

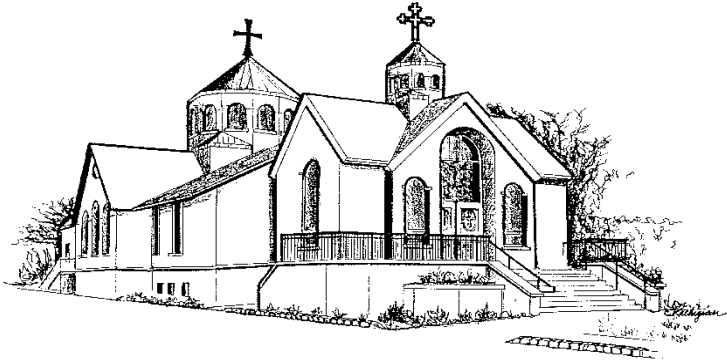
ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Great Barekendan

February 19, 2023

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Isaiah 58:1-14

Romans 13:11-14:25

Matthew 6:1-21

"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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After Fr. Diran's homily, a second offering plate will circulate for those who wish to donate to aid the victims of the recent earthquake. Please refer to our primate's request in his letter (on page 6).



Ն.Մ.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսի տնօրինությամբ Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում և Հայոց Եկեղեցու թեմերում ամենօր կմատուցվի մասնավոր աղոթք՝ վասն խաղաղության Հայաստան և Արցախ մեր հայրենիքի և գորակցության հայրենյաց պաշտպանների:



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HOKEHANKISD

✝ Arman & Nivart Arslan request Hokehankisd for the souls of **Ohannes & Diramayr Barsamyan**, and also for the souls of **Khachiq, Yeqsa, & Antranig Arslan** 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.

✝ Mardiros & Nadya Barsamyan request Hokehankisd for the souls of **Ohannes & Diramayr Bulbul Barsamyan**, and also for the soul of **Minas Mor** 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.

✝ Silva Degirmenci, Sarkis & Tamar Degirmenci, Aris & Lora Degirmenci request Hokehankisd for the soul **Yeprem Degirmenci**, and also for the souls of **Sarkis & Dikranuhi Degirmenci**, and for the souls of **Krikor & Luiz Ferman**, 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.

✝ Sosi Hosdaghian & family, and Anjel Karınca request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Garó Hosdaghian**, *loving husband, & father* on the occasion of his 4th year of passing into eternal rest. They are also requesting Hokehankisd for the souls of **Setrak & Makrohi Hosdaghian**, and **Nubar & Koharik Karınca**, and **Hagop & Lusaper & Arusyak Kuyumcu**, and **Mardiros & Ovsanna Vanlioglu**, who have passed 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.



✝ Mr & Mrs Boghos Orangian & family, and the Assadourian brothers & their families, request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Anitza Seferian**, *beloved mother & grandmother*, on the occasion of her **8th year** of passing into eternal rest.

✝ Alex & Nevin Joharjian request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Azniv Papazoglu**, and also for the souls of **Mikael, Hilda, & Ellie Joharjian**, and **Yakup & Anjel Nacaroglu**, and **Armen Kebabjian**, 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 family has donated towards the altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.

✝ Ara & Aline Araz & family request Hokehankisd for the soul of *teacher & grandfather* **Kegham Simonyan** on the occasion of his **50th year** of passing into eternal rest. Also, for the souls of **Hiratchui Simonyan** & the deceased members of the **Simoyan, Araz, Nogoyan & Avakian families**. The family has donated towards the altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved one.

✝ Steven Shenloogian, Gary & Leanne Shenloogian & grandchildren request Hokehankisd for **Gregory Shenloogian**, *beloved father & grandfather*, on the occasion of his **40th day (Karasoontk)** 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 **1pm 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 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.

Felicia Asomani, James Azarian, Mosses Bairamian, Hana Botie, Zoe Brooks, Frank Cornawchiulo, Jerry DiSant, Mike Fenarjian, Lynne Ford, Julie Frattarola, Yester Garabedian, 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, Bill Manookian, Lucy O'Brien, Sebul Oscherician, Very Rev. Father Mesrop Parsamian, Dan Patoyia (Moynihan), Marilou Pinajian, Emily Ring, Michael Sakolsky, Melanie Sarkisian, Marie Tengerian, 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.”

