

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Isaiah 38:1-8

Hebrews 1:1-14

Luke 17:1-10

“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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Our Brothers & Sisters of Armenia Need Our Help
Please Keep our Motherland in Your Prayers



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

HOKEHANKISD

✝ The Assadourian Brothers & their families and Boghos & Shakeh Orangian & family request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Philippe Assadourian**, *beloved father, grandfather*, on the occasion of the 44th 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.

✝ The Chakmakian, Badach & Dooly families request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Harry Chakmakian**, *beloved father & grandfather* on the 1st anniversary 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 ones.

✝ The Gulian & Kuchukian families request Hokehankisd for the souls of **Gazar & Samiran Gulian** & **Ohanes & Vartuhi Kuchukian**. The family has donated towards the altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.

✝ Kourken Yegarian requests Hokehankisd for the soul of his beloved sister, **Armenig Yegarian**, on the occasion of her 1st year of passing into eternal rest, and also for the souls of **Vasken, Aghavni, & Varoujan Yegarian**, *beloved, father, mother, & brother*, on passing into eternal rest. He has donated towards the altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of his loved ones.

✝ The Mann & Avanesian families request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Mariam Hovanesian**, *beloved mother & grandmother*, on the occasion of the 3rd anniversary 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 Request Deadline:

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 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 Cornacchiulo, Jerry DiSanti, Julie Frattarola, Varoujan Harutunian, Lusine Hovsepyan, Silva Jinivizian, Robert John Karanfilian III, Brandon Katz, Annette Kucukshirin, Jim & Wendy Lathey, Sara Malajian, George Malke, 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.

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.
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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.



ՀԱՂՈՐԴԱԳՐՈՒԹՅՈՒՆ

Տեղի ունեցավ «Շուշին՝ Կովկասի մարգարիտ» գիտաժողովը

Դեկտեմբերի 11-12-ին Ֆրանսիայի «Արևելյան լեզուների և քաղաքակրթությունների ազգային ինստիտուտում» (INALCO) տեղի ունեցավ «Շուշին՝ Կովկասի մարգարիտ» խորագրով երկօրյա գիտաժողովը, որը կազմակերպվել էր «Արևելյան լեզուների և քաղաքակրթությունների ազգային ինստիտուտ» (INALCO) հիմնադրամի և «Հիշատակարան» նախագծի նախաձեռնությամբ:

Գիտաժողովի բացմանը Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնի Քարոզչական կենտրոնի տնօրեն Հոգեշնորհ Տ. Գարեգին վարդապետ Համբարձումյանը ներկաներին փոխանցեց Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսի օրհնությունն ու գնահատանքը:

Այնուհետև ողջույնի խոսքով հանդես եկավ Ֆրանսիայի Սենատի փոխնախագահ Պիեր Ուգուլիասը:

Գիտաժողովին ներկա էին Ֆրանսիայի հայոց թեմի առաջնորդ Հոգեշնորհ Տ. Գրիգոր վարդապետ Խաչատրյանը, Ֆրանսիայում ՀՀ դեսպան տիկին Հասմիկ Տոլմաջյանը, Ֆրանսիայի մշակութային ժառանգության ազգային ինստիտուտի տնօրեն Շարլ Պերսոնազը, հայ և օտարերկրացի գիտնականներ, քաղաքական, հասարակական և մշակութային գործիչներ:

Գիտաժողովի ընթացքում ներկայացվեցին զեկույցներ՝ նվիրված Շուշիի և առհասարակ Արցախի հոգևոր-մշակութային ժառանգության պահպանության խնդիրներին և ուղենշվեցին այդ ուղղությամբ հայ ու ֆրանսիացի գործիչների համագործակցության ճանապարհները:

Հոգեշնորհ Տ. Գարեգին վարդապետ Համբարձումյանը բանախոսեց «Շուշին որպես կրթական և հոգևոր կենտրոն Արցախի թեմում և Սուրբ Էջմիածնի առաքելությունը Արցախի մշակութային ժառանգության պահպանման գործում» թեմայով, ինչպես նաև ներկայացրեց Ադրբեջանի կողմից հայոց սրբավայրերի թիրախավորման և պատմամշակութային արժեքների ոչնչացման

փաստագրված ապացույցներ ու միջազգային հանրության կողմից ձեռնարկվելիք քայլերի առաջարկներ:

Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում դուրս կբերվի Սուրբ Ներսես Շնորհալի հայրապետի մասունքը

