

# ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Sunday of Expulsion

February 26, 2023

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



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## Readings from the Holy Scripture

**Isaiah 33:2-22**

**Romans 12:1-13**

**Matthew 5:17-48**

*“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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Ն.Ս.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:



## Parish Council Members

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# HOKEHANKISD

✝ Jill, David & Daniella, Timothy & Michelle, Sophia, Victoria & Mason Ashbahian request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Stephen Ashbahian**, *beloved husband, father & grandfather* on the occasion of **his 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

✝ Carol Goulian Stewart, Victor Edwin Stewart, & their children, Victor, James, & Andrew request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Rosemarie Taneian Goulian**, *loving mother, mother-in-law, & grandmother* on **her 10<sup>th</sup> year** anniversary of passing into eternal rest. The family also requests Hokehankisd for the soul of **Levon Martin Goulian**, *loving father, father-in-law, & grandfather*, on **his 10<sup>th</sup> year** of passing into eternal rest and also for the soul of **Martin Paul Goulian**, *loving brother, brother-in-law, & uncle* on his **5<sup>th</sup> 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 ones.

✝ Dr. Simon & Annie Hovhanessian, Bishop Vahan Hovhanessian, Sarah & Mark Howell, Silva Hovhanessian, & Nyrie, Avedis, & Nora Hovhanessian request Hokehankisd for the soul of *their beloved mother & grandmother*, **Diramayr Seta Hovhanessian**, on the occasion of **her 1<sup>st</sup> year** 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.

✝ The Pilavdjian family requests Hokehankisd for the soul of **Diramayr Seta Hovhanessian** on the **1<sup>st</sup> year** anniversary of her 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.





Yester Garabedian, children & their families request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Diramayr Seta Hovhannessian** on the occasion of **her 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



Angel Wassef and Family, the Astourian Family, the Wells Family and Genna Family request Hokehankisd for the souls of their beloved deceased family members, **Khatoun Movsessian**, *loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother*, **Marie Astourian**, *loving sister, mother and grandmother*, **Nevart (Rose) Movsessian East**, *loving sister, aunt*, **Armenouhi Movsessian Wells**, *loving sister, mother, aunt*, **Arek Astourian**, *loving father, grandfather*, **Ashken Movsessian Amirian**, *loving sister, aunt*, **Yolanda Genna**, *loving mother*, **Rosalie Genna**, *loving sister*, **Mahboub Wassef**, *loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle*, **Azad Mkhitarian**, *loving father, grandfather*, **Yeprime Mkhitarian**, *loving mother, grandmother, Zohrab Amirian, loving husband*, **Hratch Mkhitarian**, *loving brother and uncle*, **David Wells**, *loving brother, cousin*, **Freddy Wells**, *loving father, uncle*, **John East**, *loving uncle*, **Astrid Kemp**, *loving aunt and* **James Kemp**, *loving uncle* on their passing into eternal rest. The family has donated toward the altar flowers and request that altar candles be lit in their memory of their loved ones.



Raymond & Carol Nakashian Sukovich request Hokehankisd for the souls of *beloved parents* **Arpine (Penny) Nakashian** on the occasion of **her 19th year** of passing into eternal rest and for **John Nakashian** on the occasion of **his 14th 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 ones.

## **Hokehankisd Deadline:**

Kindly submit all Hokehankisd requests by **12 noon 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.*

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## **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, Sebu Oscherician, Very Rev. Father Mesrop Parsamian, Dan Patoyia (Moynihan), Marilou Pinajian, Emily Ring, Michael Sakolsky, Melanie Sarkisian, Marie Tenguerian, 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)*

# 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.*

*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 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.*



**Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. ԳԱՐԵԳԻՆ Բ  
ԱՄԵՆԱՅՆ ՀԱՅՈՑ  
ԿԱԹՈՂԻԿՈՍԻ ՌԻՂԵՐՁԸ  
ՄԵԾ ՊԱՀՔԻ ԱՌԻԹՈՎ  
(20 փետրվարի, 2023 թ.)**

