altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.

**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.

*Before the singing of Hayr Mer, Fr. Diran  
will conduct the  
Order of Intercessory Prayer for the  
Holy Martyrs*



**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”.***



The resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ gives us joy and hope. For this reason, we celebrate the season of resurrection for fifty days! (In Armenian, the 50 days of Zadeeg is referred to as "**Heenoonk**," the final day being the Feast of Pentecost).

His resurrection is the center of our faith as a proclamation of victory over death.

It is this victory that stands in the face of Satan and the forces of evil that threaten to deceive and enslave us, to drag us down and away from God's love, and renders those forces powerless! Jesus has ushered in a new world, a new Kingdom, one in which he is the End of all things, not death! And so we pray and give thanks for the abundant life Jesus shares with his followers, his eternal life which we experience here and now.

What you will find below is a communal opportunity for the faithful of the Eastern Diocese to pray together, to unite our concerns as one, to build up the Body of Christ.

All these prayers are taken from the sacred tradition of the Armenian Church, most of them from the treasury of blessing we call the Zhamakeerk.

We urge all faithful through the season of the resurrection to find ten minutes each day, preferably at a designated time and location, and read this prayer rule aloud from beginning to end. You can do this alone, with your family, or with a friend.

It is also suggested to create a prayerful environment by setting up a Cross, khachkar, icon, candle, and incense.

Keep in mind, this prayer rule is a starting point, a daily prayer rule that should ideally create a habit of prayer, where praise, repentance, and reorienting ourselves toward God becomes a natural and regular part of our lives.

May the Lord hear our prayers and have mercy on us.

*(information copied from Vemkar website, please visit for more information online)*

Մեր Տիրոջ Եւ Փրկչին Յիսուս Զրիստոսի Յարութիւնը մեզի ուրախութիւն եւ յոյս կը պարգեւէ, այս պատճառաւ մենք Չատիկը յիսուն օր կը տօնախմբենք. այս շրջանը **Յիսունք** կը կոչուի եւ վերջին օրը կը նշենք Հոգեգալուստի Տօնը: Զրիստոսի Յարութիւնը մեր հաւատքի կորիզն է որպէս յաղթանակի հռչակում մահուան դէմ: Այս յաղթանակն է որ կը դիմադրէ Սատանային եւ չար ուժերուն դէմ՝ որոնք կը սպառնան մեզ խաբել եւ գերի դարձնել, մեզ վար քաշել եւ հեռացնել Աստուծոյ սերէն, եւ այս յաղթանակն է որ այդ ուժերը անզօր կը դարձնէ: Իր Յարութեամբ՝ Յիսուս կը բանայ նոր աշխարհ մը, նոր Արքայութիւն մը, որուն մէջ ինքն է ամէն բանի Վերջը եւ ոչ թէ մահը: Ուրեմն, մենք կ'աղօթենք եւ շնորհակալութիւն կը յայտնենք այդ լեցուն կեանքին որ Յիսուս կը բաժնէ իր հետեւորդներուն հետ. այդ յաւիտենական կեանքը որ մենք հոս եւ հիմա կը ճաշակենք:

Հետեւեալը գաղութային ամիթ մըն է Արեւելեան Թեմի հաւատացեալներուն, որ միասին աղօթեն, միաւորելով մեր մտահոգութիւնները, կառուցանելու համար մեր Տիրոջ մարմինը: Այս աղօթքները քաղուած են Հայաստանեայց եկեղեցւոյ սուրբ ավանդութիւններէն, եւ աղօթքներուն մեծամասնութիւնը առնուած են ժամագիրքէն: Յիսանց շրջանը, կը քաջալերենք մեր բոլոր հաւատացեալներուն որ օրը առնուազն տասը վայրկեան բարձրաձայն կարդան այս աղօթքները սկիզբէն մինչեւ վերջ. նախընտրելի է որ ընդերցողները տրամադրեն յատուկ ժամանակ եւ վայր աղօթելու, ըլլայ առանձին, ընտանեկան եւ կամ նոյնիսկ բարեկամներով: Կարելի է նաեւ ստեղծել հոգեւոր մթնոլորտ մը ունենալով աղօթասեղան մը գետեղելով վրան խաչ, խաչքար, սրբապատկեր, մոմ, խունկ եւ այլն:

Այս աղօթելու գաղափարը սկզբնակէտն է ամենօրեայ աղօթքի որ պէտք է դառնայ սովորութիւն, ուր մեր փառաբանութիւնը, ապաշխարութիւնը, եւ վերակողմնորոշումը առ Աստուած կը դառնայ բնական եւ սովորական մեր կեանքէն ներս:

Թող Տէրը լսէ մեր աղօթքները եւ ողորմէ մեզ:



