

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

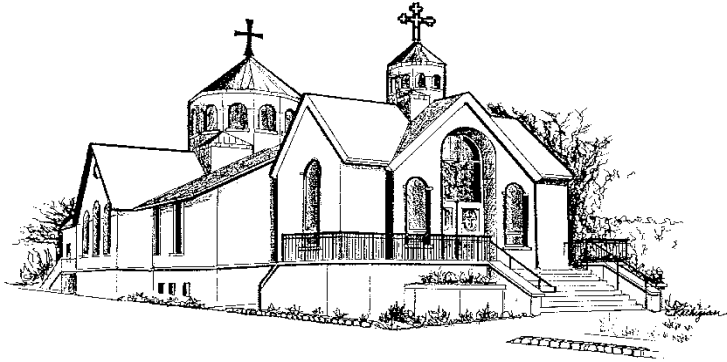
Third Sunday after Pentecost

Happy Father's Day

June 18, 2023

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Isaiah 1:1-15

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 12:1-8

"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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*Please keep our Motherland, Armenia
& Artsakh in your prayers*



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HOKEHANKISD

✝ Marisa Saganda & son Harutyun Saganda request

Hokehankisd for the soul of **Penyamin Saganda**, *beloved husband & father* on the **1st year** anniversary of passing into eternal rest. The family has donated the altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved one.

Hokehankisd Request Deadline:

Kindly submit all Hokehankisd requests by **12 noon on Thursdays**,

that it may appear in that week's Sunday bulletin. Bear in mind that a standard word format is used to maintain unpreferential consistency in the allotted printing space. Also, be sure to include contact information when you email or call the church office 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 unto the ages of ages.



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Remember in your prayers and ask for the recovery of,

Aleksan Aristakesian, Felicia Asomani, James Azarian, Mosses Bairamian, Hana Botie, Zoe Brooks, Frank Cornawchiulo, Jerry DiSant, Mike Fenarjian, Julie Frattarola, Yester Garabedian Ruben Grigoryants, Varoujan Harutunian, Lusine Hovsepyan, Silva Jinivizian, Robert John Karanfilian III, Brandon Katz, Annette Kouchshirin, Jim & Wendy Lathey, Carmelina Mancini, Bill Manookian, Sebu 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 cares and watches over all His children.

“I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.”

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

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”)

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**
- 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.



Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսն ընդունեց միաբանական համագումարի գործող և նորընտիր հանձնախմբերի անդամներին

Հունիսի 11-ին՝ Կաթողիկե Սուրբ Էջմիածնի տոնին, Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ծայրագույն Պատրիարք և Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսն ընդունեց միաբանական համագումարի գործող և նորընտիր կազմակերպիչ հանձնախմբերի անդամներին:

Նորին Սրբությունը կատարված հաջող աշխատանքների համար իր գնահատանքը հայտնեց միաբանական համագումարի գործող հանձնախմբին, որի կազմում ընդգրկված են Մայր Աթոռի Քարոզչական կենտրոնի տնօրեն Ս. Գարեգին վարդապետ Համբարձումյանը, ԳՀՃ Պատմական աստվածաբանության ամբիոնի վարիչ Ս. Անդրեաս վարդապետ Եզեկյանը, Մայր Աթոռի Վարչատնտեսական բաժնի փոխտնօրեն Ս. Տիրայր վարդապետ Հակոբյանը, ԱՄՆ Հայոց Արևմտյան թեմից Ս. Երեմիա վարդապետ Աբգարյանը, ԱՄՆ Հայոց Արևելյան թեմից Ս. Առեն արեղա Ճեպեճյանը, Իսպանիայում և Պորտուգալիայում Արևմտյան Եվրոպայի Հայրապետական պատվիրակի փոխանորդ Ս. Շնորհք արեղա Մարգարյանը:

Հայոց Հովվապետը նաև իր հայրական օրհնությունը բերեց նոր հանձնախմբի անդամներին՝ ԱՄՆ Հայոց Արևելյան թեմից Ս. Սիմեոն արեղա Օդաբաշյանին, Մայր Աթոռի Արխիվի և թանգարանների տնօրեն Ս. Ստողիկ արեղա Կարապետյանին, Ս. Դերենիկ արեղա Սահակյանին, Վիրահայոց թեմից Ս. Հակոբ արեղա Սահակյանին, Ս. Ադան արեղա Երնջակյանին, Իրաքի հայոց թեմից Ս. Ղևոնդ արեղա Մաղաթեյանին: Նորին Սրբությունը հորդորեց միաբաններին ջանասիրությամբ ու աննվազ եռանդով ձեռնամուխ լինել հաջորդ միաբանական հավաքի կազմակերպմանը՝ նկատի առնելով հայրենիքին, Եկեղեցուն և ժողովրդին հուզող արդիական խնդիրները:

Միաբանական համագումարը տեղի է ունենում երկու տարին մեկ Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում: Հայաստանյայց Առաքելական Սուրբ Եկեղեցու տարբեր թեմերում և կառույցներում ծառայող միաբանները (արեղաներ, վարդապետներ և ծայրագույն վարդապետներ) մեկտեղվում են հայոց հոգևոր կենտրոնում քննարկելու Հայոց Եկեղեցու առջև ծառայած մարտահրավերները, դրանց հաղթահարման ուղիներ փնտրելու, փոխանակվելու հոգևոր ծառայության փորձառությամբ, ինչպես նաև վերանորոգելու իրենց ուխտը:





Who Do You Like Better: Mom or Dad?

