

# ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Second Sunday after Transfiguration  
July 31, 2022

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



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## Readings from the Holy Scripture

Isaiah 3:16-4:1

I Cor. 1:25-30

Gospel of Matthew 18:10-14

*“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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# ALTAR SERVERS

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Sirvard Galstian

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# HOKEHANKISD

† Marisa Saganda and Harutyun Saganda & family request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Penyamin Saganda**, beloved husband, father, grandfather, on the occasion of his **40<sup>th</sup> day** (Karasonk) 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.

† Seta Jessourian, Vicken & Kathy Jessourian, Taline & Haig Najarian request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Sebuh Jessourian**, loving husband, father, grandfather, on the occasion of his **7<sup>th</sup> year** of passing into eternal rest. The family also requests Hokehankisd for the souls of **Hagop & Araxi Jessourian**, loving father, grandfather, & mother, grandmother;

**Bedros & Armenouhy Ekroyan**, *loving father, grandfather & mother, grandmother*; **Emile & Aznif Farra**, *loving uncle & aunt*; and **Nektar Melikian**, *loving grandmother*, on the occasion 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.

✝ Haig & Taline Najarian & family request Hokehankisd for the souls of **Papken & Anahid Kechichian** , and **Joe & Asdghig Najarian**, *beloved grandparents of Haig*, on the occasion of their 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:** Please note that Hokehankisd requests must be received by **3pm, Thursday** to be included in that week's Sunday bulletin. You may email or call the church office. Thank you.





## **✝ 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 *Glenn Ajamian, James Azarian, Mosses Bairamian, Hana Botie, Zoe Brooks, Frank Cornawchiulo, Jerry DiSant, Lynne Ford, Julie Frattarola, Ruben Grigoryants, John Hallak, Ryan Hallak, Varoujan Harutunian, Barbara Hovsepian, Silva Jinivizian, Robert John Karanfilian III, Brandon Katz, Mary Ann Kral, Annette Kouchshirin, Jim & Wendy Lathey, Carmelina Mancini, Bill Manookian, Sebuhan 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 update of the prayer list names.  
if a name needs to be added or removed, notify the church office. Thank you.)*



## **BIBLE STUDIES**

**Wednesday, Aug.10, 2022.**

**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.

### **Book of Ezekiel**

Chapter 44 “The Closed Gate”

Chapter 45 “The Holy District”

Chapter 46 “Miscellaneous Regulations”

In the previous chapters we read of oracles of the foreign nation but with apocalyptic-style modifications. The ultimate purpose is to reassure the Israelites concerning their restoration-both their return to the land from exile and their long-term protection by God even against the greatest forces the world can hurl against them. This prophesy against God and his assembled army is widely misinterpreted. The identity of Gog is viewed as the dark powers of the world which tries to one day threaten God’s people but, God will protect His people from those evil powers and deliver them forever. This is a apocalyptic prophecy which is figurative and symbolic. We read about the great future for Jerusalem and Judah. This vision describes the physical characteristics of the holy city, its temple, the holy land, and related regulations for proper worship and membership in God’s people. Ezekiel enters the temple building itself, the sanctuary but not the holy of holies. To enter the holy of holies would have been forbidden him, as he was a mere priest. Only a high priest could enter that most holy room of the temple, and then only once a year for the purpose of sprinkling blood as a symbol of the blood atonement.

*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.

*\* You are especially reminded not to do so during,*

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 new liturgy books.

\* They indicate when you should *Stand, Sit, or Kneel*.

\*For your convenience, liturgy book pages are indicated on monitors above and to the right of the altar.



## Նոր նշանակումներ

Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ծայրագոյն Պատրիարք եւ Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսի հայրապետական տնօրինութեամբ կատարուել են եկեղեցականների նոր նշանակումներ:

Հոգեշնորհ Տ. Ղեւոնդ արեղայ Սաղաթելեանը, ազատուելով ՀՈՒԴԱՎԱՆՔԻ Թրքանճեան Ընծայարանի տեսչի պաշտօնից, ծառայութեան է կոչուել Իրաքի հայոց թեմում:

Արժանապատիւ Տ. Ադամ քահանայ Մովսիսեանը ծառայութեան է նշանակուել Իրաքի Հայոց թեմում

# Church Happenings...

## **Kiss of Peace:**

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 to be placed on a rotating roster beginning in September. Thank you.