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



A Special Collection for Earthquake Victims

In my message to Diocesan leaders earlier this week, I asked our faithful to pray for the victims of the destructive earthquake that rocked the near east on Monday. The disaster has affected many towns and cities with deep historical connections to the Armenian people; has damaged a number of Armenian churches in the region; and has brought pain and sorrow to many of our brothers and sisters. May our Lord have mercy on them all.

Over the past days I have been in further contact with our church leaders in the disaster zone, notably His Beatitude Archbishop Sahak II Mashalian, the Armenian Patriarch of Constantinople, and Bishop Armash Nalbandian, the Primate of Damascus. They are both working diligently to bring aid and comfort to our people affected by the earthquake and would welcome support from our communities across the world.

Accordingly, I am directing our parishes to hold special collections on the next two Sundays, February 12 and 19, in order to send aid to help ameliorate the suffering. All donations should be sent to the Diocesan Center by February 24; from there, they will be distributed equally to the Armenian Patriarchate under Patriarch Sahak, and the Armenian Diocese of Damascus under Bishop Armash, so they can utilize the aid directly where our people need it.

Individual donations can also be made on the Diocese's secure online server; please select "Earthquake Special Collection" from the dropdown menu.

In the meantime, please continue to offer prayers for the suffering, especially for our brothers and sisters in the disaster region, alongside those in our homeland of Armenia and Artsakh.

Prayerfully,

Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan
Primate

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern)
630 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10016



**Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում տեղի ունեցավ վարդապետական
թեզի պաշտպանություն և վարդապետական աստիճանի
տվություն**

Փետրվարի 13-ին, Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ծայրագույն Պատրիարք և Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսի օրհնությամբ, Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնի Գևորգյան հոգևոր ճեմարանի հարդիսությունների սրահում, տեղի ունեցավ վարդապետական թեզի բանավոր պաշտպանություն:

Մասնավոր վարդապետական աստիճան ստանալու համար «Վանականների ուխտադրության կարգը Հայոց Եկեղեցում» թեմայով թեզ պաշտպանեց Մայր Աթոռի միաբան Հոգեշնորհ Տ. Անանիա աբեղա Ծատուրյանը:

Հանձնաժողովը նախագահում էր Տավուշի թեմի առաջնորդ Գերաշնորհ Տ. Բագրատ եպիսկոպոս Գալստանյանը: Հանձնաժողովի կազմի մեջ ընդգրկված էին նաև Արագածոտնի թեմի առաջնորդ Գերաշնորհ Տ. Մկրտիչ եպիսկոպոս Պռոշյանը, Մայայցոտն թեմի առաջնորդ Գերաշնորհ Տ. Գևորգ եպիսկոպոս Սարոյանն ու Երևանի Սուրբ Գրիգոր Լուսավորիչ մայր եկեղեցու հոգևոր տեսուչ և ԵՊՀ Աստվածաբանության ֆակուլտետի դեկան Գերաշնորհ Տ. Անուշավան եպիսկոպոս Ժամկոչյանը:

Պաշտպանության ընթացքում Հոգեշնորհ Հայր Սուրբը ներկայացրեց իր վարդապետական թեզը և պատասխանեց հանձնաժողովի անդամների հարցերին:

Հավարտ բանավոր պաշտպանության՝ քննիչ հանձնախումբը դրական եզրակացություն տվեց վարդապետական թեզի պաշտպանությանը և արժանի համարեց Հոգեշնորհ Տ. Անանիա

արեղա Շատուրյանին ներկայացնելու մասնավոր վարդապետության աստիճանի տվչության:

Նույն օրը, ձևավորված ավանդության համաձայն, Ամենայն Հայոց Հայրապետի բարձր տնօրինությամբ, Օշականի Սուրբ Մեսրոպ Մաշտոց եկեղեցում ձեռամբ Մայր Աթոռի միաբան Գերաշնորհ Տ. Արարատ եպիսկոպոս Գալթագճյանի, մասնավոր վարդապետության աստիճան տրվեց Հոգեշնորհ Տ. Անանիա արեղա Շատուրյանին:

Այնուհետև Հայր Անանիային ընդունեց Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը՝ ուղեկցությամբ Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնի լուսարարապետ Գերաշնորհ Տ. Մուշեղ եպիսկոպոս Բաբայանի և Մայր Աթոռի միաբան Գերաշնորհ Տ. Արարատ եպիսկոպոս Գալթագճյանի:

Նորին Սրբությունը շնորհավորեց վարդապետական աստիճանի արժանացած Հայր Սուրբին և իր պատգամն ու օրհնությունը բերեց վերջինիս՝ բարձր գնահատելով Հայր Անանիայի երկարամյա նվիրյալ և խոնարհ ծառայությունը Հայ Եկեղեցու անդաստանում: Վեհափառ Հայրապետը՝ վստահություն հայտնեց, որ նորընծա վարդապետն առավել պատասխանատվությամբ կշարունակի իր առաքելությունը նաև հավատացյալ հայորդիների հոգևոր կրթության և դաստիարակության գործում:

Վերջում Հայոց Հովվապետը վարդապետական ակնակուռ լանջախաչով զարդարեց Անանիա վարդապետի կուրծքը և «Պահպանիչ» աղոթքով օրհնեց նրան:

Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսն ընդունեց Կորեա-Հայաստան բարեկամական խմբի պատվիրակությանը

Փետրվարի 14-ին Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Շայրագույն Պատրիարք և Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում ընդունեց Կորեա-Հայաստան բարեկամական խմբի ղեկավար Կիհուն Սոնի գլխավորած պատվիրակությանը:

Նորին Սրբությունը գոհունակություն հայտնելով երկու երկրների միջև հաստատվող գործակցային հարաբերությունների առիթով՝ հույս հայտնեց, որ պատվիրակության այցը Հայաստան

նոր խթան կդառնա հայ-կորեական կապերի առավել խորացման համար:

Հայոց Հայրապետը վերհիշեց դեռևս 2013 թ. Հարավային Կորեա կատարած իր այցը Եկեղեցիների Համաշխարհային Խորհրդի գլխավոր համագումարի առիթով:

Հանդիպմանն անդրադարձ կատարվեց տարածաշրջանում տիրող կացությանը և հետպատերազմյա մարտահրավերներին: Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսն իր մտահոգությունը հայտնեց Լաչինի միջանցքի արգելափակման հետևանքով ստեղծված հումանիտար աղետի, ինչպես նաև գերիների վերադարձման և Ադրբեջանի վերահսկողության տակ հայտնված տարածքներում հայկական հոգևոր-մշակութային ժառանգության անխաթար պահպանության առնչությամբ՝ կարևորելով միջազգային հանրության հետևողական ջանքերի գործադրումը կանխարգելելու Ադրբեջանի որդեգրած ծավալապաշտական քաղաքականությունը:

Իր հերթին Կիևում Մոնր կարևոր նկատեց ջանքերի ներդրումը՝ ուղղված հայ-կորեական համագործակցության սերտացմանը: Պատվիրակության ղեկավարը կարևորեց նաև տարածաշրջանում խաղաղության հաստատման անհրաժեշտությունը:

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.”*

(“Seeretsek izmeemeyanis, 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.*

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, and*
- 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.*



The Meaning of Lent

**(Begins tomorrow, Monday,
February 20th, 2023)**

The principles and practices of Lent in the Armenian Church are deeply rooted in the Bible, the ancient Christian traditions, the life-example of Christ and His disciples, and the lives of the great church fathers, all of whom contributed to the establishment of the canons of Lent. The focus of Lent is on “Man the Sinner”: on his repentance, his spiritual cleansing, and his eventual salvation.

Here are two biblical passages that elaborate the deeper meaning of Lent:

Even now, declares the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God. (Joel 2:12-13)

When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners, to be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door, and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. (Matthew 6:5-6)

Lent is a very personal spiritual journey. It is a period of sincerity, self-recognition, and reflection. Abstinence, moderation, and sacrifice free us for meditation and the realization of the darkness of our world without God. As the prophet Joel advised us, you must “turn towards the Lord...with all your heart”-with honesty and humility. In this way, we are able to create a bridge between God and us. Through prayer, we communicate with God, express our love, ask for forgiveness. Prayers of the sincere heart are acceptable to God.

Jesus’ advice as recorded in Matthew’s gospel brings to mind a novel by the Russian writer Anton Chekov, which relates how two thieves attack and kill a street beggar and proceed to tear his garments to distribute amongst themselves. In one of the inner pockets of the suit, one thief finds a piece of bacon. He proceeds

to have his first bite, when the other thief, suddenly angered, says, "Aren't you ashamed of yourself? Today is Friday, a day of fasting!" His friend looks at him in astonishment but stops eating the bacon, and the two leave the forest without breaking their fast.

The story points out, in a comic way, that fasting by itself has no meaning if you are disobedient or (like the thieves) committing crimes. Fasting during Lent needs to be done in the context of deep reflection on the truth about ourselves, in a spirit of unusual sincerity and honesty. Fasting is, in fact, a companion to prayer: one more way we speak to God from the heart.

