

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Annunciation to the Virgin Mary

April 7, 2024

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Acts 5:34-6:7

James 3:1-12

John 21:15-25

“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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We are pleased to announce that GOMIDAS CHOIR
will be singing the Badarak next Sunday 4/14
Mark your calendars.



Please remember our motherland Armenia & our refugee
Brothers & sisters of Artsakh in your prayers



PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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HOKEHANKISD

† Ruth Basmajian, Gary Basmajian, Christine & Kenneth Yang, and Diane, Mosses, Seta, & David Bairamian request Hokehankisd for the soul of *beloved husband, father, and grandfather* **Armen Basmajian** on the occasion of the 40th day after his passing. The family has donated toward the altar flowers and requests that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved one.

† Claudine Bogosian requests Hokehankisd for the soul of *beloved mother*, **Joan Bogosian** on the occasion of the 40th day (Karasoonk) of passing into eternal rest. She has donated toward the altar flowers and requests that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.

† Husband, Mr. Parris Capizzi, & daughter, Aimée Aslanian & husband Stephen, son Jason Capizzi, son Gregory Capizzi & wife Amy Beth, grandchildren, Nikolas, Isabella, Michael Aslanian, Allegra Capizzi, Islie & Mila Capizzi request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Linda Capizzi**, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother on the third year of 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.

† Charles and Sona Aslanian request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Linda Capizzi**, on the third year of 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.

† C. Richard & Jo-Ann Tashjian, Andre & Roxanne Crapanzano, Adam & Sylvia Tashjian request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Linda Capizzi**, *loving sister, aunt, and great aunt* on the third year of 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.

† C. Richard & Jo-Ann Tashjian, Parris Capizzi & Family, Aslanian Family, Roxanne & Andre Crapanzano, Adam & Sylvia Tashjian request Hokehankisd for the souls of **Alice Najarian**, *loving mother, grandmother & great-grandmother*, and **James Najarian**, *loving father, grandfather & great grandfather* and for the souls of **Boghos & Hripsime Kazanjian** and **Abraham & Baidzar Najarian**. The family has donated toward the altar

flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.

✝ C. Richard & Jo-Ann Tashjian, Roxanne & Andre Crapanzano, Adam & Sylvia Tashjian request Hokehankisd for the souls of **Mary Tashjian**, *loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother* and **Charles R. Tashjian, Sr.** *loving father, grandfather, great grandfather* and for the souls of **Hampartsoum & Kenovapare Bakarian Manoogian** and **Dikran & Gadar Tashjian**. The family has donated toward the altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.

✝ Peter & MaryAnne Bonjuklian, Christina Bonjuklian, Arek & Alissa Chatmajian request Hokehankisd for the souls of **Jack & Alice Davoudian**, *beloved parents, grandparents*, of 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.

✝ Jeanette Ekizian, Dr Stephanie Balint, Dr Steven Balint, Laura Ekizian, Christopher & Claire Ekizian, Paul & Claudine Bogosian, & their families request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Hagop Ekizian**, *loving husband, father, grandfather, brother-in-law, uncle*, on the occasion of the 7th year of 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.

✝ The Ekizian, Balint, Bogosian families request Hokehankisd for the souls of **Paul & Hermina Bogosian** and **Armand Bogosian** 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.

✝ Jeanette Ekizian, Dr Stephanie Balint, Dr Steven Balint, Laura Ekizian, Christopher & Claire Ekizian, Paul Bogosian, & their families request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Joan Bogosian**, *loving sister-in-law, & aunt* on the occasion of the 40th day of 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.

† Mariann and Meg Baldwin request Hokehankisd (requiem service) for the soul of **Alice Rose Hortian** of 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.

† Dalita Khatchadourian, Anita & Jacques Anserian, Mano, Aline, Lia & Raffi Khatchadourian, and Sylvia & Andrew Cooper request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Souren Khatchadourian**, *beloved husband, father, grandfather & great-grandfather* on the 10th year of his passing into eternal rest. The family has donated towards altar flowers and requested that the altar candle be lit in memory of their loved one.

† The Atamian, Hiscoe, Grigorian families and Lana Ostrovsky request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Nina (Noune') Manoukian** *beloved caregiver & friend*, on 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.