## **Armenian School:**

Orders placed on the 24<sup>th</sup>, must be picked up **today** (Youth Center). Please contact **Nora Balekji at 973-513-2507, or email at [nbalekji@gmail.com](mailto:nbalekji@gmail.com)**. (Sorry, no baghaj until further notice).

## **St. Leon’s Social Club:**

Seniors have much to offer, wisdom, experience, and time! Our Social Club meets every Wednesday, 11:30am-3:00pm at the community center. You can play cards, backgammon, board games of your choice, or just enjoy a cup of coffee! We encourage you to bring a friend and spend an afternoon together! Donation is \$3. Hope to see you there this week!

## **2022 Church Directory:**

Additional copies of our 2022 St. Leon Church Directory can be purchased. Call church office on weekdays or speak with a Parish Council member on Sundays.

## **Coffee Hospitality:**

Today’s hospitality is hosted by our ACYOA Seniors. Please join us in the **Youth Center** after church service, while Abajian Hall is under renovations.





ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH  
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Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

July, 2022

To Our Dear Parish Community,

During our 2020 Parish Assembly and just prior to the pandemic breakout, we passed a resolution to spend significant funds to undertake the much-needed refurbishment of our Saint Leon Abajian Hall. We were ready to start the hall renovation that summer. However, as we are all painfully aware, much of New Jersey went into a "shelter in place" mode. Our parish council decided to hold off renovations until the pandemic was in a less severe state.

Fast forward two and a half years and we are now in a better state relative to the pandemic and we are now going forward with our renovations. Over the past two years our Abajian Hall Committee members have been hard at work and continuously meeting with each other, many vendors and with Saint Leon leadership to make sure that our renovation will be executed with minimal disruption to our parish life. Our hall renovation committee members are Lorig Chorluyan, Rose Najarian Kedeshian and Nancy Zoraian. In addition to their planning, execution and oversight, our committee has spent much time to ensure that we receive as much value as possible for the considerable monies we are spending. At the same time, they have ensured that the renovation will be aesthetically attractive and welcoming.

The hall renovation will include the installation of carpeting, wallpaper, stage curtains, ballroom windows and window treatments, chandeliers and lighting, speakers and molding for the stage and cabinet doors. It will also include the purchase of four hundred ballroom chairs and removal of the ballroom mirrors. As you can appreciate, this will be a near total renovation

For 88 years our loving parish has been a uniting force for faith, fellowship and giving. As we begin our 2022 Abajian Hall renovation, and most especially during this unique hour of need, please consider a special donation to our church and help finance our significant renovation. Those who donate will be invited to an inaugural celebration to be held in our newly renovated hall and will be presented with a commemorative pamphlet thanking and listing all our donors.

Give, and it will be given to you. (Luke 6:38)

The Parish Council has formed a special fundraising committee for our hall renovation. If you would like more information or have questions, please contact Karen Nargizian at [karen@toufayan.com](mailto:karen@toufayan.com) or (201) 446-1033 or Linda Berenson at [lindaberenson@me.com](mailto:lindaberenson@me.com) or (201) 805-4743, and/or fill out the enclosed donation form and mail it with your check in the enclosed self-addressed envelope to our church office.

May the Lord bless you and your family with health, peace and wishing you a safe 2022 summer.

*Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian*  
Pastor

*Vicken Jessourian*  
Parish Council Chairman

**St. Leon 2022 Abajian Hall Ballroom Renovation**  
**Donation Form**

**Donor** \$1-100\_\_\_\_\_

**Supporter** \$101-250\_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor** \$251-500\_\_\_\_\_

**Contributor** \$501-1,000\_\_\_\_\_

**Advocate** \$1,001-2,500\_\_\_\_\_

**Patron** \$2,500 -5,000\_\_\_\_\_

**Benefactor** \$5001-10,000\_\_\_\_\_

**Philanthropist** \$10,001 & Up\_\_\_\_\_

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_

Kindly make your check payable to St. Leon Armenian Church  
& note "Hall Renovation" in the memo area.