## **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.

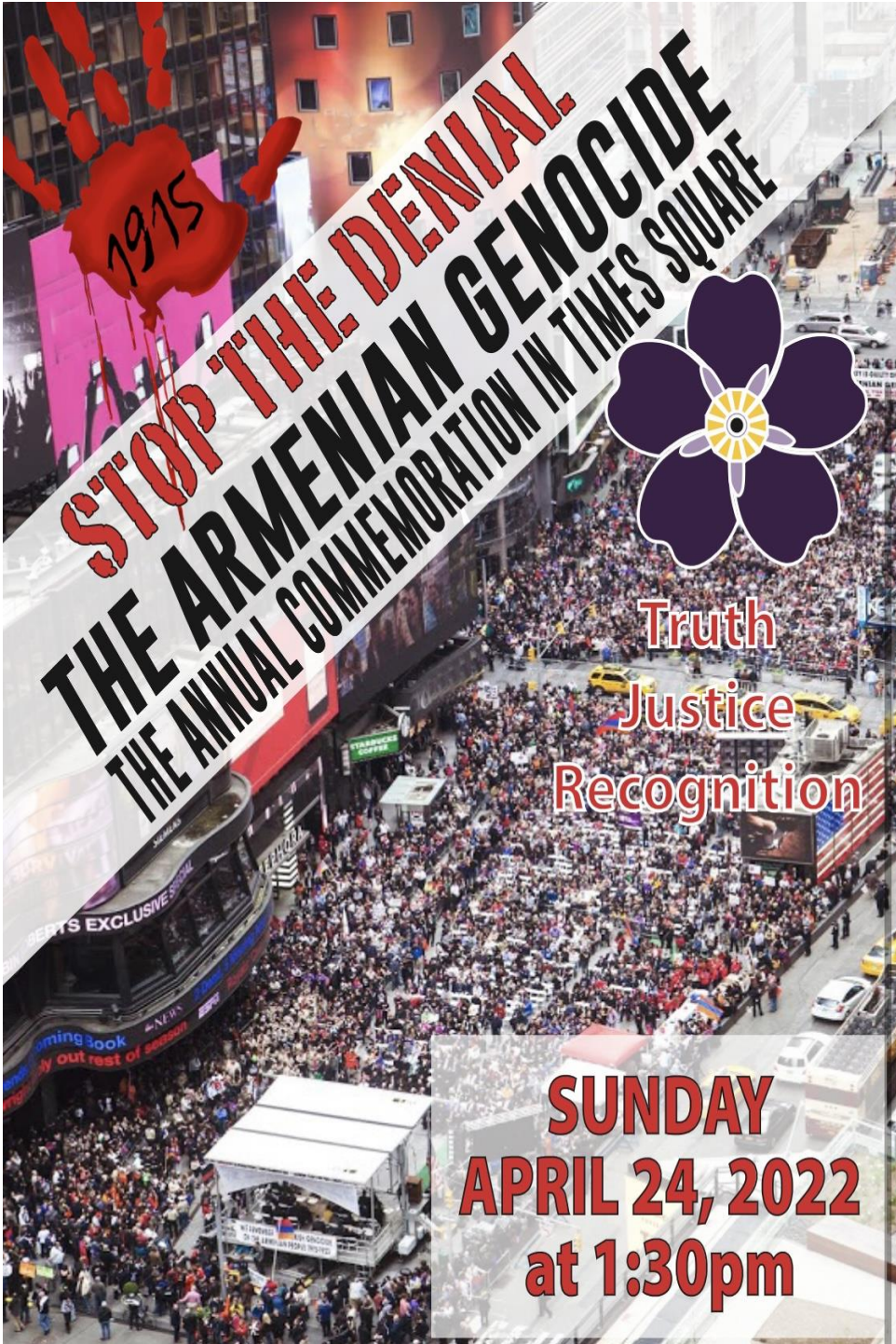




# *ACSA Men's Division Champions*



Congratulations to our St Leon Men's Basketball team! They took 1st place in an incredibly competitive and high-energy game versus St Vartanantz. Eric Halejian put the game away with a last second 3 point shot from 3 feet outside the parameter to break the tie in overtime. This is the first time our Saint Leon team has won the Men's Championship which brought a 47 year drought to an end. Please join our parish in congratulating our Men's team who have always been and will always be the Champions of our hearts!



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

1915



**Truth**  
**Justice**  
**Recognition**

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



# Knights and Daughters of Vartan

**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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Holy Martyrs, Bayside, NY

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#### TUNE IN LIVE

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**

**Sponsored by:** Knights & Daughters of Vartan

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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**



# SPRING soiree



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ST LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH  
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

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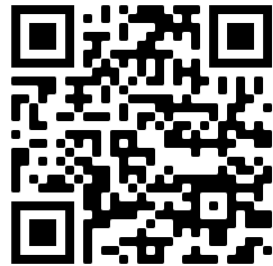
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TAKEN NO EARLIER THAN MAY 5 TO ALINE ARAZ AT [ALINE@EDRCORPNET](mailto:ALINE@EDRCORPNET) OR 917716.3927.  
IN KEEPING WITH OUR DUTY OF CARE, SAFETY PRECAUTIONS MAY BE UPDATED.

# 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

<http://bit.ly/StLeonPicnic> or scan  
the QR code with your smartphone

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*

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

# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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 Study
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, Mother's Day

***Last Gospel is Matthew 11:25-30***

\*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

