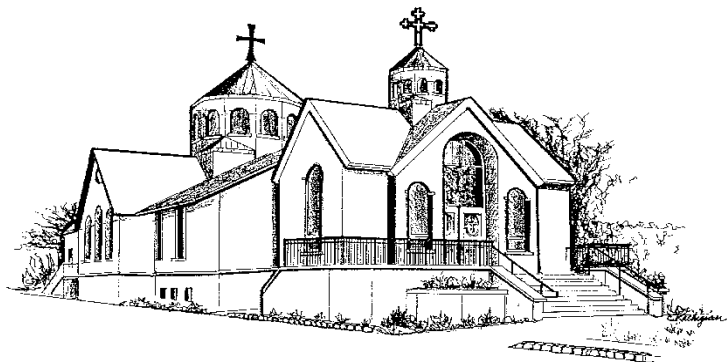


# **ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH**

**Red Sunday-April 30, 2023**

**Morning Service 9:00 AM**

**Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM**



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## **Readings from the Holy Scripture**

**Acts 13:16-43**

**1 Peter 5:1-14**

**John 5:19-30**

*“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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# ALTAR SERVERS

**Sr. Dns.** Nurhan Ezik, Dr. Berdj Feredjian,  
Diran Jebejian, Dr. Hrach Kasaryan,  
Nubar Kasaryan, Dr. Gregory Kazanjian,  
Sebuh Oscherician, Sarkis Pilavdjian

**Subdns.** Paul Chamesian, Jack Hamparian, Vahe Kiljian



**CHOIR MASTER**  
George Paroonagian

**PRINCIPAL ORGANIST**  
Sirvard Galstian

**ASSISTANT CHOIR DIRECTORS**  
Daniella Ashbahian                      Dawn Donofrio



*Today's Celebrant of the Divine Liturgy is  
Der Hovel Ohanyan*



## Parish Council Members

<b>Chairman</b>	Mark Badach
<b>Vice Chairman</b>	Serda Belekdanian
<b>Treasurer</b>	George Kundakji
<b>Assistant Treasurer</b>	Haig Buchakjian
<b>Recording Sec'y</b>	Peter Bedevian
<b>Corresponding Sec'y</b>	Patricia Toofangjian
<b>Members at Large</b>	Hratch Beylerian, Hagop Cilingiryan, Dawn Hourdajian, Marilou Pinajian, Barbara Royland

*Welcome to our newly elected parish council members!*

# HOKEHANKISD

✝ Aret Anac & Family and Raffi Anac request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Anahid Anac**, *beloved mother, & grandmother*, on the occasion of **her 40<sup>th</sup> day (Karasoonek)** 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.

✝ Maida & Arda Garabedian, Viken, Taleen, & Arden Banelian request Hokehankisd for the soul of *beloved husband, father, & grandfather*, **Arka Garabedian** on the **8<sup>th</sup> year** anniversary of his 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.

✝ Yester Garabedian and the Arakelian, Tekeyan, Ovanessian, Najjarian, & Garabedian families request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Arka Garabedian**, *loving uncle*, on the occasion of **his 8<sup>th</sup> year** 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 Deadline:**

Kindly submit all Hokehankisd requests by **12 noon on Thursdays** to be included in that week's Sunday bulletin. Please note that there is a standard word format used to maintain consistency with all Hokehankisd requests.

You may email or call the church office to submit your Hokehankisd prayer request, M-F, 10am-4pm.



# 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.

*Ruzanna Arevshatyan, Felicia Asomani, James Azarian, Mosses Bairamian, Hana Botie, Zoe Brooks, Frank Cornawchiulo, Jerry DiSant, Mike Fenarjian, Julie Frattarola, Ruben Grigoryants, Varoujan Harutunian, Lusine Hovsepyan, Silva Jinivizian, Robert John Karanfilian III, Brandon Katz, Annette Kouchshirin, Jim & Wendy Lathey, Fran Loiacono, 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 cares and watches over all His children.