The true understanding of Lent rests on a sturdy tripod of prayer, abstinence, and charity. Lent reminds us that man is always confronted with choices-choices that lead us to two paths in life. The first path is one of darkness, evil and sin. The second is that of light, God, righteousness, and goodness. At the juncture of these two paths stands the fortress of prayer, abstinence, and charity, which leads mankind forward to seek perfection. This is the purpose of Great Lent in the Armenian Church.

The Armenian Apostolic Church has ruled on the traditions of Lent by creating canons based on the thought of the apostles. Apostolic Canon #8 reads: "The Apostles ordered and affirmed that the 40 days be set aside as days of abstinence from evil-doing, from sin and from food, preceding [the day] of the passion of our Savior."

The oldest Armenian Lenten traditions hardly allowed for the consumption of any food at all. Indeed, the Armenian Church sometimes refers to Lent as Aghouhatzk, meaning "salt and bread," because at one time these elements were the only permitted foods. Over time, Lenten rules have changed to allow any food that does not derive from animals (meat and milk, e.g.). Alcoholic beverages were also forbidden. These rules were based on the Biblical principle that many human vices proceed from eating and drinking.

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St. Leon Armenian Church Lenten Service and Lecture Series 2023

Lenten Service begins at 7:30 p.m.
Lenten Lecture begins at 8:30 p.m.

Friday February 24th

“Created in the Image and Likeness of God”

Presented by Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian

Friday March 3rd Lent; **“Meeting the Lord.”**

Presented by Hovanes Khosdeghian

Friday March 10th **“Lent: “Penance or More”**

Presented by Rev. Fr. Luke Edelen

Friday March 17th, **“Gratitude in All Things”**

Presented by Rev. Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian

Friday March 24th Exploring the Lord’s Wrath:

“What Truly Angers God”

Presented by Deacon Alex Chalikian

Friday March 29th Prayer:

“Preparing to Meet the Risen Lord”

Presented by Rev. Fr. Glen Sudano

Lecture will be approximately 30-45 minutes.

Sponsored by The Sarkis Gabrellian Endowment Fund



BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday, Feb 22, 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.

The Book of Daniel

Chapter 9 “Daniel’s Prayer for the People”

Chapter 10 & 11 “Conflict of Nations and Heavenly Powers”

King Belshazzar throws a banquet for a thousand of his top-ranking officials. He gets drunk and orders drinks served in the sacred cups stolen from the Jerusalem temple. Suddenly a human hand appears and writes these words on the plastered palace wall: “Numbered. Numbered. Weighed. Divided.” The king is terribly frightened. He calls on Daniel, respected advisor, and interpreter of dreams, to explain what the words mean, “God has numbered the days of your kingdom,” Daniel says, “He has weighed you on his balance scales and you fall short of what it takes to be king. So, God has divided your kingdom between the Medes and Persians” (5:25-28). That very night Babylon falls to a coalition of Medes and Persians.

When Daniel rises to become one of the top three officials in the Persian palace, jealous officials plot to kill him. They shrewdly convince King Darius to order the people to pray only to the king for the next 30 days or face the lions. When the officials catch Daniel praying openly to God, they turn him in. The king is upset and tries to find a way to save Daniel. But his edict is irrevocable. Daniel spends the night in a den of lions but is protected by an angel. After a sleepless night, the king rushes to the den to find Daniel alive. The king orders Daniel removed, and his accusers thrown in. The death they wished upon Daniel is the death they receive.

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. Thank you.

Armenian School:

All order inquiries for lahmajun, sujuk, and baghaj can be forwarded to Barbara Hovsepian by texting 551-206-6686, or by emailing bhovsepian@optonline.net

Sunday School:

Runs from 10am -12pm, PreK thru 11th 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.

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 hospitality is hosted by our Men’s Fellowship.

We welcome you to our newly renovated Abajian Hall after Badarak for coffee and fellowship.

St. Leon Women's Guild
Daytime Spaghetti Lunch and
Membership Meeting

Tuesday, February 21, 2023, in Abajian Hall
Starting at 12:00 Noon with the Lunch –
Meeting to follow.

RSVP to Nadya Boyadjian by Thursday, February 16, 2023
201-615-2441 or boyadjian@optonline.net

Menu: Salad, Spaghetti with Sauce and Meatballs, Garlic
Bread, Cake



You can reply by email in 4 easy steps using this form!

