

# **ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH**

**Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

**February 25, 2024**

**Morning Service 9:00 AM**

**Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM**



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## **Readings from the Holy Scripture**

**Isaiah 54:11-55:13**  
**2 Corinthians 6:1-7:1**  
**Luke 15:1-32**

*“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 Artsakh Refugee Brothers & Sisters Need Our Help  
Please Keep Armenia in Your Prayers



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

# HOKEHANKISD

✝ Jill, David & Daniella, Timothy & Michelle, Sophia, Victoria, Mason Ashbahian request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Stephen Ashbahian**, loving husband, father, grandfather on the 8<sup>th</sup> year of his passing into eternal rest. The family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in his memory."

✝ Sergey Yeritsyan, Nona Yeritsyan & family, Zina Tagmizyan & family request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Fenya Harutunyan**, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, on the occasion of the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of passing into eternal rest. The family has donated toward the altar flowers and requests that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved one.

✝ Sosi Hosdaghian & family and Anjel Karınca request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Garó Hosdaghian**, *loving husband, father* on the occasion of the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of passing into eternal rest. They are also requesting Hokehankisd for the souls of **Setrak & Makrohi Hosdaghian**, **Nubar & Koharik Karınca**, **Hagop & Lusaper & Arusyak Kuyumcu**, and **Mardiros & Ovsanna Vanlioglu**, who have passed into eternal rest. The family has donated toward the altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.

✝ The family of beloved **Kara Antonia Ascione-Shusko** request Hokehankisd for her soul on the occasion of the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her passing into eternal rest. Her parents, Paul and Michele and her brothers, Cole & Luke would like to remember her on what would have been her 14th birthday this February 26th. The family has donated toward the altar flowers and requests that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved one.



Michele & Nicole Torossian request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Harout Torossian**, beloved husband, father, grandfather on the occasion of the 40<sup>th</sup> day (*Karasoonk*) of passing into eternal rest. The family has donated toward the altar flowers and has requested that 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 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, Sebuhan 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.

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

Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսն  
ընդունեց կարդինալ Կլաուդիո  
Գուջերոտիին

Փետրվարի 19-ին Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Մայրագույն Պատրիարք և Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում ընդունեց Արևելյան Կաթոլիկ Եկեղեցիների քահանայապետական գրասենյակի նախագահ կարդինալ Կլաուդիո Գուջերոտիին, ով Հայաստան է ժամանել Վեհափառ Հայրապետի հրավերով:

Զրույցի ընթացքում Նորին Սրբությունը գոհունակությամբ վերհիշեց վերջինիս ծառայության տարիները Հայաստանում իբրև Պապական նվիրակ և Մայր Աթոռի հանդեպ մշտապես դրսևորած նրա ջերմ վերաբերմունքը: Հայոց Հայրապետը նաև իր գնահատանքը հայտնեց կարդինալ Գուջերոտիին հայագիտությանը բերած նրա ավանդի համար:

Հայոց Հայրապետը գոհունակությամբ անդրադարձավ Հայաստանյայց Առաքելական և Հռոմի Կաթոլիկ Եկեղեցիների միջև առկա եղբայրական գործակցությանը, ապա իր մտահոգությունները ներկայացրեց կարդինալ Գուջերոտիին տարածաշրջանում ստեղծված բարդ իրավիճակի և Հայաստանի առջև ծառայած անվտանգային մարտահրավերների վերաբերյալ:

Հանդիպմանը քննարկվեցին նաև Մերձավոր Արևելքում քրիստոնեական համայնքների կյանքին առնչվող խնդիրներ: Կարևորվեց Քրիստոնեական Եկեղեցիների ջանքերի մեկտեղումը՝ ի խնդիր մարդկության կյանքում խաղաղության ու համերաշխության հաստատման:

Վերջում Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը Հռոմի Ֆրանցիսկոս Պապին փոխանցեց իր եղբայրական բարեմաղթանքները:

## Կ. Պոլսի Հայոց Պատրիարքը ժամանեց Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածին

Փետրվարի 20-ին Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածին ժամանեց Կ. Պոլսի Հայոց Պատրիարք Ամենապատիվ Տ. Սահակ արքեպիսկոպոս Մաշայանը:

Այս առիթով Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնի միաբանները Կ. Պոլսի Հայոց Պատրիարքին թափորով առաջնորդեցին Ս. Հովհաննես Մկրտիչ և Ս. Վարդան մատուռ-մկրտարան, ուր, Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնի լուսարարապետ Գերաշնորհ Տ. Մուշեղ եպիսկոպոս Բաբայանի հանդիսապետությամբ, կատարվեց «Հրաշափառի» արարողություն:

Մուշեղ Սրբազանը Մայր Աթոռի միաբանության անունից ողջունեց և բարի գալուստ մաղթեց Սահակ Պատրիարքին:

Այնուհետև Պոլսո Հայոց Պատրիարքն իր օրհնությունն ու բարեմաղթանքները բերեց Սուրբ Էջմիածնի միաբանությանը՝ գոհություն վերառաքելով առ Աստված, որ Տիրոջ օրհնությամբ վերստին գտնվում է Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում:

Ամենապատիվ Սահակ Պատրիարքը նաև իր մասնակցությունը կրերի Մայր Աթոռում գումարվելիք Գերագույն հոգևոր խորհրդի ժողովին:





## **BIBLE STUDIES**

Wednesday, Feb 27, 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. 28, 29, 30, 31

Gospel of John 3:1-21 “Jesus’ Discourse with Nicodemus” Key words are that Nicodemus was called by Jesus to come and seek. The words come and seek are crucial to understanding this passage. Jesus guides him by connecting Nicodemus to truth, understanding. He who is not born from above cannot see the kingdom of God. He who is not born of the water and the spirit cannot enter the kingdom of God. The Son of Man (Jesus) has come from heaven to be lifted up as a sign that God loves all the world. Even the world in its very nature opposes Him, yet the Son has come to reveal and demonstrate God’s love and to lead those who believe to a new life in Jesus.

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*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)



# *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.



## St. Leon Armenian Church Lenten Service & Lecture Series 2024

Lenten Service begins at 7:30 p.m.  
Lenten Lecture begins at 8:30 p.m.  
In the Pinajian Youth Center Assembly, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.



Friday, Feb 16<sup>th</sup>

**“Why Should We Attend the Divine Liturgy?”**  
Hovanes Khosdeghian



Friday, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Lent; “A 6<sup>th</sup> Century Monastic Prospective and a Western Catholic Viewpoint”**  
Fr. Luke Edelen

Friday, Mar 1<sup>st</sup>

**“Odes of Saint Nersess the Graceful”**  
Dr. Jesse Arlen

Friday, Mar 8<sup>th</sup>

**Looking Out For #1: “Applying Biblcial Passages to Daily Life & How to Maintain Your Faith in Worldly Temptations”**  
Rev. Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian

Friday, Mar 15<sup>th</sup>

**“Pastoral Care and Ministry to the Veteran Community”**  
Dn. Alex Chalikian

Friday, Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>

**“Standing Strong in the Storm”**  
Rev. Fr. Glen Sudano

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Lectures will be approximately 30-45 minutes &  
Light refreshments will be served after lectures.

**Sponsored by The Sarkis Gabrellian Endowment Fund**



## PLANTS FOR CHRIST'S TOMB

Parishioners who wish to maintain the beautiful tradition of our Armenian Church by contributing towards plants for Christ's Tomb, please return this form with your donation to the Church Office by Monday, March 25, 2024. Enclosed please find the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

### **Please print:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor or \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_



## LILIES FOR THE HOLY ALTAR

Parishioners who wish to contribute to the Lilies that will grace the Holy Altar on Easter Sunday by filling in the form below and submitting it to the Church Office by Monday, March 25, 2024. Enclosed please find the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

### **Please print:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor or \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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Names of those who donate towards Easter Yughakin, Plants for Christ's Tomb, & Lilies for the Holy Altar will appear in our spring *Lradoo* publication.

# Church Campus Happenings...

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## **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 may be forwarded to Nora Balekji at 973-513-2507 or [nbalekji@gmail.com](mailto:nbalekji@gmail.com)  
Pre-paid orders may be picked up in Abajian Hall on the designated day.

## **Sunday School:**



On Sunday March 10, St. Leon Church welcomes **Lerna Lacinian** who represents our **Diocese Camps**. Students & their parents are encouraged to attend her presentation about participation for this summer.