***“I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.”***

*(Kindly assist with the updating of the prayer list. If a name needs to be added or removed, notify the church office. Thank you).*

# 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.



## Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսն ընդունեց Ֆրանսիայի Սենատի պատվիրակությանը

Ապրիլի 24-ին Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ծայրագույն Պատրիարք և Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում ընդունեց Ֆրանսիայի Սենատում Լեոնային Ղարաբաղի հարցով խմբի հիմնադիր և նախագահ, Արևելքի քրիստոնյաների հարցով կապի խմբի նախագահ Բրունո Ռետայոյի գլխավորած պատվիրակությանը:

Ողջունելով հյուրերին՝ Նորին Սրբությունն ընդգծեց, որ պատվիրակության այցը Հայաստան և Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածին լավագույն վկայությունն է հայ-ֆրանսիական բարեկամության: Վեհափառ Հայրապետն իր երխատագիտությունը հայտնեց Ֆրանսիայի Սենատին Հայոց Ցեղասպանության ճանաչման, դատապարտման, ինչպես նաև Արցախի անկախության մասին բանաձևի ընդունման համար:

Անդրադառնալով տարածաշրջանում առկա դժվարին իրավիճակին՝ Հայոց Հովվապետը մտահոգությամբ անդրադարձավ արցախահայության և Հայաստանի ինքնիշխան տարածքների նկատմամբ Ադրբեջանի կողմից շարունակվող ոտնձգություններին: Այս առնչությամբ Նորին Սրբությունը կարևոր նկատեց միջազգային հանրության հետևողական ջանքերի գործադրումն Ադրբեջանի որդեգրած ծավալապաշտական քաղաքականությունը կանխելու հարցում:

Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը նաև իր գնահատանքը հայտնեց Ֆրանսիայի իշխանություններին արցախյան 44-օրյա պատերազմի ընթացքում ու հետպատերազմյա շրջանում Հայաստանին և հայ ժողովրդին ցուցաբերած աջակցության և գորակցության համար:

Իր հերթին Ֆրանսիայի Սենատի պատվիրակության ղեկավար Բրունո Ռետայոն ընդգծեց, որ ջանքեր կգործադրի միջազգային աստիճաններում բարձրաձայնելու արցախահայության ազատ ու անկախ ապրելու իրավունքի պահանջը: Այս առիթով

պատվիրակության ղեկավարը տեղեկացրեց Հայոց Հայրապետին, որ Ֆրանսիայի Սենատում ստեղծվել է Արցախի հարցով հանձնախումբ, որի նպատակն է աջակցել ու գորակցել արցախահայությանը:

Զրույցի ընթացքում անդրադարձ կատարվեց նաև գերիների վերադարձման, Լաչինի միջանցքի արգելափակման, Ադրբեջանի վերահսկողության տակ անցած հայկական հոգևոր և մշակութային ժառանգության պահպանման խնդիրներին:

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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.”*

*(“Sirets'ek izmeemeyanis, zee Asdvadz ser e”)*

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - RED SUNDAY

April 30 this year is the fourth Sunday of Easter, also popularly called Red Sunday. The third Sunday which fell on April 23 as the Sunday of the World Church was popularly called Green Sunday. Our Church has given these popular colorful names, because we are reminded that through Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross and his resurrection, we are given new life, just as in the spring new growth in colors of green leaves and red tulips and poppies are signs of a newness of life.



The color red is associated with confronting struggle. For example:

- a red cloth held up to a bull during a bullfight invites the bull to combat the man holding it.
- Our people have named St. Vartan as "garmir Vartan" to indicate that he shed his red blood for the defense of his country's freedom to worship Christ.
- Christendom depicted the risen Christ in many icons clothed in red and holding a red flag with the sign of the cross on it. The red color reminds us of the blood of Christ shed on the Cross. As Christ's sacrifice resulted in victory, our own sacrifices in this world to overcome sin or evil will result in ultimate victory in Christ.

This leads us to acknowledge the fact that life is a struggle, a constant battle to choose between good and evil, to strive to live honestly, even if it leads one to lose materially, to stand up for justice for all, and above all to embrace the hard work of loving all, despite our differences.

The community of Christian believers, the Church, gives us the opportunity to look at the risen Christ who overcame all human weaknesses and healed the fallen human nature. We have all inherited that "mutated spiritual gene" which we name as the original sin of Adam and Eve. Through his total and unconditional reliance on the love of God the Father, Jesus victoriously broke the chains which bind our wounded humanity and he gave us the hope of living in everlasting joy with the Holy Trinity in heaven when he comes again. Until then, we are on a pilgrim journey. We face many challenges, temptations, and struggles in life.



Let us always turn to the victorious risen Christ who invites us to endure the temptations through God's help and join the victorious band of his faithful followers, whom we call saints.

Here is a Resurrection hymn that is sung in our Churches which reminds us of the risen Christ and simultaneously leads us to seek his mercy.