Դեկտեմբերի 16-ին Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ծայրագույն Պատրիարք և Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսի օրհնությամբ Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնի Սուրբ Հրեշտակապետաց եկեղեցում հավատացյալների հոգևոր մխիթարության և երկրպագության համար կդրվի Սուրբ Ներսես Շնորհալի Հայրապետի մասունքակիր խաչը: Սրբի մասունքը եկեղեցում կմնա ժամը 11:00-ից մինչև 18:00-ը:

Երանաշնորհ հայրապետի վախճանման 850-րդ տարելիցի առիթով մասունքարանը Մայր Աթոռին է ընծայաբերվել Բուլղարիայի Պլովդիվ քաղաքի Սուրբ Գևորգ եկեղեցու կողմից: Այն Սուրբ Էջմիածին է բերվելու Բուլղարիայի հայոց թեմի Առաջնորդական տեղապահ Գերաշնորհ Տ. Տաթև եպիսկոպոս Հակոբյանի ձեռամբ:

Սիրով հրավիրում ենք մեր բարեպաշտ ժողովրդին հաղորդ դառնալու Սուրբ Ներսես Շնորհալի Հայրապետի մասունքարանից բաշխվող օրհնութան:



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 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.



BIBLE STUDIES

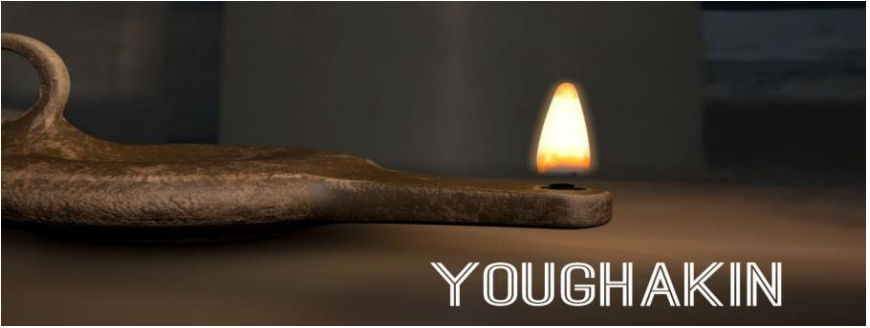
Wednesday, Jan.10, 2024.

TIME: 7:30pm – 9:00pm (HYBRID)

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

Next bible study will focus on Jesus's public ministry in the Synoptic Gospels.

John the Baptist- Apart from Jesus Christ, John the Baptist is the most theologically significant figure in the Gospels. As was the case with Jesus, his birth was meticulously recorded. His entrance into the world was marked by angelic proclamation and divine intervention. John's birth not only parallels that of Jesus but echoes the momentous occasion of the birth of Isaac to Abraham and Sarah. John is clearly a pivotal figure in the salvation history of God. The central theme of his ministry was, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near (Matthew 3:2). He was called "The Baptist" because his practice was to baptize those who responded to the message he proclaimed and sincerely repented of their sins. John was an end-times prophet. He conducted his ministry with an eschatological authority that demanded immediate action. He taught that judgement is at hand. The axe is laid to the roots and God will thoroughly purge his threshing floor. And the authenticity of repentance was evidenced in very practical terms: share with those in need, eliminate graft and prohibit extortion. John was courageous in that confronted the hypocrisy of the religious establishment. He did not hesitate to expose the immorality of Herod and chose to die a martyr's death rather than compromise his convictions (Matthew 14:3-12, Mark 6:17-19).



Youghakin is made up of two Armenian words: “yough” and “kin.”

“*Youghakin*” literally means the price of oil or donation in lieu of oil. In olden days, prior to electricity, oil lamps and lanterns illuminated homes and worship places.

Parishioners donated oil to keep the church lighted.

After the invention of electricity, as oil lamps were replaced with electrical lamps, the Armenian Apostolic Church continued asking members to bring symbolic contributions for the illumination of the church through the youghakin program at Christmas and Easter.

The context of this practice is inner illumination rather than stewardship.

When you send in your youghakin gift, you are not merely helping the church financially but are helping centuries of Armenian faith shine.

Through youghakin, you are in effect refueling the traditional symbolic lantern of faith, which St. Gregory the Illuminator lighted.



... *Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.* 2 Corinthians 9:7-8



CHRISTMAS GREETING

We are offering the opportunity of sending holiday greetings to your fellow St. Leon Parishioners through a **Special St. Leon Christmas Greeting Page**. Please complete this form and return it to the Church Office by Dec 19th, 2023, so that your names can appear in the December 24th Sunday bulletin & also in the January/February 2024 *Lradoo* issue.

