

SUNDAY February 10, 2019

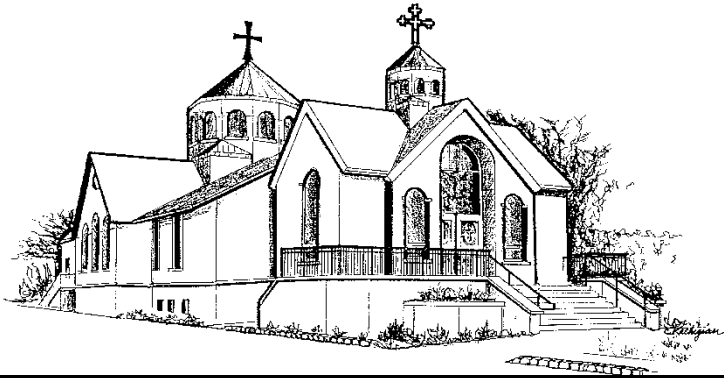
Barekendan of the Fast of Catechumens

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Morning Service 9:00 AM

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Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Is 61:10-62:9

2 Tm 2:15-26

Gospel According to John 6:15-21

God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. John 3:16

Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian

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ALTAR SERVERS

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Subdns. Paul Chamesian, Gregory Kazanjian, Vahe Kiljian

CHOIR MASTER

George Paroonagian

PRINCIPAL ORGANIST

Sirvard Galstian



“Krisdos ee méch me haydnetsav.” – “Orhnyal é haydnootyoonun Krisdosi.”

“Christ is revealed among us.” - “Blessed is the revelation of Christ.”



Parish Council Members: Lorig Chorluyan, Vicken Jessourian
Robert Sarajian, Marilou Pinajian, Alex Avedis,
Serda Belekdanian, Hagop Cilingiryan, Diran Jebejian,
David Kasparian, Gregory Parseghian, Dennis Tarzian

The Parish Assembly meeting will be held in the Church proper after Church Services. Please go into the Narthex and sign in and the Nominating Committee will give you a 3x5 numbered card for voting, agenda, voting ballots and etc.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK; Remember in your prayers and ask for the recovery of Therese Najarian, Walter Jensen, Mary Ellen Sebelle, Maryann Camiskay, Karen Weidner, John Damergy, Brandon Katz, George Ghazarian Jr., Ronald Foronjy, Robert Foronjy, Wendy Lathey, Aram & Mary Varteressian, Dan Patoyian, (Moynihan), Juliette Haddad, James Azarian, Varoujan Harutunian, Marie Harutunian, Joseph Harutunian, Joanna Jaworska, Mosses Bairamian, Lou Scipione, Jared Tashjian, Ruben Grigoryants, Michael Sakolsky, Lynne Ford, Frank Cornawchiulo, Rose Kardashian, Ryan Hallak, John Hallak, Carmelina Mancini, Marie Tenguerian, Hana Botie, Mary Ann Kral, Emily Ring, Clara Yeramian, Jerry DiSanto, Julie Frattarola, Melanie Sarkisian and all those who are suffering.

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”

CHURCH ETIQUETTE:

Father Diran and the Parish Council sincerely request that parishioners respond to the following, so that our beloved Church may function in a more orderly and respectful manner:

Altar Candles ~ Please note, according to Armenian Church tradition, all Altar Candles must be lit before the beginning of *Badarak*. Those desiring to light candles in memory of loved ones or friends are requested to notify the Church Office in advance by noon of Wednesday preceding the Sunday of remembrance.

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*.

BURNING CANDLES IN THE CHURCH One of the devotional practices in the Armenian Church, as in all Orthodox Churches, is the beautiful custom of burning candles in front of sacred shrines, icons or relics. It is symbolic of the sacrifice of the Christian soul in order to shine with divine graces, confident in the example and intercession of the saints. So the candle burns itself up to give out light. Light symbolizes Christ, “**The Light of the World.**” When attending the Divine Liturgy on Sunday or any Worship Service, the believer may obtain a candle(s) in the Narthex which is accompanied by a donation. Then, he/she will take their candle to one of the icons in our Church. The faithful will then light the candle make the sign of the cross, say a prayer and return to the pew. During the prayer he/she may ask the intercession of the particular saint in his/her mind which may be represented by the image or relic.