**Thank you for your donation.**

Mail your check to:  
Saint Leon Armenian Church  
12-61 Saddle River Road  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

As an expression of gratitude those who donate will receive an invitation to an inaugural celebration which will be held once work has been completed.



*Holy Name Medical Center* provides  
**COMPLIMENTARY BLOOD  
PRESSURE SCREENING**  
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-  
**August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

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!



# St. Leon Men's Fellowship



## *Weekend in the Catskills 2022*

Date: Sept. 16, 17, 18

Location: Camp Nubar, Andes, NY

Cost: \$175

GREAT FOOD, BEAUTIFUL SCENERY &  
FUN!!

*Golf, Tennis, Basketball, Hiking, Fishing,  
Swimming, Canoeing, Tavloo, Cards, Etc.*

For reservations and information call:

Barry (evenings) 201-888-2668

Reservation deadline September 9, 2022

Mail your check to: Barry Halejian, 412 Glendale  
Rd., Wyckoff, NJ 07481

Make checks payable to  
St. Leon Men's Fellowship

# 25th Annual St. Leon Armenian Church Golf Outing

We are excited to announce the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Leon Armenian Church Golf Outing. Over twenty-five years ago the founders of this event, Arthur Ohnikian, Dick Keurajian assisted by Rich Ohnikian, George Kachagian and Gabe Kaprelian set out to create a day of fellowship, competition, and great fun. We honor their tradition and legacy and this year we are taking the event to the next level. The enhancements for 2022 include:

- Hosting the event on the championship layout at Haworth Country Club
- Adding a tennis option to attract non-golfers who want to enjoy fellowship on the courts
- Live entertainment starting at the cocktail hour featuring “On the Lam band”
- Commemorative 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary hat included for each player
- Ideal fall season timing on September 26th

We are actively seeking participants and sponsors with 100% of the sponsorship proceeds going to St. Leon Armenian Church. There are a range of opportunities at different levels. Please keep in mind this is a big year for St. Leon Armenian Church with a big return to in person activities and the planned renovation of Abajian hall this summer!

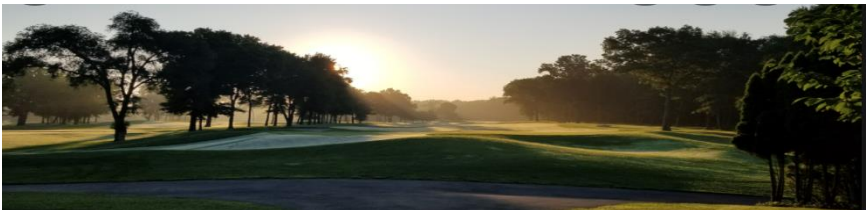
Please join us at Haworth Country Club on Monday September 26, 2022. Father Diran and the golf committee invite you to join us for a day on the golf course or tennis courts. You can also simply join for cocktails, food and live entertainment. Kindly spread the word and extend the number of people you ask to join. All are welcome!

Please reach out if you have any questions or have something you would like to discuss.

All the best,

St. Leon Armenian Church Golf Open Committee

Rich Berenson (917) 854-2357, Rich Ohnikian, Mike Ohnikian, Matt Royland, Tom Reidel, Haig Najarian (Tennis)



# 25th Annual St. Leon Armenian Church Golf Outing

Titanium Sponsor \$5,000  
(Includes four players for golf or tennis, registration signage, dinner-for-four as well as two hole sponsorships)

Platinum Sponsor..... \$2,500  
(Includes four players for golf or tennis dinner-for-two as well as one hole sponsorship)

Registration Sponsor..... \$1,000

Dinner Sponsor..... \$750

Lunch Sponsor..... \$500

Beverage Sponsor..... \$300

Hole Sponsor.....\$150

Sponsorship of any amount.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(\$1,000 or more includes two dinner guests, \$500 or more includes one dinner guest)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

To be printed on sponsor sign \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship Level \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to St. Leon Armenian Church. Note “golf sponsorship” in the memo area.

Mail to: Rich Berenson, 831 Mountain Avenue, Wyckoff, NJ 07481  
(917) 854-2357.