**CHRISTMAS GREETING
DONATION:** _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name _____

Email _____

Telephone _____



POINSETTIAS FOR THE HOLY ALTAR

If you wish to donate to the **poinsettias** that decorate the altar during the Christmas season, please complete the form below and return it with your donation, to the Church Office by Sunday, Dec. 31st, 2023. The list will appear in the January/February 2024 *Lradoo* issue.

**POINSETTIAS FOR THE ALTAR
DONATION:** _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name _____

Email _____

Telephone _____

In memory or honor of:





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Տիրան ՔՀՆյ. Պօհաճեան Հոգեւոր Հովիւ

Կիրակի, Դեկտեմբեր 24, 2023

Ս. Ստեփանոս

Երեկոյեան Ժամերգութիւն

Ժամը 7:30 Ին

Ս. Ծննդեան Երգեր

Ժամը 8:00 Ին

Դպրապետուհի: Տանիէլա Աշպահեան

Ուրբաթ, Յունուար 5, 2024

Ճրագալոյց Ս. Ծննդեան

Երեկոյեան Ժամերգութիւն

Ժամը 7:15 Ին

Ս. Գրքի Ընթերցում

Ժամը 7:45 Ին

Ս. Եւ Անմահ Պատարագ

Ժամը 8:00 Ին

Շաբաթ, Յունուար 6, 2024

Ս. Ծնունդ, Զորահնէք

Կնքահայր- Դանիէլ Առաքելեան

Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն

Ժամը 9:00 Ին

Ս. Եւ Անմահ Պատարագ

Ժամը 10:00 Ին

“Վասնզի այսօր Դաւիթի քաղաքին մէջ

Փրկիչ մը ծնաւ ձեզի,

Որ օճեալ Տէրն է:”

Ղուկաս Բ:ԺԱ

Ս. խորանին պիտի սպասարկեն եկեղեցւոյս սարկաւազներ Բարեշնորհ Պէրճ Ֆէրէճեան, Տիրան Ժեպէճեան, Հրաչ Գասարեան, Նուպար Գասարեան, Սարգիս Բիլավճեան, նաեւ կիսասարկաւազներն ու դպիրները: Սուրբ Պատարագի քարաձայն երգեցողութիւնը պիտի կատարէ եկեղեցւոյս Դպրաց Դասը, Տիրա Ճորճ Բարունակեանի ղեկավարութեամբ. Երգեհոնահար Սիրվարդ Գալստեան:



Theophany Season

Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian, Pastor

Sunday, December 24, 2023 St. Stephen & Christmas Eve

Vespers	7:30 PM
Christmas Caroling	8:00 PM

The St. Leon Choir will lead us in the singing of Hymns
Choir Director: *Daniella Ashbahian*

Friday, January 5, 2024 Theophany Candlelight

Vespers	7:15 PM
Scripture Reading	7:45 PM
Divine Liturgy	8:00 PM

Saturday, Jan 6, 2024 Nativity of Our Lord/Blessing of Water

Godfather is Taniel Arakelian

Morning Service	9:00 AM
Divine Liturgy	10:00 AM

***“For to you is born this day In the City of David a Savior,
Who is Christ the Lord” Luke 2:11***

Serving at the Altar will be Deacons:

Dr. Berdj Feredjian, Diran Jebejian, Dr. Hrach Kasaryan, Nubar Kasaryan, Dr. Gregory Kazanjian, Sarkis Pilavdjian, & Sub-Deacons and Acolytes of our Church.

Choirmaster: *George Paroonagian*
Organist: *Sirvard Galstian*

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:

All inquiries for purchasing opportunities of lahmajun, sujuk, & bağ  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:

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 WOMEN’S GUILD. Please join us *after* Badarak, in Abajian Hall for coffee & fellowship.