Սիրելիներ,

Մուտք ենք գործում Մեծ Պահքի շրջան: Այս ժամանակամիջոցը քրիստոնյայի կյանքում կարևոր հանգրվան է սրբության ու կատարելության աստվածապատվեր ճանապարհին: Պահքի մեջ աղոթական խոկումներով, ինքնաքննությամբ ու երկնային շնորհների հայցով գործություն ենք ստանում ի կատար ածելու Քրիստոսի հորդորն ու պատգամը. «Արդ, կատարյալ եղեք դուք, ինչպես որ ձեր երկնավոր Հայրն է կատարյալ» (Մատթ. 5.48): Կատարելության ուղին սկզբնավորվում է գղջումով ու ապաշխարությամբ, որոնցով սրբագրվում են մտքի, խոսքի և գործի սխալներն ու սայթաքումները: Հատկապես այս խորհրդավոր շրջանում, ավետարանական առակի օրինակով (Ղուկ. 15.11-32) առ Երկնավոր Հայրը դառնալով, խնդրում ենք Տիրոջից գթությամբ ներել մեր մեղքերը, մաքուր սիրտ հաստատել մեզանում: Հայցում ենք լուսավորել մեր միտքը, ամրացնել մեր կամքը՝ ընթանալու տերունավանդ պատվիրաններով:

Պահեցողության այս շրջանում Հայրապետիս հորդորն է ու պատգամը՝ միմյանց հանդեպ լինել առավել հոգատար, ազնիվ ու հարգալից, բարությունն ու սերը դարձնել հիմը փոխհարաբերությունների և ամուր պահել նվիրումն ու հավատարմությունը առ Աստված, ազգն ու հայրենին: Մեր օրերում, երբ մեր հայրենիքն ու ժողովուրդը վիրավոր են մեզ պատուհասած պատերազմի արհավիրքներից, աղոթական կյանքով Աստծո հետ մշտական երկխոսության մեջ լինենք, զերծ մնանք ամեն չար ու վատ մտածումից ու գործից՝ միասնաբար նորոգելու համար հայրենական ու ազգային մեր կյանքը, դիմագրավելու մեր դեմ հառնած նեղությունները և մեր հարազատ երկիրը՝ Հայաստանն ու Արցախը դարձնելու «հույսի հայրենիք, լույսի հայրենիք»:

Աղոթենք, որ Ամենակալն Աստված Իր ողորմությունն ու պահպանությունը տարածի աշխարհասփյուռ մեր ժողովրդի վրա, պարզի անվտանգ ու բարօր կյանք և խաղաղության մեջ պահի մեր



երկիրը: Թող Փրկիչ մեր Տերն ընդունի մեր սրտերի խնդրանքներն ու հայցը, արժանի դարձնի Իր կենսատու և փրկարար շնորհներին և գորացնի ամենքիս՝ Մեծ Պահքի միջոցով հասնելու հուսառատ Սուրբ Հարության տունին:

*«Շնորհք, ողորմություն, խաղաղություն յԱստուծոյ ի Հօրէ եւ ի Տեառնէ Յիսուսէ Քրիստոսէ Որդւոյն Հօր, ճշմարտութեամբ եւ սիրով եղիցին ընդ ձեզ» (Բ Հովհ. 3), այսօր և միշտ. ամեն:*

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## **Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսն ընդունեց Հայաստանում Կորեայի նորանշանակ դեսպանին**

Փետրվարի 21-ին Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ծայրագույն Պատրիարք և Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում ընդունեց ՀՀ-ում Կորեայի Հանրապետության նորանշանակ դեսպան Չան Հո-Ջինին:

Նորին Սրբությունը, գոհունակությամբ արձանագրելով երկու երկրների միջև միջպետական հարաբերությունների և փոխգործակցության ամրապնդումն ու զարգացումը, նորանշանակ դեսպանին մաղթեց արդյունավոր առաքելություն:

Հանդիպմանը Հայոց Հայրապետը դեսպանին ծանոթացրեց նաև Հայ Եկեղեցու պատմությանը և վերջինիս ունեցած առանձնահատուկ դերակատարությանը հայժողովրդի կյանքում:

Դեսպան Չան Հո-Ջինն ընդգծեց, որ իր համար մեծ պատիվ է դիվանագիտական առաքելություն իրականացնել հարուստ մշակույթ, պատմություն և ավանդույթներ ունեցող Հայաստանում:

Դեսպանը հաստատեց, որ երկու երկրների միջև առկա են ջերմ հարաբերություններ, որոնց արդյունքում ձևավորվել է փոխգործակցություն մի շարք ոլորտներում և միջազգային հարթակներում:

Ջրույցի ընթացքում անդրադարձ կատարվեց Լաչինի միջանցքի արգելափակման հետևանքով առաջացած հումանիտար աղետին, հետպատերազմյա մարտահրավերներին, ինչպես նաև Ադրբեջանի վերահսկողության տակ անցած տարածքներում հայկական հոգևոր և պատմամշակութային ժառանգության պահպանության խնդիրներին:



## Sunday of Expulsion — Ardaqsman Giragi

Friends, this marks the second Sunday of the Great Lent, which we call “Ardaqsman Giragi” when we remember how Adam and Eve were banished from the Garden because of their sin.