Meet Our Visiting Celebrant;

**REV. FR.  
HOVEL OHANYAN**

Rev. Fr. Hovel Ohanyan (birth name: Artak) was born on May 28, 1978, in the city of Ashtarak in the Republic of Armenia. He received his primary education at the local "Norayr Sisakyan" secondary school No. 5. From 1996 - 1998, he served in the RA Armed Forces in the north-eastern border zone.

In 1999, he was admitted to the Gevorkian Theological Seminary, and in 2005, he completed his six-year studies at the Seminary, after which, by the order of the Catholicos of All Armenians, he was appointed to serve as superintendent at the Seminary.

In 2005, by the order of the Catholicos, he was appointed as an executive secretary in the "Foreign Language Press" department of the Information Services of the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin.

In 2006, he defended his thesis entitled "Semantic Classification of Religious-Ecclesiastical Vocabulary (Names of Church Books)" with an "excellent" mark.

On the feast of St. Stephen, the Protomartyr in 2004, he was ordained as a deacon by Bishop Yezras Nersisyan, Primate of the Armenian Diocese of New Nakhichevan, and Russia. On April 15, 2007, New Sunday, he was ordained as a married priest by Archbishop Hovnan Derderian, Primate of the Western Diocese, and on February 24, 2008, he was awarded a "Letter of Blessing and Appreciation" and permission to use a pectoral cross. In 2017, on the occasion of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his priestly ordination, he was awarded a "Letter of Blessing and Appreciation" by the Primate. On July 23, 2021, he was awarded a Letter of "Patriarchal Blessing and Appreciation" and the right of wearing the priestly pectoral cross by the Catholicos. On February 22, 2022, on the occasion of the feast of St. Ghevond the Priest and His Companions, the Catholicos granted him the right of wearing a "Flowered Mantle".

In 2007, by the order of the Catholicos of All Armenians, he was called into service in the Western Diocese. He served the the communities of Santa Clarita, Palm Springs, the two newly formed communities of Ventura County and Santa Barbara, and lastly as the pastor of St. Vartan Armenian Apostolic Church in Oakland.

In 2012, presented the activities of the women's unions of the Diocese at the priests' meeting convened on the occasion of the feast of St. Ghevond the Priest and His Companions in the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin.

From 2008-2009, he continued his theological studies at Saint John's Catholic Seminary in Camarillo.

From 2010-2014, he continued his theological studies at the Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute, GTU (Graduate Theological Union), UC Berkeley. In

2014, he defended his theological thesis entitled "Water as a Symbol of Spiritual Rebirth in the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Holy Church" and was awarded the title of Master of Theology.

From 2014-2016, he was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute. In 2015, with the blessing of the Primate, he published his theological thesis in a separate book.

In 2018, he participated in the " Priests' Training" courses in the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin.

In 2019, he translated into Modern Armenian language, edited, and published the book of Archbishop Khoren Ashigian, 19<sup>th</sup> century Armenian Patriarch of Constantinople, entitled "Clergymen's Mode of Life", which was republished in 2022.

In 2022, he translated into Modern Armenian language, edited, and published the work of Bishop Melchizedek Muradians, 19<sup>th</sup> century famous Armenian national-ecclesiastical figure, entitled "Pastoral Theology", and was awarded a "Letter of Blessing" by the Catholicos.

Der Hovel has organised pilgrimages to the motherland, Artsakh and the Holy Land.

In 2020, after completing his service in the Western Diocese of the Armenian Church of the USA, he returned to the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin and was appointed to serve at the Gevorkian Theological Seminary as the deputy dean in the field of education.

He was an instructor of "Pastoral Theology" at the Gevorkian Theological Seminary.

Rev. Fr. Hovel Ohanyan married Anahit Ohanyan in 2005 and the couple is blessed with four children – Vazgen, Nare, Nazeni and Nrane.





# BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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.

## First Book of Maccabees

Chapter 11 “Ptolemy Invades Syria”

Chapter 12 “Alliance with Rome and Syria”

Chapter 13 “Simon Takes Command”

Matthathias, along with his sons and grandsons, who led the military resistance of the Jews to the tyranny of a series of Greek and Asian Kings who dominated the region. Apart from the obvious lessons of zeal for the Lord and the Law, tremendous courage and the favor God showed the men He had chosen to defend Israel. The Israelites defended their faith against Pagan oppression. We can see today how secularism can easily digress us from our faith if we are not anchored in the teaching of Christ.



# Church Campus Happenings...

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**Kiss of Peace:** “Krisdos ee mech mer haydnetsav.”-  
“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. Thank you.