**25<sup>th</sup> Annual Saint Leon Armenian Church Golf Open**  
**Monday Sept 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Haworth Country Club**  
**33 Lakeshore Drive, Haworth, NJ 07641 (201) 384-7300**  
**Event Details and Golfer Registration Form**

9:30 – 11:30 am Registration, Driving Range, Practice facility, Brunch starting at 10 am

11:30 am Golf Shotgun start – Format: Four-person scramble, men’s and ladies’ tees.

2:00 Tennis Clinic and Round Robin format play (arrive by 1:30 pm)

4:30 pm On the Lam Band, Hors D’oeuvres, Open bar beer and wine

6 pm Dinner, Awards and Door Prizes

**Early bird golfer fee thru July 15<sup>th</sup>: \$250 per player. \$275 after July 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Early bird tennis fee thru July 15<sup>th</sup>. \$150 per player. \$165 after July 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Dinner, beer and wine and entertainment \$100 per person.**

- Make check payable to St. Leon Armenian Church. Note “golf/tennis” in the memo area.
- Mail to: Rich Berenson, 831 Mountain Avenue, Wyckoff, NJ 07481 (917) 854-2357. Registration deadline September 6, 2022.
- Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_.

Player Information – we will match you up If necessary.

Check here if tennis

Player

1 \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Player

2 \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Player

3 \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Player

4 \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

*Special requests (food allergies, etc.)*

\_\_\_\_\_

## St. Leon Armenian School – Registration Form 2022–2023

For more information call 201-791-2862 x7, leave your name and number or email [armenianschool@stleon.org](mailto:armenianschool@stleon.org)

Principal Nora Balekji will return your call as soon as possible.

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Student Name	Date of Birth	School Grade	Select Dialect	Select Level	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Western <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern	<input type="checkbox"/> K-6 Fridays	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate Wednesdays*
			<input type="checkbox"/> Western <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern	<input type="checkbox"/> K-6 Fridays	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate Wednesdays*
			<input type="checkbox"/> Western <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern	<input type="checkbox"/> K-6 Fridays	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate Wednesdays*
Adult:	NA	NA	Western only	6-8:30 PM	Wednesdays**
Total Tuition					

\*Intermediate Class will be formed if 5 or more students enroll.

\*\*Adult Class will be formed if 5 or more students enroll.

**Tuition Payment (tuition is non-refundable) \$350.**

**\$25 discount for additional students in the same family.**

*If you are unable to pay the full tuition, please contact Fr. Diran Bohajian at 201-791-2862. Inquiries will be kept confidential.*

Amount paid in September

Amount paid in January

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_  
State Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any allergies or medical conditions? (Please discuss with the principal)

Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Conditions \_\_\_\_\_

Please note any pertinent information about your child's academic ability that would help us better serve his/her needs.

Example: Has your child been classified with any developmental, behavioral or learning disabilities?

**I/We GRANT permission for a photo/image that includes my child to be published on the St. Leon Armenian School and the Eastern Diocese public internet sites, and to be displayed in the Armenian School and in the publications of St. Leon.**

Circle either Yes or No and sign. Yes No

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

St. Leon Armenian School, 12-61 Saddle River Road, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410



Save  
the  
Date



*St. Leon Annual Food  
Festival  
October 14-16  
Details to follow...*



# Save the Date



## *St. Leon Women's Guild, Men's Fellowship & Storica Wines*

Invite you to join  
“HYE SPIRITS”  
on Friday, November 4, 2022



Enjoy an evening with Great Friends,  
Great Wine, and Great Food!  
Details to follow...





# 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: [hyemom@optonline.net](mailto:hyemom@optonline.net)

201-666-5735

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

*All donations are tax deductible.*

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	July 31	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy
Sun	Aug 7	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy
Sun	Aug 14	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God, Blessing of the Grapes & Madagh for all attending parishioners
Sun	Aug 21	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy
Sun	Aug 28	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy

**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, 2022**

**Easter – April 17, 2022**

**Transfiguration – July 24, 2022**

**Assumption of the Virgin Mary – August 14, 2022**

**Exaltation of the Holy Cross – September 11, 2022**