Many believe that God sent Adam and Eve away from the Garden merely because of the sin of eating from the forbidden fruit. Certainly, they did not obey God’s word, and due to their disobedience, they were expelled from the garden. However, their disobedience was only one of the reasons for their expulsion. The more crucial reason was that they did not accept their sin, and they did not claim responsibility for their own wrong.

The Holy Scriptures tell us that after they had sinned, God asked Adam, “Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?” (Genesis 3:11). The omniscient and omnipresent God certainly knew that they had violated His commandment. But, through this questioning, God gave them the opportunity to repent and confess their wrongdoing. Adam and Eve did not give a response of repentance, but instead, they shifted blame, from one to the other. They blamed the serpent, each other, and even God. Adam said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.” Then Eve said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” (Genesis 3:12-13)

Even today, after we have committed a sin, we look around to find someone or something to blame, or we try to explain our sin away. We do not wish to confess our wrong, to admit that we were in the wrong, or to acknowledge that we have a responsibility to right that wrong. We always seek to shift our wrongdoing onto others, and for this reason, we do not experience the forgiveness of God.

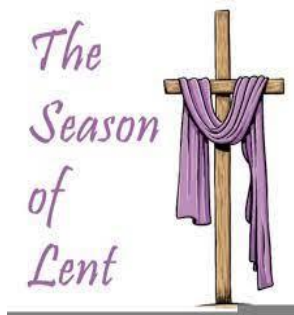
Undeniably, today on this Sunday of Expulsion — Ardaqsman Giragi — we find God’s anger and judgment when He banishes His

children from His Garden. Yet, this story is particularly about God's love, for He does all that can be done to defend His children. Certainly, God was angry about the sin of Adam and Eve. But, if we study this passage in the Book of Genesis closely, we will see that God did not directly curse Adam and Eve. God cursed the serpent and the soil. But God did not directly curse human beings. Remember, we are told that He fashioned them in His image and likeness. In a matter-of-fact manner, God explained the consequences of their sinful choices, which were contrary to His omniscient will. He described that because of their sin, life would be difficult for them. The bitterness of sin and the guilt of shame became the prisms through which Adam and Eve would perceive all future trials.

God also knew that if His Children ate from the fruit of the Tree of Life, they would live eternally in shame and sin. By not wishing for human beings created by Him in His image and likeness to experience eternal misery, God closed their path that led towards this eternity, towards the Tree of Life.

Moreover, because God loves His creations with perfect love, He did not abandon them in their sin. Through His providence, He prepared the path for a return to eternal life in His presence. Through the salvific work of our Lord Jesus Christ, God opened the doors wide for us to enter and live a life free of shame and sin. God made a way for us by granting the path through repentance to begin a journey back toward the paradise of Eden, towards a living communion with our Creator.

*Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan, Primate*





# BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday, March 8th, 2023.

TIME: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Zoom Bible Study.

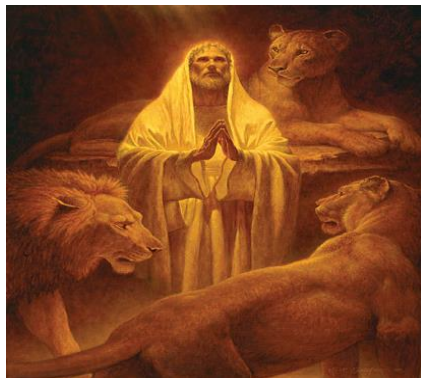
Please call or e-mail Fr. Diran and he will send you the link for the Bible Study.