- 1) Press REPLY.**
- 2) Fill in your information.**
- 3) Insert Nadya's email (boyadjian@optonline.net)
in the address box.**
- 4) Press send!**

_____ I WILL attend the February Spaghetti Luncheon Meeting on
February 21, 2023.

_____ I WILL NOT attend the February Spaghetti Luncheon Meeting on
February 21, 2023.

IF YOU NEED A RIDE TO THE MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT LOREN MEDINA
AT 201-689-1616.

Your name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Parish Assembly
Sunday, February 26, 2023

*SAVE THE DATE



*Assembly will be held in the Sanctuary
after Soorp Badarak, then

A light lunch will follow in Abajian Hall

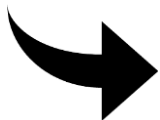


Holy Name Medical Center provides
**COMPLIMENTARY BLOOD PRESSURE
SCREENING at St. Leon**

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-



March 1st, 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!



SMALL-STATE STRATEGIES FOR REFORMING ARMENIA'S MILITARY

HOW ARMENIA CAN PUNCH ABOVE ITS WEIGHT
WITH INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SCHOLAR EDUARD ABRAHAMYAN, PH.D.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2 / 7 P.M. ET

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*This event is dedicated to the memory of
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ARMEN KHARAZIAN

*and his lifelong commitment to
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Join UK-based Dr Eduard Abrahamyan, an IR scholar who specializes in small states foreign and security policies for *Part V: Small-State Strategies for Reforming Armenia's Military: How Armenia Can Punch Above its Weight*—the fifth in the *What's Next* series on the post-war Armenian reality.

Dr. Abrahamyan will present key findings from the **GREEN PAPER ON ARMED FORCES REFORM** that was prepared by the Helsinki Citizens' Assembly Vanadzor Office and released in 2022.

TOPICS TO BE COVERED

- :: How other small states have successfully constructed defense systems to mitigate asymmetric threats
- :: Combining compulsory service with active reserves and citizen-based territorial defense models
- :: Heightened role of education and training in small-state security architecture
- :: Oversight and responsibility of parliament for effective functioning of the security sector
- :: Role of independent media and security analysis
- :: Strengthening whistleblowing provisions to ensure accountability and efficacy

THE EVENT IS FREE / FOR INFORMATION: ARA@EDRCORP.NET / 917.837.1297

Parish Council, Parents, Parishioners, and Priest

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ACYOA



Sunday, March 19th at 1:30pm

St. Leon Armenian Church (Gym)

12-61 Saddle River Rd,

Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

Tickets \$5: Pay at the door

For more info: youthdirector@stleon.org

St. Leon Armenian Church Women's Guild

Annual Fish 'N Chips Dinner

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

5:30 pm – 7 pm

Please Note: Last serving is at 6:45



Come and enjoy great food with great friends!

Adults: \$18.00 Children under 12: \$12.00

Make your reservations by March 21st by sending your
checks payable to:

St. Leon Women's Guild (put Fish 'N Chips in memo)

St. Leon Armenian Church

Fish 'N Chips Dinner

12-61 Saddle River Road

Fair Lawn, NJ 07410



If you have any questions, you can email or call:

Christine Badach: clchak@aol.com

Gladys Fenarjian: gafenarj@gmail.com or 201-328-7276



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A 1920's
Mafia Marriage
Dinner & Mystery
Party

Join us for a night
of Mangia, Mystery
& Mayhem

St. Leon Abajian Ballroom
12-61 Saddle River Rd.
Fair Lawn, NJ

Saturday, April 29th, 2023 @ 7:00PM
Reservations By April 20th:
Gladys Fenarjian
201-328-7276

Tickets \$65 Per Person
Includes Dinner, Dessert & Show

1920's Dress Code Suggested:
Flapper / Zoot Suit / Fedora / Boa's, etc.

Mail checks payable to St. Leon Women's Guild
Gladys Fenarjian
163 Kensington Rd., River Edge, NJ 07661
Provide names of people that you wish to sit with

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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.