DRESS CODE FOR CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

As we worship in our beloved Armenian Church on Sundays and attend Sunday School, let us be mindful that we are in God's House. Since we are in God's House, it is important that we dress appropriately. The attire (clothing) we wear on Sundays should be in good taste; therefore, any transparent clothes, shorts and skirts with length above the knees, halter and tank tops, spaghetti straps, jeans, etc, should be avoided. Bare shoulders should be covered with a shawl.

FULLER CENTER FOR HOUSING

Barbara Hovsepian is gathering a team for another trip to Armenia with **Fuller Center for Housing**. The trip is scheduled for July 27 to August 11, 2019. There will be five work days and five days touring with the remainder being travel days to and from Armenia. In country cost will be approximately \$1650 which includes hotel, meals, transportation, tours, insurance. The work may be strenuous or easy but each team member is asked to do only what they feel comfortable doing. If you are interested in joining the team, contact Barbara by email bhovsepian@optonline.net or by phone 973-839-1417 ASAP

ARMENIAN SCHOOL is selling Lahmajun after the Parish Assembly meeting in the Community Center. \$15 dozen. See Barbara Hovsepian.

WOMEN'S GUILD Our next meeting will be on February 12th. We will be voting on proposed changes to our Women's Guild By-Laws. It is imperative that every effort be made to attend this meeting. Please mark your calendars.

DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE. We are accepting applications for the Diocesan Young Adult Pilgrimage June 4-13, 2019. Open to those aged 21-26 and underwritten by special sponsorship through the Diocese and our parish. Participants will tour the Holy Land and immerse themselves in the sacred history of our people who have lived there for centuries. To apply: email a letter to Der Diran Bohajian detailing why you would like to participate in this program, no later than February 22, 2019. Only one youth representative per parish is eligible for subsidized cost

KIDNEY REQUESTS

Robert Ross is one our St. Leon Parishioners and is in need of a kidney transplant. Please call Marlene Ross for further information (201-410-5840). Any donation of a kidney match or otherwise elevates the patient to the top of the list.

Sebuh Oscherician is one of our St. Leon Parishioners and Deacon and is in need of a kidney transplant. Please call Rita Oscherician for further information (201-417-7145). Any donation of a kidney match or otherwise elevates the patient to the top of the list.

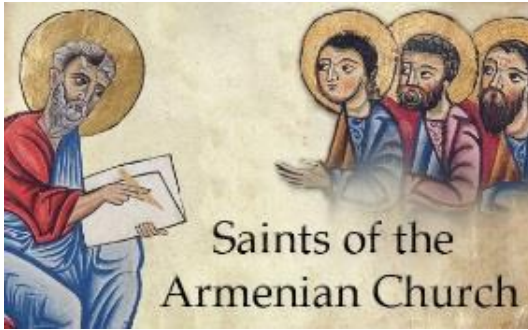
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP Students who are active in the ACYOA, Altar Servers, Sunday School & Armenian School Teachers, Choir members are earmarked for Armenian American students attending accredited 4-year undergraduate university programs and is active in the life of the Armenian Church of the Eastern Diocese. Open to U.S. citizens only. The website: <https://armenianchurch.us/scholarships/> All applications must be accompanied by a recommendation from the parish priest.

SAVE THE DATE!



On May 18, 2019, St. Nersess Armenian Seminary invites you to *A Celebration of Hope & Gratitude*, honoring His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian and

Bishop-elect V. Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan, as past and present St. Nersess Board Presidents. The event will also celebrate the seminary's distinguished history and bright future. Time: 6:30PM at the Old Tappan Manor, Old Tappan, NJ. For more information please contact Lynn Beylerian lynnbeylerian@gmail.com or 201-914-0354 or go to www.stnersess.edu



Feast of St. Leontius the Priest and His Companions

On Tuesday February 26, 2019, St. Leon Armenian Church will observe the Feast of St. Leontius (Ghevont) the Priest and His Companions.

St. Ghevont is one of the great exemplars of the Armenian priesthood, remembered for his courage and resolution at the Battle of Avarayr in 451 A.D. He and his brother clergymen stood with the Armenian soldiers, under the leadership of St. Vartan Mamigonian, in their stand against the Persian army to defend Armenian's existence as a Christian nation.