## The Book of Daniel

Chapter 13 “The History of Susanna and the Elders”

Chapter 14 “The History of Destruction of Bel and the Dragon”

The entire book of Daniel is about the blessings of knowing God. Daniel is one of the great biblical models of what it means to know the Lord. Daniel recognizes that a critical time has come for God's people and that realization grew out of his regular times of study, meditation, and prayer. It is often so in the kingdom of God. One reason for Daniel recording his prayer was to testify that God does hear, honor and answer secret prayer. Daniel, a man of prayer, wanted God's people to see the intimate connection between their prayer and the events of history. Daniel's ritual acts of self-denial were integral components of a disciplined prayer life. True prayer is based on the fact that God is a God who speaks.



# 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 24<sup>th</sup>

**“Created in the Image and Likeness of God”**  
Presented by Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian

Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup> Lent; **“Meeting the Lord.”**  
Presented by Hovanes Khosdeghian

Friday March 10<sup>th</sup> **“Lent: “Penance or More”**  
Presented by Rev. Fr. Luke Edelen

Friday March 17<sup>th</sup>, **“Gratitude in All Things”**  
Presented by Rev. Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian

Friday March 24<sup>th</sup> Exploring the Lord’s Wrath:  
**“What Truly Angers God”**  
Presented by Deacon Alex Chalikian

Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> 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**



**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.

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Good Friday is the day Christians around the world commemorate the death and burial of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the Armenian Church tradition, during the Evening Vespers a tomb is placed in the Chancel of the Church and decorated with flowers and candles, reminding the congregation of the sacrificial crucifixion and death of our Lord for the sake of our salvation. It is a tradition in the Armenian Church for the congregation to bring flowers to the church to decorate the Tomb of the Lord. The flowers are placed on the tomb throughout the service. At the conclusion of the service, they are distributed to the congregation. This year at St. Leon Church, in addition to flowers, the tomb will once again be decorated with indoor potted plants. Every family will be invited to take a plant from the Tomb of the Lord and place it in their homes. As they grow and flourish, these plants will remind each member of our community of the beautiful bond we enjoy with each other and with our Church as our family in Christ.

*Please help us maintain this beautiful spiritual custom in our Church. Your donation will help defray the cost of the purchase of these plants.*



## PLANTS FOR CHRIST'S TOMB

### 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, April 3, 2023. Enclosed please find the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Please print:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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## LILIES FOR THE HOLY ALTAR

### 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, April 3, 2023. Enclosed please find the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Please print:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

# 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.)*

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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](mailto:bhovsepian@optonline.net)

**Sunday School:**

Runs from 10am -12pm, PreK thru 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, or email at**

[acarden56@gmail.com](mailto: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:**

*Sorry*, there is no hospitality today.

Please join us next week, after Badarak, in Abajian Hall, for coffee and fellowship.



# ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Parish Assembly  
Sunday, February 26, 2023

**TODAY**



**\*Assembly will be held in the  
Sanctuary after Soorp Badarak, then  
a light lunch will be offered in Abajian Hall,  
afterwards.**

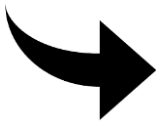


*Holy Name Medical Center* provides  
**COMPLIMENTARY BLOOD PRESSURE  
SCREENING at St. Leon**

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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

REGISTER ON  <https://bit.ly/Whats-Next-Part5>



 <https://bit.ly/St.LeonEvents>



MODERATOR

**ZAVEN KALAYJIAN, PH.D.**

DEFENSE INNOVATION PRODUCT MANAGER AND JUSTICE ARMENIA  
SECURITY REFORM RESEARCH PROJECT



DISCUSSANT

**EDUARD ABRAHAMYAN, PH.D.**

UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER AND JUSTICE ARMENIA  
SECURITY REFORM RESEARCH PROJECT

THIS EVENT IS JOINTLY SPONSORED BY  
ARARAT-ESKIJIAN MUSEUM  
ARMENIAN BAR ASSOCIATION  
ARMENIAN NETWORK OF AMERICA-GREATER NY  
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JUSTICE ARMENIA  
KNIGHTS OF VARTAN-BAKRADOUNY LODGE  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ARMENIAN STUDIES  
AND RESEARCH (NAASR) — CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN  
FOUNDATION LECTURE SERIES ON  
CONTEMPORARY ARMENIAN ISSUES  
ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

*This event is dedicated to the memory of  
diplomat, legal scholar and linguist*

**ARMEN KHARAZIAN**

*and his lifelong commitment to  
strengthen a sovereign Armenia.*

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](mailto:ARA@EDRCORP.NET) / 917.837.1297