SS runs from 10am -12pm, PreK through 11<sup>th</sup> grades. Click on the following link to register students; <https://bit.ly/3zLZoF6>. For further inquiries contact **Andrea Carden** at 201-264-2805, [acarden56@gmail.com](mailto:acarden56@gmail.com).

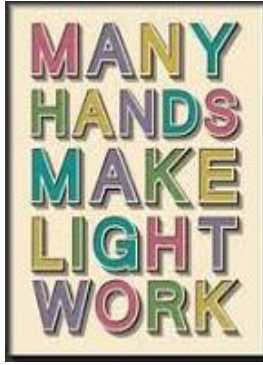
## **St. Leon’s Social Club:**

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 the WOMEN’S GUILD. 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 *Lradoo*.



LOVE TO BAKE?

OR

WANT TO LEARN HOW?

Please come & join us!

**We need you!**

No experience necessary.

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Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 9 am- Tel Baneer

Thursday, February 29, 2024, 10am- Cheese Boreg

Thursday, March 8, 2024, 10am, Hantes Choreg Loaves

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A great way to meet new people  
& fellowship.

St. Leon Community Center Kitchen





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CONNECT WITH GOD, ESTABLISH BALANCE, AND OVERCOME CONFLICT THROUGH SPIRITUAL PRACTICES.



## FEBRUARY 13

IN GOD WE TRUST: IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES  
FR. TADEOS BARSEGHYAN



## FEBRUARY 20

CHRISTIANITY AIN'T CHRISTIANITY WITHOUT GOOD WORKS  
FR. YEPREM KELEGIAN

## FEBRUARY 27

HOW TO NAVIGATE THROUGH STRESS  
AND EVEN LAUGH IN THE MIST OF IT  
DN. YERVANT KUTCHUKIAN

## MARCH 5

PRAYER: HOW, WHEN, WHERE, AND WITH WHOM TO PRAY  
FR. HOVNAN DEMERJIAN

## MARCH 12

SETTING BOUNDARIES: HOW TO SAY NO (JAMES 5:12)  
FR. VART GYOZALYAN

## MARCH 19

THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT:  
WHAT THEY ARE AND HOW WE CAN LIVE BY THEM  
FR. STEPANOS DOUDOUKJIAN

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A Tribute to MAESTRO and COMPOSER KHOREN MEKANEJIAN  
Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the KHORENIAN DIVINE LITURGY

# HYMNS OF THE HEART

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7PM

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Anahit  
ZAKARYAN

Hasmik  
MEKANEJIAN

Alvard  
MAYILYAN

Christopher  
NAZARIAN

Hasmik  
ASATRYAN

GUEST ARTIST  
Alisa SADIKOVA  
harp

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\$40

STUDENTS  
\$20

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**St. Leon Armenian Church Women's Guild**

# **Annual Fish 'N Chips Dinner**

**Tuesday, March 19, 2023**

**5:30 pm – 7 pm**

Please Note: Last serving is at 6:45



Come and enjoy great food with great friends!

**Adults: \$20.00    Children under 12: \$12.00**

Make your reservations by March 15<sup>th</sup> 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: [chrischakmakian@gmail.com](mailto:chrischakmakian@gmail.com)

Gladys Fenarjian: [gafenarj@gmail.com](mailto:gafenarj@gmail.com) or 201-328-7276





*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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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!*



**IT'S TIME FOR THE ST. LEON WOMEN'S GUILD EASTER FUNDRAISER!**



This year the Women's Guild is preparing delicious Women's Guild Choreg, Hantess Loaves, Armenian String Cheese, Cheese Boerag and Koorabia for your Holiday Table.

Everything will be frozen, packed and ready to be picked up on the patio by the kitchen door on

**PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024 FROM NOON TO 2 PM.**

Please fill out the order form below.

Make your check payable to **St. Leon Women's Guild**, write "Easter" on the memo line, and mail to **Carol Sarajian, 64 Woodbury Court, Washington Township, NJ 07676.**

Questions? Call Carol at 201-214-2242 or email her at color331@verizon.net.

**THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Item Total</u>
Women's Guild Choreg (12 braids per bag)	_____	\$ 15/doz.	\$ _____
Hantess Choreg Loaf (sweeter) (1 large loaf individually wrapped)	_____	\$ 13/each	\$ _____
Armenian String Cheese (1 braid)	_____	\$ 8/each	\$ _____
Cheese Boerag (box of 6)	_____	\$ 18/box	\$ _____
Koorabia Cookies (tray of 1 dozen pieces)	_____	\$ 20/tray	\$ _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORDER! TOTAL DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For Treasurer only: How paid? Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number \_\_\_\_\_ Picked up \_\_\_\_\_

# *Palm Sunday*

ACYOA DAY

**March 24, 2024**

Luncheon & Program to follow Divine Liturgy  
Hosted by the St. Leon ACYOA

Donation: \$30.00 Adults

\$20.00 ACYOA Junior Members and Children 12 & under

RSVP by Sunday, March 17th

**Advance reservations only. Tables of 10 reserved with full payment.**

Luncheon catered by Krichian's Grill & Bistro and served by our ACYOA Members

For reservations, please email Saynik Cilingiryan at [saynikcil@gmail.com](mailto:saynikcil@gmail.com)

Payment can be made by Venmo @stleonacyoa-NJ or check payable to "St. Leon ACYOA Jrs"  
and mailed to: Saynik Cilingiryan

424 Lincoln Avenue  
Wyckoff, NJ 07481



# COLLECTION FOR ARMENIA

Sponsored by The Knights & Daughters of Vartan

As the humanitarian crisis in Armenia continues,  
a shipping container will be sent to support the displaced families that have lost everything!

## Drop off Location & Hours:

St. Leon's Armenian Church (Cottage House)  
12-61 Saddle River Rd, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

All items must be delivered in  
UNSEALED CARDBOARD BOXES or REUSABLE BAGS  
NO PLASTIC BAGS

Every Sunday, starting February 25th  
10AM to 12PM

**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

For further information contact:  
Leo Manuelian (201-218-4058)  
KnightsofVartanNJ@gmail.com

## REQUESTED **NEW** ITEMS FOR COLLECTION

### **New** Clothing:

- Underwear, Bras, Tights, Socks
- Hats, Scarves, Gloves

### **New** Shoes & Linens:

- Shoes, Boots, Sneakers, Slippers
- Blankets, Sheets, Towels, Pillow Covers, Pillows

### **New** Hygiene products:

- Adult and Baby Diapers, Feminine Napkins
- Shampoo, Soap, Deodorant, Laundry Detergent

### **New** Dental supplies:

- Tooth brushes, Tooth paste
- Floss, Mouth Wash

### **New** Beauty Supplies:

- Nail clippers, Files, Polish, Combs,
- Skin Care Items, Make-up, Face Cream,  
Perfume

### **New** Toys & Games:

- Toys (without batteries),
- Board games, Puzzles, Legos

## NEW OR GENTLY USED (MUST BE WASHED BEFORE DONATING)

### Clothing:

- All Sizes of Clothing (Adults/Children/Baby)

### Accessories:

- Belts, Handbags, Hair Accessories, Ties

### Items for Sewing:

- Fabric, Felt, Notions, Buttons
- Thread, Sewing Needles

### Items for Crafting:

- Yarn, Embroidery Thread, other Crafting Items
- Knitting and Crochet Needles

### Other Supplies:

- Art Supplies, School Supplies, Office Supplies
- Small Household items; Kitchen Supplies
- Musical Instruments
- Non-breakable Ornaments/Decor

### Sporting Goods:

- Deflated Soccer Balls, Volleyballs, Basketballs, Tennis and Badminton Rackets and Balls, Sports Jerseys, Helmets, Pads, Frisbees, Gym mats, Baseball and Softball Bats, Gloves and Balls (as well as gear)

We kindly ask all who are able to please help with shipping costs by making a tax-deductible donation

Check: "Knights of Vartan" - please write "Artsakh Refugees" on the memo line

Online Zelle: KnightsofVartanNJ@gmail.com



# RECYCLE YOUR BIKES

**Here's a chance to do something really meaningful,  
*WITHOUT WRITING A CHECK!***

**The children forced out of Artsakh had to leave their  
*prized possession behind: THEIR BIKES!***

**Donate your bike and put a big smile on the face of a refugee kid.  
Contact George Bedrosian at 201-666-3539 or text to 201-887-0635.**