Please Note: All campus postings *must be pre-approved* by the church office. **All others will be removed.** No taping on glass nor doors permitted. And *sorry*, no personal business promotions. Consider instead, inquiring about advertisement opportunities in our *Lradoo*.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE



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ACS A BASKETBALL 2023-2024 Season

DATE	GARDEN CITY MITCHEL GYM					FAIR LAWN ST LEON GYM					HACKENSACK HIGH SCHOOL			
OCT 22	2:00 St LEON1 SARK	3:15 M SVC VART	4:30 Jr SARK VART			1:30 G LEON VART	2:45 Sr LEON VART	4:00 St LEON2 HOV2						
OCT 29	1:30 St HM2 HM3	2:30 St HM1 SARK	3:30 Jr HM SARK	4:45 Sr HM VART		2:00 St HOV1 LEON1	3:00 M LEON2 VART	4:15 M SVC LEON3			2:00 G HM1 LEON	3:15 G HM2 VART	4:30 Jr LEON VART	
NOV 5	2:00 St HM3 SARK	3:00 G HM1 HM2	4:15 Sr HM LEON			2:00 St HM1 LEON2	3:00 St HM1 LEON1	4:00 St HOV1 HOV2			2:00 Jr HM LEON	3:15 M HC VART	4:30 M LEON1 LEON2	
NOV 12	1:30 Jr LEON SARK	2:45 G HM1 VART	4:00 Jr HM VART	5:15 St HM2 SARK		1:00 M LEON2 LEON3	2:15 M HC LEON1	3:30 St HM3 LEON2	4:30 G HM2 LEON					
NOV 19						2:00 M HC LEON2	3:15 St HOV1 LEON2	4:15 St HOV2 LEON1			2:00 M VART LEON3	3:15 M SVC LEON1		
DEC 3	1:30 G HM1 HM2	2:45 St HM2 HOV2	3:45 St HM1 HM3	4:45 Jr HM SARK		1:30 St HOV1 SARK	2:30 St LEON1 LEON2	3:30 M LEON1 LEON3			1:30 Jr LEON VART	2:45 G LEON VART	4:00 Sr LEON VART	5:15 M HC SVC
DEC 10	1:30 G HM1 LEON	2:45 Jr HM LEON	4:00 St HM3 HOV1	5:00 St HM1 HM2		2:00 St HOV2 SARK	3:00 Jr VART SARK	4:15 G VART HM2			1:30 M LEON1 VART	2:45 Sr HM VART	4:00 M HC LEON3	5:15 M SVC LEON2
DEC 17	1:30 St HOV2 HM3	2:30 G HM1 VART	3:45 Jr HM VART	5:00 M HC SVC		1:00 M LEON1 LEON3	2:15 St HM2 LEON2	3:15 St HM2 LEON1	4:15 St HM1 HOV1		1:30 G HM2 LEON	2:45 Jr SARK LEON	4:00 Sr HM LEON	5:15 M LEON2 VART

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Note to all players and coaches: Please arrive at least 30 minutes before game time.

Scores, standings and information at www.acsasports.org

www.facebook.com/acsabasketball

www.instagram.com/acsa_basketball



Come Support our Teams!



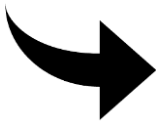


Holy Name Medical Center provides
**COMPLIMENTARY BLOOD PRESSURE
SCREENING at St. Leon**

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-



January 17, 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!



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!





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 @ \$135.00

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: byemom@optonline.net

201-666-5735

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

All donations are tax deductible.

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.



*Individual (18+): \$175

*Student (18-24): \$50

*Senior (65+): \$100

**Applications will be supplied upon request.*

REMINDER: Parish Assembly is scheduled for February 4, 2024.
Dues paying members should be up to date with their payments to vote.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Dec 17	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy NO Sunday School
Wed	Dec 20	NO Senior Social Club
Fri	Dec 22	NO Armenian School
Sun	Dec 24	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy NO Sunday School Vespers & Christmas Caroling 7:30pm
Mon	Dec 25	Church Office & Campus CLOSED <i>Merry Christmas!</i>
Wed	Dec 27	NO Senior Social Club
Fri	Dec 29	NO Armenian School
Sun	Dec 31	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy NO Sunday School
Mon	Jan 1	CHURCH CAMPUS & OFFICE CLOSED
Wed	Jan 3	Senior Social Club
Fri	Jan 5	Theophany Candlelight Vespers 7:15pm NO Armenian School
Sun	Jan 7	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School resumes 10am
Wed	Jan 10	Senior Social Club

Last Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

There are no wedding sacraments permitted on Palm Sunday (Mar 24, 2024) & on the five major feast days in the Armenian Church which are:

Armenian Christmas – January 6, 2024

Easter –March 31, 2024

Transfiguration – July 7, 2024

Assumption of the Virgin Mary – August 18, 2024

Exaltation of the Holy Cross – September 15, 2024