## **Armenian School:**

All inquiries about upcoming purchasing opportunities of lahmajun, sujuk, & baghaj, can be forwarded to Barbara Hovsepian by texting 551-206-6686, or by emailing [bhovsepian@optonline.net](mailto:bhovsepian@optonline.net)

## **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 our community 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 coffee reception is hosted by our Parish Council.

Please join us after Badarak, in our newly renovated Abajian Hall, for refreshments and fellowship.

**Please Note:** All St Leon Campus postings must be pre-approved by the church office. All others will be removed. No taping on any glass is permitted & sorry, no personal business promotions can be posted. Consider, inquiring about advertisement space in our Lradoo, instead.

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**St. Leon Armenian Church**

# **BINGO NIGHT**

**GAMES | PRIZES | DINNER**

Friday, May 5, 2023

\$25 pp includes 2 game boards,  
pasta dinner, salad & dessert

10 & under - \$10 pp

\*Cash Bar\*

\*Tricky Tray Raffles\*

Additional Game Boards \$3 each

Doors Open 6:30 Game Starts 7:00 sharp

No Tickets Sold At Door

For Reservations contact

Susan Chamesian at 201-704-1052 or

[susanchamesian@gmail.com](mailto:susanchamesian@gmail.com)

Mail checks to: 694 William Bliss Drive New Milford, NJ 07646

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Proceeds to benefit St. Leon ACYOA Srs Sports Weekend

St. Leon ACYOA Jrs.

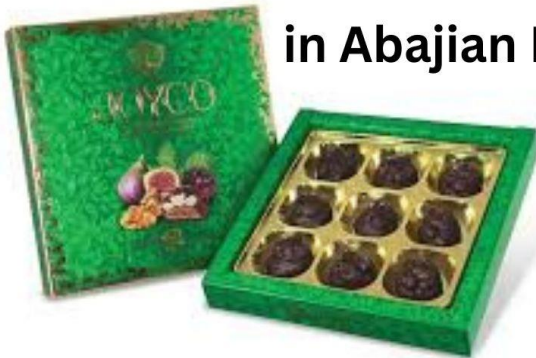
# **CHOCOLATES FROM ARMENIA ARE BACK!**

**AND HOMEMADE  
HALVA TOO!!**

Sunday, May 14th , 2023

Sale will take place immediately after  
church

in Abajian Hall



**Quantities are limited so please pre-order by scanning the QR Code.**

**Proceeds from this sale will be used to help renovate the ACYOA Room!!**

For more info: [youthdirector@stleon.org](mailto:youthdirector@stleon.org)

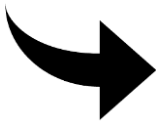


*Holy Name Medical Center* provides  
**COMPLIMENTARY BLOOD PRESSURE  
SCREENING at St. Leon**

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-



**May 17<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.

Your heart will thank you!





# GOMIDAS CHOIR

KRIS D. KALFAYAN, MUSICAL DIRECTOR

## 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF  
**VERY REV. FR. MESROP PARSAMYAN, PRIMATE**  
DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA (EASTERN)

**SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023**  
7:15PM

**ST. VARTAN ARMENIAN CATHEDRAL**  
630 2<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE, NYC 10016

GUEST ARTISTS  
**HUYSER MUSIC ENSEMBLE**  
AND  
**ARI TERJANIAN, PIANIST**

SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY  
**LOUSAPER YOUTH CHOIR**  
OF HOLY MARTYRS ARMENIAN CHURCH  
**NARGIZ MKRTCHYAN, DIRECTOR**

FOR TICKETS PLEASE VISIT  
[gomidas-choir.ticketleap.com](http://gomidas-choir.ticketleap.com)

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
[gomidaschoir@gmail.com](mailto:gomidaschoir@gmail.com)





Dear Parishioners & Friends:

We are thrilled to announce the ACYOA Seniors of St. Leon are hosting the 2023 ACYOA General Assembly & Sports Weekend this coming Memorial Day Weekend. For over 70 years, the young adults of our Diocese have gathered in Christian fellowship at national events to celebrate a shared faith and culture; and this year's weekend will be the continuation of a proud legacy!

With over 350 participants from across the country expected to attend, we could not be more excited to welcome all of them to our spiritual home to see what our community has to offer. Our committee has been working diligently over the past several months coordinating what will prove to be a unique and memorable weekend for all in attendance, including you!