**George will arrange for someone to pick up your bike. The bike should be  
in working order (flat tires ok). Rob Ohnikian, owner of Bicycle Depot in  
Pearl River, NY has generously agreed to tune up the bikes and prepare  
them for shipping in conjunction with the next Knights of Vartan  
container shipment to Armenia.**

# BASKETBALL SCHEDULE



## ACSA BASKETBALL 2023-2024 Season Revised

DATE	GARDEN CITY MITCHEL GYM	FAIR LAWN ST LEON GYM	HACKENSACK HIGH SCHOOL	NEW MILFORD HOVNIANIAN SCHOOL
<b>JAN 7</b>	1:30 M LEON1 2:45 Sr HM 4:00 G HM2 5:15 St HM2	2:00 St LEON1 3:00 St HOV1 4:00 Jr HM		
<b>JAN 14</b>		2:00 Jr SARK 3:15 Sr LEON 4:30 M LEON1		
<b>JAN 21</b>	1:30 St HM1 2:30 Jr HM 3:45 Sr HM 5:00 G HM1	2:00 M SVC 3:15 M HC 4:30 M LEON1		1:30 St HOV2 2:30 St HOV1
<b>JAN 28</b>	2:30 St HM2 3:30 St HM3 4:45 G HM2	2:00 Jr LEON 3:15 G LEON 4:30 Sr LEON	2:00 M LEON2 3:15 M HC	
<b>FEB 4</b>	1:30 St HM1 2:30 St HM3 3:30 G HM2 4:45 M SVC	2:00 G HM1 3:15 Jr HM 4:30 St HOV2	2:00 M LEON2 3:15 M HC 4:30 Sr VART	
<b>FEB 11</b>	1:00 St HM3 2:00 Jr HM 3:15 G HM1	1:00 Jr LEON 2:15 G LEON		1:00 St HOV1 2:00 St HOV2
<b>FEB 25</b>	2:00 Jr LEON 3:15 M LEON2	2:00 St HOV1 3:00 Sr VART 4:15 M VART		

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**MARCH 3 - PLAYOFFS**  
**MARCH 10 - FINALS**

## Come Support our Teams!



# 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	Feb 25	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School <b>Sunday of the Prodigal Son</b>
Wed	Feb 28	Senior Social Club
Fri	Mar 1	Armenian School, <b>Lenten Service &amp; Lecture</b>
Sun	Mar 3	Morning Service, Divine liturgy, Sunday School <b>Sunday of the Steward</b>
Wed	Mar 6	<b>Median Day of Lent</b> Senior Social Club
Fri	Mar 8	Armenian School, <b>Lenten Service &amp; Lecture</b>
Sun	Mar 10	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School <b>Sunday of the Judge</b>
Tues	Mar 12	WG Meet 6:30pm- <b>Sarah Stites AYO talk @ Artsakh Refugees Status7:45pm Abajian Hall</b>
Wed	Mar 13	Senior Social Club
Fri	Mar 15	Armenian School, <b>Lenten Service &amp; Lecture</b>
Sun	Mar 17	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School <b>Sunday of the Advent</b>
Tues	Mar 19	<b>WG Fish n' Chips Dinner</b> see flyer on pg. 17
Wed	Mar 20	Senior Social Club, HNH visit 
Fri	Mar 22	Armenian School, <b>Lenten Service &amp; Lecture</b>
Sun	Mar 24	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School <b>PALM SUNDAY, ACYOA YOUTH DAY LUNCHEON</b>
Thu	Mar 28	<b>Holy Thursday, Washing of the Feet Service</b>
Fri	Mar 29	<b>Holy Friday, Burial Of Christ Service- No Armenian School</b>
Sat	Mar 30	<b>Sunday School Egg Hunt, Communion Service &amp; Breakfast hosted by our Men's Fellowship</b>

## Last Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

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

**Armenian Christmas – January 6, 2025**

**Easter –March 31, 2024**

**Transfiguration – July 7, 2024**

**Assumption of the Virgin Mary – August 18, 2024**

**Exaltation of the Holy Cross – September 15, 2024**