† Arman Movsesyan and Angela Ohanyan request Hokehankisd for the souls of **Stepan Movsesyan & Vera Ginosyan**, **Movses Movsesyan**, **Vitali Movsesyan**, **Artem Movsesyan**, **Javahir Kureghyan**, & **Nina Martirosyan** of 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.

† Eduard Ohanyan & Sahakanush Khachatryan request Hokehankisd for the souls of **Colak Khachatryan**, **Hovhanes Ohanyan**, **Angik (Knarik) Ohanyan** & **Vagarshak Ohanyan** of 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.

† Children & grandchildren of request Hokehankisd for the soul of *beloved* **Shakae Shahinian** on the occasion of the 4th year of 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.



Hokehankisd Request Deadline:

Hokehankisd requests must be submitted by noon on Thursdays so that it can appear 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. Include contact information when leaving a message 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 forever, 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 Cornacchiulo, Jerry DiSanti, Julie Frattarola, Varoujan Harutunian, Lusine Hovsepyan, Silva Jinivizian, Robert John Karanfilian III, Brandon Katz, Annette Kucukshirin, Jim & Wendy Lathey, Sara Malajian, Carmelina Mancini, Bill Manookian, Sebuhs 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."



Thank you to the Fair Lawn High School Transition Program students who typically fold & deliver our Sunday bulletins.

Church Etiquette

Reverence Required

Please refrain from entering the pews when the following parts of the *Divine Liturgy (Soorp Badarak)* are taking place.

Kindly, 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. Intonation by the Priest, pg. 31
5. Vorti Asdoodzo pg. 33
6. Hayr Mer, pg. 41
7. Hymn, "Der Voghormya," pg. 42-45
8. Holy Communion, pg. 49.

1. Also, please **do not** chew gum, cross legs, nor stretch arms over back pews during church services.
2. Please observe the "arrows" in the liturgy books, they indicate when you should **Stand, Sit, or Kneel**.
3. 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 and says,
"Love one another, because God is Love."*

("Seeretsek izmeemeeyanis, zee Asdvadz ser")



BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday, April 10, 2024.

TIME: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Call or e-mail Fr. Diran to receive a zoom invite to the Bible study group.

Synoptic Gospels

No. 34, 35. 36. 37

The Call of the Disciples

Teaching in the Synagogue at Capernaum

The Healing of the Demoniac in the Synagogue

Jesus and the Samaritan Women- Jesus is heading back to Galilee from Jerusalem. Jesus chooses to go through Samaria although he did not have to. The encounter that Jesus has with the Samaritan woman takes place at Jacob's well. Jacob is a common ancestor for the woman and Jesus and the wells are the place for Weddings (Betrothal) in the Old Testament. In the Gospel of John, Jesus is the bridegroom the Samaritan women represents the Church (God's people) which is made up of sinners (Isaiah 62:5, Jeremiah 2:2, Hosea 2:16-20, Rev. 19:6-8:21:9-10. Jesus being the bridegroom is also God. Although Jews did not interact with Samaritans, Jesus asks the Samaritan woman for water. She couldn't understand how Jesus being a Jew is asking her for water. Jesus begins to explain to her that if he knew who is asking for water, she would ask him for the water that Jesus gives which the water of life everlasting. Jesus continues to point out her sins and she leaves convinced that Jesus is Prophet. Jesus is the true light which enlightens all people with the living water. In the Gospel of John, we are called to believe in him, testify to the ways he brings abundant life to everyone, and we are invited to come and see for ourselves as the Samaritan women does as she goes back to her community and tell the people what happened. Jesus' ministry in Galilee emphasizes "Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand", which is shared throughout the Gospels. Jesus affirms the fulfillment of the scriptures in Luke 4:16 which is met by the people of the synagogue with anger and rage. Despite his rejection, Jesus continues his ministry in Galilee where he does great works.

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.

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.

Armenian School:

Lahmajun & sujuk orders are due by tomorrow, Mon, 4/8 (*Pick up for those orders is following, Sun, 4/14). All inquiries for purchasing opportunities of our lahmajun & sujuk fundraiser may be forwarded to Nora Balekji at 973-513-2507 or nbalekji@gmail.com.

*Pre-paid orders may be picked up in Abajian Hall on the designated day.

Sunday School:

SS 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, acarden56@gmail.com.**

St. Leon’s Social Club:

Social Club meets every Wednesday, 11:30am-3:00pm at the elevator accessible, 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 [Men’s Fellowship](#).