**Parish Council, Parents, Parishioners, and Priest**

**vs.**

**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](mailto:youthdirector@stleon.org)**

St. Leon Armenian School  
**Take-Out Lenten Lunch**

Sunday, March 26, 2023  
Following Church Services  
Pick Up Orders in Abajian Hall Vestibule

**Pre-Orders Only**

Call or See Barbara Hovsepian 973-839-1417

***Take-Out Order Forms in the Church Narthex  
Fill out and give to Barbara***

**MUST BE PRE-ORDED BY MARCH 19**

We strive to continue our Armenian traditions and culture, especially through our delicious cuisine, our heritage foods. Have your family and friends order our take-out lunch and enjoy the fantastic Lenten (vegan) menu.

Our Menu:



Imman Bayaldi



Vospov Keufta



Yalenci

Spinach Boureg and Chocolate Cake

**\$20 per lunch order**

**Make Checks Payable to  
St. Leon Armenian School  
Pay when you pick up.**

**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 21<sup>st</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: [clchak@aol.com](mailto:clchak@aol.com)

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

# ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

## ACYOA DAY PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON & PROGRAM

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

Immediately following church services



Adults: \$25.00

12 Years & Younger: \$15.00

ACYOA Members: \$15.00

Sorry, no walk-ins

For Reservations scan QR Code or contact  
[Youthdirector@stleon.org](mailto:Youthdirector@stleon.org)



Reservation Deadline: Sunday, March 26, 2023



# DEATH OF AN ITALIAN GUNKAHAYR (GODFATHER)



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



# GOMIDAS CHOIR

KRIS D. KALFAYAN, MUSICAL DIRECTOR

## 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF  
**VERY REV. FR. MESROP PARSAMYAN, PRIMATE**  
DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA (EASTERN)

**SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023**  
7:15PM

**ST. VARTAN ARMENIAN CATHEDRAL**  
630 2<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE, NYC 10016

GUEST ARTISTS  
**HUYSER MUSIC ENSEMBLE**  
AND  
**ARI TERJANIAN, PIANIST**

SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY  
**LOUSAPER YOUTH CHOIR**  
OF HOLY MARTYRS ARMENIAN CHURCH  
**NARGIZ MKRTCHYAN, DIRECTOR**

FOR TICKETS PLEASE VISIT  
[gomidas-choir.ticketleap.com](http://gomidas-choir.ticketleap.com)

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
[gomidaschoir@gmail.com](mailto:gomidashoironline@gmail.com)





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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Aline Tashjian'.

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.

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2. Email your message and photo/artwork to: [christinebeylerian@gmail.com](mailto: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.



**Annual St. Leon  
Armenian Church Picnic  
Sunday, June 4, 2023  
12:30p.m. to 4:30p.m.**



**Bring your family, friends and appetites for great Armenian food,  
music and community.**



# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

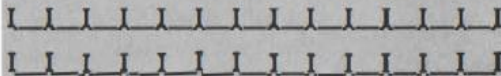
### Commemorative Brick Purchase:

#### English Letters

\_\_\_\_\_ 4" x 8" Brick @ \$125.00

Maximum of two lines, 13 letters per line

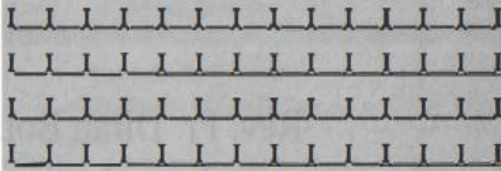
For 4" x 8" - engraving to read as follows: (please print clearly)



\_\_\_\_\_ 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](mailto:byemom@optonline.net)

201-666-5735

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

*All donations are tax deductible.*

# 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 26	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy- Sunday of Expulsion Sunday School, PARISH ASSEMBLY <b>TODAY</b>
Wed	Mar 1	Blood Pressure Screening 2-3pm
Fri	Mar 3	Armenian School, Lenten Service & Lecture 7:30pm
Sun	Mar 5	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy- Sunday of the Prodigal Son Sunday School
Fri	Mar 10	Armenian School, Lenten Service & Lecture 7:30pm
Sun	Mar 12	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy- Sunday of the Steward Sunday School
Wed	Mar 15	Median day of Lent (Meecheenk)
Fri	Mar 17	Armenian School, Lenten Service & Lecture 7:30pm

**Last Gospel:  
Mark 4:26-34**

*~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**