OR

2. Email your message and photo/artwork to: 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.

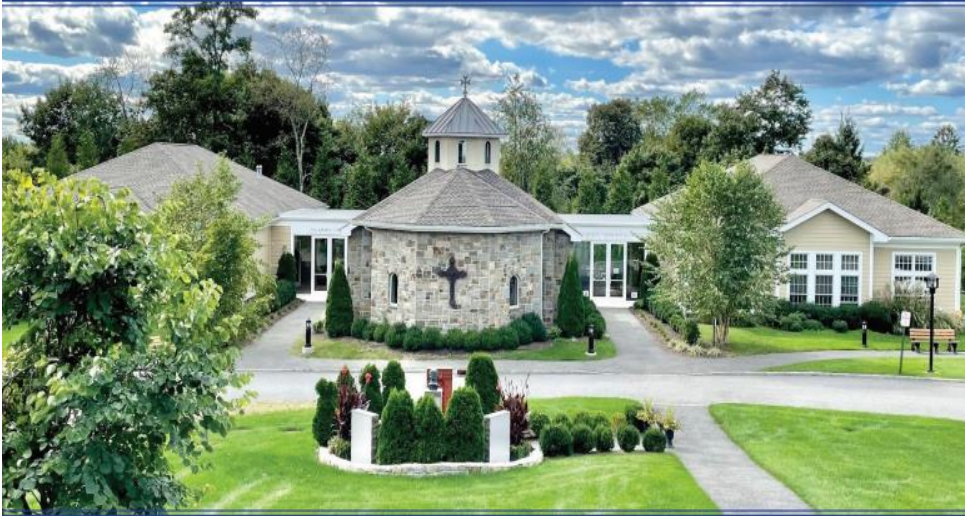


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2023 SUMMER CONFERENCES



◆ **DEACONS' TRAINING PROGRAM**

Friday, June 23 - Sunday, July 2

◆ **YN. DIANE CHEVIAN MEMORIAL YOUTH CHOIR WORKSHOP**

Wednesday, July 5 - Sunday, July 9

◆ **HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CONFERENCE**

Saturday, July 22 - Sunday, July 30

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Sunday, June 4, 2023
12:30p.m. to 4:30p.m.**



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BASKETBALL SCHEDULE



ACSA BASKETBALL

2022-2023 Season - 2nd Half Revised

DATE	GARDEN CITY MITCHEL GYM					FAIR LAWN ST LEON GYM			HACKENSACK MIDDLE SCHOOL			HACKENSACK HIGH SCHOOL			
JAN 8	G HM1 HM2	1:30 2:45	St HM1 HOV	M HM SVC	3:45	St LEON1 LEON2	2:00 3:00	G LEON VART	Jr HM VART	2:00 3:15	Sr SARK VART	Jr LEON1 SARK	Sr LEON HM	M LEON1 VART2	4:30
JAN 15						St HOV LEON1	2:00 3:00	Jr VART LEON1							
JAN 22	G HM2 LEON	1:30 2:45	Jr SARK LEON2	Sr SARK APC	4:00 5:15	M SVC LEON2	2:00 3:00	St HM2 LEON2	St HM2 HOV				Sr LEON VART	M HM VART2	2:00 3:15
JAN 29	G HM1 HM2	1:30 2:45	Jr HM LEON1	Sr HM VART	4:00		2:00 3:00	St HM1 LEON2	St HM1 LEON1	G LEON VART	Jr LEON2 VART	Sr LEON SARK			
FEB 5		2:45	St HM2 LEON1	G HM2 VART	3:45	Sr HM SARK	5:00	Jr LEON1 LEON2	G HM1 LEON	M SVC VART1	4:30	St HOV LEON2	Sr APC VART	M VART2 LEON2	4:15
FEB 12	St HM1 HM2	1:00 2:00	Jr HM SARK					M LEON1 VART1	Sr LEON APC						
FEB 26	G HM1 VART	1:30 2:45	Jr SARK VART	Jr HM LEON2	4:00 5:15	M SVC LEON1							M VART1 VART2	Sr APC HM	2:00 3:15 4:30

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

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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 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	Feb 19	Great Barekendan Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School,
Mon	Feb 20	First Monday of Lent
Tues	Feb 21	Women's Guild Meeting & Luncheon
Fri	Feb 24	Armenian School, Lenten Service & Lecture
Sun	Feb 26	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy- Sunday of Expulsion Sunday School, PARISH ASSEMBLY
Fri	Mar 3	Armenian School, Lenten Service & Lecture
Sun	Mar 5	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy- Sunday of the Prodigal Son Sunday School

Last Gospel:
Luke 12:32-40

~There are no wedding sacraments permitted on the five major feast days in the Armenian Church which are:

Armenian Christmas – January 6, 2023

Easter – April 9, 2023

Transfiguration – July 16, 2023

Assumption of the Virgin Mary – August 13, 2023

Exaltation of the Holy Cross – September 17, 2023