Please join us, *after* badarak, for coffee & fellowship in Abajian Hall.

Please Note: All campus postings *must be pre-approved* by the church office. **All others will be removed.** No taping on glass or doors permitted. And *sorry*, no personal business promotions. Consider instead, inquiring about advertisement opportunities in our *Eradoo*.

Women's Guild invites all to
Meditation and Spring Wellness
by Leslie Adler
Wellness Instructor and Coach
Tuesday at 7:45 pm in Abajian Hall

Meditation & Spring Wellness Talk



Radiant Health: Living Authentically Through Midlife
....Especially designed for women who value their well-being and authenticity. Dive into body positivity and effective strategies to unlock the secrets to radiant health, both inside and out. Embrace your true self and learn how to thrive during this trans-formative phase of life.

Relaxation breathing and short meditation.

Introductions

Meditation Presentation

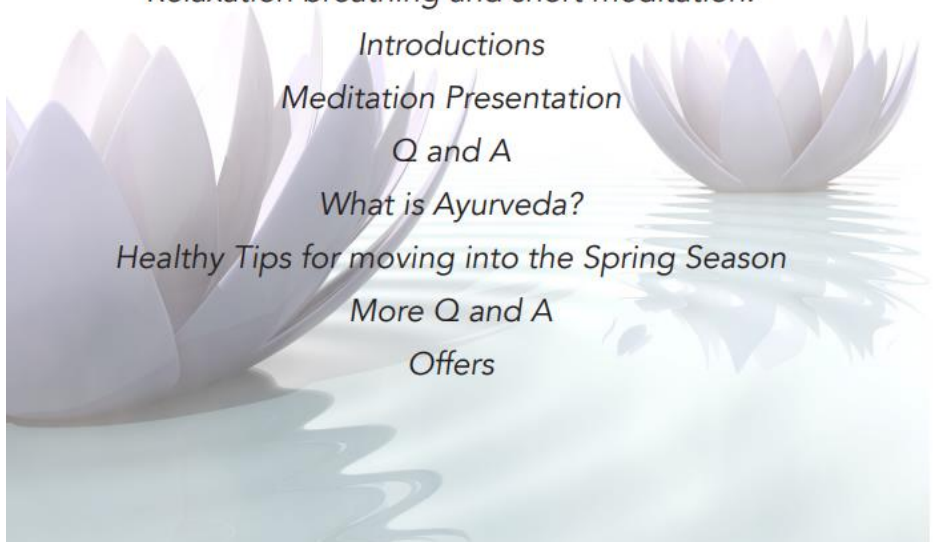
Q and A

What is Ayurveda?

Healthy Tips for moving into the Spring Season

More Q and A

Offers



ARMENIAN LINE DANCE WORKSHOP



Join us for an exciting evening learning steps to common line dances.

No experience? No problem! Just come to kef!
This event is open to anyone 16 years or older.
Bring a friend!

Friday, April 12 & 26 and May 10 & May 31
at 6:30-7:30 in Dadekian Hall

Your \$5.00 donation per session will support programs at St. Leon Armenian School

For more information call/text:

Lena Guroian: 201.805.4138

Carolin Melkonian: 551.404.3752

Jump into spring early with the

ST. LEON
ARMENIAN
SCHOOL

PLANT
SALE!



Hardcopies of the order form are available in the church narthex.

submit orders by

APRIL 12

pickup orders on

MAY 17 @5:00pm

We are grateful for another year of your support of our students! We are once again selling flowers and herbs. Ready to beautify your yard while keeping deer at bay? Order some deer-resistant Vinca, Marigolds, Dusty Miller, or Lantana. Our plants are top-of-the-line, delivered directly from the Skyline Greenhouses to St. Leon on the day of pick up. Please order early to avoid items selling out quickly!

Got questions? Call Tom Ashbahian at (201) 400-4334 or the Church Office at (201) 791-2862.



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-



April 17th, 2024
(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!





Genocide Commemoration

Sun, April 21st, 2024, at 12:30pm

Bus Departure From St Leon to

Times Square, NYC

Transportation provided by Knights & Daughters of Vartan –

***no reservations needed, first come-first serve**



Mon, April 22, 2024, at 12 noon

Hackensack, NJ

(commemorative plaque across Court House)

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

WOMEN'S GUILD MILITARY BRIDGE



Thursday, April 25, 2024

Abajian Hall 7:00 PM

Donation \$10.00

Cards / Refreshments / 50/50 Raffle

No knowledge of cards necessary!