On the eve of battle, Ghevont celebrated the Divine Liturgy, distributed Holy Communion and baptized soldiers who had not yet been baptized in the Armenian Church. He also delivered a stirring sermon, stressing that neither the Persian forces nor death could undermine the soldiers union with Christ.

Each year on this day, Clergy of the Eastern Diocese will gather for the annual Ghevontiantz Day observance. St. Leon Church of Fair Lawn will host the Feast of St. Leontius on Tuesday, February 26, 2019. St. Leon will celebrate the Divine Liturgy at 11:00 AM.

BIBLE STUDY February 13, 2019 Wednesday Night

TIME: 7:30-9:00 PM

The Book of Psalms

Psalms 77 “God’s Mighty Deeds Recalled”

Psalms 78 “God’s Goodness and Israel’s Ingratitude”

Psalms 79 “Please for Mercy for Jerusalem”

- The context of Psalm 70 is better conserved in Psalm 40:14-17 (Book I) and verses 3, 4, and 5 pick up and reinforce concepts formulated in Psalm 35:4, 21, 25, 26, 27
- Psalm 71 seems to be a continuation of 70 (missing superscription) and reconnects to psalms 22 and 31 with a bit less personalization and more of formulaic proclamations.
- Psalm 72 is a prayer for the king and royal dynasty, and this context dictates its attribution to Solomon. The imagery and metaphors draw on the narrative enshrined in the sacred texts assessing Solomon’s reign; however, the most incisive and poetic ones hark back to blessings sustaining life and predictability, tempered with possible loss and demise, of early agrarian societies.
- A doxology (verses 18 and 19) concludes this second collection of psalms.
- Psalm 73 opens the third collection of psalms; it is a treatise anchored on reason and faith, making these the gates of divine abode, the presence of Yahweh. Indeed, the search for the silent Lord—the theme of Book II— finds its conclusion in Book III—the presence of the Lord in his own abode, the Temple, where he psalmist attains the insight/understanding that God is with him and the end of the wicked comes when least expected (v.17).
- Psalm 74 develops verse 25 of psalm 73 making the Temple’s utter destruction both the immediate context of this profound lament and a launching metaphor of a complete restoration of the true temple of the Lord, our human nature —body and soul; because the Lord is the Almighty creator (vv. 12-17). The covenant of the Lord brings justice, peace, abundance, security, joy, understanding, knowledge, hope, love...the true sense of the promised land flowing with honey and milk (a metaphor of privileged abundance).



2019 Dates
June 26 - July 17

Open to Ages
18 and Older

Trip Rate
\$2,450

ARMENIA SERVICE PROGRAM

This summer, ASP will be led by Fr. Hratch Sargsyan, pastor of St. Gregory of Narek Church in Richmond Heights, OH. Participants will visit historical and cultural sites, reflect and pray in ancient monasteries, participate in the Global Youth Forum in Artsakh, spend time volunteering at a children's summer camp, and support FAR and ayo! projects.

The first 20 participants to register will receive a \$500 scholarship bringing the cost of the trip from \$2,950 to \$2,450.

Provided by SIMA Tours, the price includes round trip airfare (via Aeroflot) from JFK Airport, ground transportation and transfers in Armenia, all tours with a bilingual tour guide, lodging, and two meals a day.



Register at
ACYOA.org
by March 15

For more information, contact Jennifer Morris at
jenniferm@armeniandiocese.org or at (248) 648-0702