We are writing to ask you for a donation to our Ad Booklet. We have enclosed a convenient form to help you make your donation today! Our Ad Booklet will provide a highly visible platform through which you can offer a personalized message to an individual, or the entire ACYOA community in attendance. **All donations are tax-deductible and will help offset the cost of this enormous undertaking.**

We are truly humbled by all the encouragement we've received thus far and look forward to partnering with you moving forward in this exciting endeavor.

Sincerely,

Fr. Diran Bohajian  
Pastor

Aline Tashjian  
Chairperson, ACYOA Seniors and GASW Committee

The ACYOA Seniors of St. Leon Armenian Church will be hosting the ACYOA General Assembly & Sports Weekend from May 26-29, 2023. We ask you to please support us as we welcome young adults from ACYOA chapters across the nation. In your ad, you will be able to share your greetings or support your favorite team. You can also promote your business, honor a loved one, and share photos of your ACYOA days. Please email Christine Beylerian with any questions regarding the ad booklet.

- \$500 (Full Page) \_\_\_\_\_
- \$250 (Half Page) \_\_\_\_\_
- \$100 (Quarter Page) \_\_\_\_\_
- \$50 (Business Card) \_\_\_\_\_
- \$25 (One Line Listing) \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Message:**

1. Print your message below and attach your photo/artwork. Hi resolution JPEGs are strongly recommended.

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2. Email your message and photo/artwork to: [christinebeylerian@gmail.com](mailto:christinebeylerian@gmail.com)

Deadline for submission is April 21, 2023. Checks made payable to **St. Leon ACYOA Seniors** and mailed with form to Christine Beylerian, 58 Chestnut Street Unit 1, Morristown, NJ 07960.



**Annual St. Leon  
Armenian Church Picnic  
Sunday, June 4, 2023  
12:30p.m. to 4:30p.m.**



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





ONLINE REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR

# ST. VARTAN CAMP

Staff Training: June 21 - June 24

Session A: June 25 - July 8

Session B: July 9 - July 22

Session C: July 23 - August 5

***Faith, fun, and fellowship!***

**CAMPERS AGES 8 - 15**

**CITS AGES 16 & 17**

**STAFF AGES 18 & OLDER**

CIT & Staff applications due April 15

Visit [diocesansummercamps.org](http://diocesansummercamps.org) to  
find out more information and to register.





# St. Leon Armenian Church

**Paving the Way...Brick by Brick**

Assist in paving the way to St. Leon Armenian Church's new education and recreation building. A common area at the entry to the building will consist of engraved bricks. This is a wonderful way to make your support of this facility permanently known. You may choose to have your name, the name of a child or grandchild, birthday, anniversary or graduation day, engraved on the brick. The possibilities are numerous and the help invaluable in meeting our goal of expanding our ministry by expanding our facilities.

There are two sizes to choose from in English and Armenian letters. Each donor will receive a certificate of ownership and the satisfaction of knowing that your support will help our St. Leon family continue to grow in faith in the Armenian Church well into the 21st century.

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

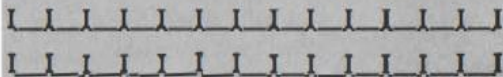
### Commemorative Brick Purchase:

#### English Letters

\_\_\_\_\_ 4" x 8" Brick @ \$125.00

Maximum of two lines, 13 letters per line

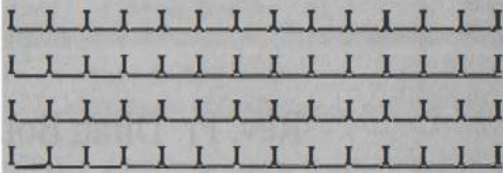
For 4" x 8" - engraving to read as follows: (please print clearly)



\_\_\_\_\_ 8" x 8" Brick @ \$250.00

Maximum of four lines, 13 letters per line

For 8" x 8" - engraving to read as follows: (please print clearly)



Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to:

Barbara Royland

44 Benson Avenue

Westwood, N.J. 07675

Email: [hycemom@optonline.net](mailto:hycemom@optonline.net)

201-666-5735

Check payable to: St. Leon (Memo: Brick Campaign)

*All donations are tax deductible.*

# 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

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	April 30 <b>TODAY</b>	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School	
Fri	May 5	Armenian School, Bingo Night <small>see flyer</small>	
Sun	May 7	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy- Apparition of the Holy Cross Sunday School	
Fri	May 12	Armenian School	
Sun	May 14 	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School, Mother's Day	
Fri	May 19	Armenian School	
Sun	May 21	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School Graduation	
Fri	May 26	Armenian School	
Sun	May 28	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Pentecost, Sunday School	

**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 13, 2023**

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