Come and enjoy a fun evening!

Make a table of 4 people or come alone and we will seat you

For reservation you can email chrischakmakian@gmail.com

Please make your check payable to
St. Leon Women's Guild and mail to:

Christine Badach

560 Eder Ave, Wyckoff, NJ 07481



ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

BINGO *NIGHT*

\$30 pp includes 2 game boards, pasta dinner, salad & dessert

10 & under - \$15 (dinner only) Under 3 - Free

Cash Bar

Additional Game Boards \$3 each

No Tickets Sold At Door - Your cashed check is your reservation

No Refunds

**SATURDAY
MAY 4**

DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM

GAME STARTS 7PM SHARP

FOR RESERVATIONS CONTACT:

Susan Chamesian: susanchamesian@gmail.com or 201-704-1052

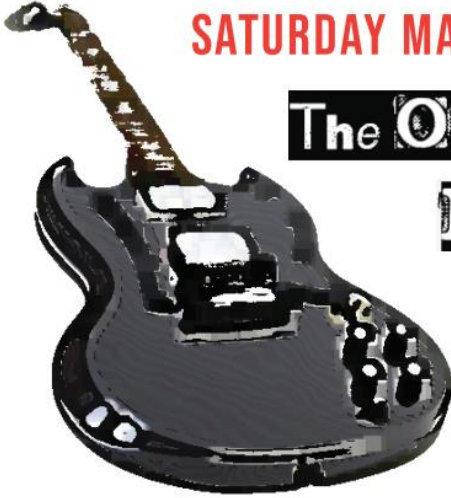
Email Preferred

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

Make checks payable to St. Leon Armenian Church

Rock the Night Away

SATURDAY MAY 11, 2024



The **ON THE**

TEAM Band

Linda Berenson: Vocals
Paul Shahinian: Guitar and Vocals
Jim Bashian: Keyboard and Vocals
Gary Malajian: Bass
Dennis Walker: Drums
Mark Friedman: Saxophone
Vinnie Cutro: Trumpet

7pm-11:30pm at **ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH**
12-61 Saddle River Road, Fairlawn, NJ 07410

RSVP by May 3, 2024 – \$30 Per Person – No Walk-Ins – Cash Bar & Light Mezze

Please make check payable to "St. Leon Women's Guild"

RSVP to: Lisa Tartaglione, 370 Hasbrouck Blvd, Oradell NJ 07649
lisavirg2009@gmail.com

St 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.



*Individuals (18+): \$175

*Students (18-24): \$50

*Seniors (65+): \$100

**Applications will be supplied upon request.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Apr 7	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School
Tues	Apr 9	WG meeting 6:30pm in Abajian Hall, Speaker, Leslie Adler at 7:45- All Are Welcome-see flyer
Wed	Apr 10	Senior Social Club 11-3pm
Fri	Apr 12	Armenian School Armenian Line Dance Workshop <i>see flyer</i>
Sun	Apr 14	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School Gomidas Choir joins our choir for Badarak
Wed	Apr 17	Senior Social Club 11-3pm
Fri	Apr 19	Armenian School- Genocide Commemoration Assembly
Sun	Apr 21	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School Genocide Commemoration at Times Square <i>see flyer</i>
Mon	Apr 22	Genocide Commemoration in Hackensack <i>see flyer</i>
Wed	Apr 24	CAMPUS CLOSED Feast of the Holy Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide
Thur	Apr 25	WG Military Bridge <i>see flyer</i>
Fri	Apr 26	Armenian School Armenian Line Dance Workshop <i>see flyer</i>
Sun	Apr 28	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School
Wed	May 1	Senior Social Club 11-3pm
Sat	May 4	Bingo Night <i>see flyer</i>

Last Gospel is Luke 12:32-40

There are no wedding sacraments permitted on Palm Sunday (April 13,2025) nor on the five major feast days in the Armenian Church which are:

Armenian Christmas – January 6, 2025

Easter –April 20, 2025

Transfiguration – July 7, 2024

Assumption of the Virgin Mary – August 18, 2024

Exaltation of the Holy Cross – September 15, 2024