ACSA BASKETBALL

2018 - 2019

SECOND HALF SCHEDULE

DATE	HACKENSACK HIGH SCHOOL	FAIR LAWN ST LEON GYM	QUEENS VILLAGE VAN BUREN HS
JAN 13	2:00 G LEON1 VART 3:15 S APC VART 4:30 M SARK VART2	2:00 J LEON THOM 3:15 G LEON2 THOM 4:30 S LEON THOM	1:30 J HM1 SARK 2:45 J HM2 VART 4:00 M SVC THOM
JAN 20		2:00 G HM LEON1 3:15 M VART1 LEON 4:30 S APC LEON	2:00 J SARK THOM 3:15 G SARK THOM 4:30 S HM THOM
JAN 27	2:00 M VART1 VART2 1:30 M LEON VART3 3:15 M THOM S THOM VART 4:30 S APC HM	2:00 G LEON1 SARK 1:30 G LEON2 VART 2:45 J LEON VART 3:15 G THOM VART 4:30 J THOM VART	1:30 J HM1 LEON 2:45 G HM SARK 3:15 G HM LEON2 4:00 M SVC LEON
FEB 3			
FEB 10	2:00 M THOM VART2 3:15 S THOM VART 4:30 S HM LEON		1:30 J HM1 HM2 2:45 M SVC VART1 4:00 M SARK VART3
FEB 24		2:00 M VART1 VART3 3:15 G LEON1 THOM 4:30 S LEON VART	2:00 G LEON2 SARK 3:15 M THOM SARK 4:00 M SARK VART3
MAR 3	2:00 J HM1 VART 3:15 J HM2 THOM 4:30 S APC THOM	2:00 J LEON SARK 3:15 M LEON VART2	1:30 G HM VART 2:45 S HM VART 4:00 M SARK SVC

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PLAYOFFS - MARCH 10

CHAMPIONSHIPS - MARCH 17

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

St. Leon Armenian School

Lenten Luncheon Buffet

Sunday, March 24, 2019

Following Church Services
Abajian Hall

We strive to continue our Armenian traditions and culture, especially through our heritage foods. Bring your family and friends to our luncheon and enjoy the cuisine of Armenia and taste our Armenian roots.



Vospov Keufta



Yalenchi



Shepherd's Salad

A Delicious Array of Lenten Foods
\$20 Adults and Children over 12
\$10 Children 12 and Under
(same menu as adults, smaller portions)

Reservations a Must

Call, E-mail, or See

Barbara Hovsepian

Home 973-839-1417 cell 551-206-6686

Email: bhovsepian@optonline.net

Take Out Available

Take Out Order Forms in Narthex

MUST BE PREORDERED BY MARCH 17, 2019

St. Leon Women's Guild

Easter Fundraiser

The Women's Guild is offering
Women's Guild Choreg, Hantes Choreg, Tel Baneer, Khadaif and Kurabia in time for Easter.

Everything will be made to order, frozen, packed and ready to be picked up on Palm Sunday,
April 14th, in front of the rectory garage.

Deadline for orders is **April 10th**. Please fill out the order form below, make your check payable
to St. Leon Women's Guild and hand in or mail to:

Marilou Pinajian, 10 Wyckoff Terrace, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
Call 201-791-0621 or email your order to:
mpinajian@yahoo.com



PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND INCLUDE YOUR PAYMENT WITH YOUR ORDER

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
_____ dozen	Women's Guild Choreg (packed 12 braids in one bag)	\$13/ dozen	_____
_____ loaf(s)	Hantes Choreg (a little sweeter) (1 large braid in individually wrapped)	\$12/ loaf	_____
_____ ball(s)	Tel Baneer (String Cheese)	\$8/ ball	_____
_____ tray	Khadaif (Unbaked and Oven Ready, Instructions included) Serves 12	\$25/ tray	_____
_____ dozen	Kurabia	\$15/ dozen	_____

NO COFFEE HOSPITALITY TODAY
Parish Assembly Meeting

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Feb 10	Morning Service Divine Liturgy Sunday School St. Leon Parish Assembly
Tues	Feb 12	St. Leon Women's Guild 7:30 PM
Wed	Feb 13	Senior Center 11-4:00 PM Bible Study 7:30-9:00 PM
Fri	Feb 15	Armenian School 6:00-8:30 PM
Sun	Feb 17	Morning Service Divine Liturgy Sunday School
Wed	Feb 20	Senior Center
Fri	Feb 22	Armenian School
Sun	Feb 24	Morning Service Divine Liturgy Sunday School
Tues	Feb 26	St. Leon Name Day – Badarak 11:00 AM
Wed	Feb 27	Senior Center, Bible Study
Fri	Mar 1	Armenian School
Sun	Mar 3	Morning Service Divine Liturgy Sunday School
Wed	Mar 6	Senior Center
Fri	Mar 8	Armenian School

Last Gospel: John 1:1-14