When I lived in Armenia in the late 1990s, there was one question people would ask me more than any other: “Which do you like better Armenia or America?” After dozens of attempts to answer this impossible question, it dawned on me that the best answer was another impossible question: “Who do you like better your mother or your father?” This reply changed the topic of conversation quickly, for who is bold enough to attempt an answer to such a question?

Well, it turns out that the third-century Saint-Cyprian of Carthage-was bold enough to attempt an answer, and not just about his earthly mother and father, but his heavenly ones as well. Trying to wrap his mind around the mystery of the almighty and transcendent God the Father, alongside the nurturing and imminent mother Church, Cyprian came up with this axiom; “He cannot have God as Father, who has not the Church as his Mother.” In this season of Mother’s Day and Father’s Day in the United States, you probably will not find Cyprian’s quote on a hallmark card. But to fully experience these celebrations, we would do well to visit church on these days. For in church, we recall that fathers and mothers and families reflect something of the nature of Go and not the other way around. And following Cyprian’s quote, before we recognize Fathers and God The Father, we must start with Mothers and the church who is The Mother.

Mothers do indeed come first. That’s life. My kids learned to say ‘Ma-ma’ before they said ‘Da-da’. Mama is the first person any of us ever saw, and often continues to be the first to greet her child in the morning and tuck them in at night. And it is the same in our spiritual life. The first image we see in any Armenian church is Mary who is the “type” of the church. The first words that come out of our mouth in worship are to ask our mother Mary to speak well of us to The Father. The Church, with Mary as our lead, is our nurturer. We learn the ABCs of the spiritual life from her in Sunday School and ACYOA. She is our comforter and nurturer, not only when we are little, but nurturing us throughout our lives when pastor and parishioner work together to care and counsel those who are in need. The mother church nurtures and loves her children unconditionally and always, there is nothing you can do to make her stop caring for you.

So, mother and mother church are first, but in herself she is not enough. We must start with the love of our mothers but are incomplete without the love of our Father. Can anyone point to where God the Father is depicted in the art and architecture of the Armenian Church? We very rarely depict Him. When you depict someone, they are close to you, on the same level. God the father is transcendent and imposing, beyond expression and depiction. But although you can't see God the father, you should be able to hear him. He is the one who spoke in thunder on Mt. Sinai, giving the 10 commandments, telling us what we should and shouldn't do to live a good life. His admonishing voice is heard through the prophets and is summed up in Proverbs; "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." God is heard decisively through his beloved Son Jesus Christ, who says that his Father wishes us to be perfect as He himself is perfect.

Where the Mother Church's instinct is to love and nurture, God the Father instructs and transforms. Where we have Mother's love, no matter what we do and how we behave—Our Father asks more of us, holds us to something higher in terms of behavior, and challenges a child to become more than what they currently are. Fathers are givers of love but are often also the givers of the law and enforcers of the rules in the family. Robert Frost said "You don't have to deserve your mother's love. You have to deserve your father's. He's more particular."

So, who do you like better, your mother or your father? Well of course we love and need both in order to mature in all aspects of our life; physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual. In the life of the church, as in our daily life, it is often Mother who builds us up, even as Father beckons us forward. As we celebrate the love and sacrifice of our earthly mothers and fathers in this summer season, let us deepen that celebration by paying a visit to mother church, giving thanks for her care, and calling on God the Father to guide us in His paths of righteousness.

By Fr. Hovnan Demerjian





BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday, June 28th, 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.

2 Maccabees

Chapter 8 “The Revolt of Judas Maccabeus”

Chapter 9 “The Last Campaign of Antiochus Epiphanes”

Chapter 10 “Purification of the Temple”

The Law given by Moses, makes the Israelites citizens of Jerusalem, which becomes a medium for preserving the Good News of God’s message. The function of the dedication of the Temple focused on Divine Revelation and the Lord uses the dedication of the Temple to proclaim his divinity. The book of Deuteronomy chapter 24 is referenced with song of Moses which sets the relationship between the people and God. Heliodorus attempts to tax the Temple of Jerusalem’s treasury but is repelled. The high priest Onias III of the Temple of Jerusalem is succeeded by his brother Jason. Jason is then succeeded by the corrupt Menelaus. Jason attempts to overthrow Menelaus. King Antiochus IV Epiphanes returns from the second expedition of the Sixth Syrian War in Egypt. He defeats Jason’s supporters, sacks Jerusalem, loots the Temple treasury, and kills and enslaves local Jews as retribution for the perceived revolt. Jason is forced into exile, (168 BC). The Temple is converted into syncretic Greek-Jewish worship site. Antiochus IV issues decrees forbidding traditional Jewish practices, such as circumcision, keeping kosher, and keeping the Sabbath. Eleazar, the scribe is tortured and killed after refusing to eat pork. We read deep faith and courage during the Martyrdom of the woman and her seven sons after being tortured by Antiochus IV. We see in these chapters the development of the understanding of the after-life. It is a life in the hands of God.

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 purchasing opportunities for lahmajun, sujuk, & baghaj, can be forwarded to Barbara Hovsepien by texting 551-206-6686, or by emailing bhovsepien@optonline.net * Please note orders resume in September.

Sunday School:

Runs from 10am -12pm, PreK through 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 **Youth Center Commons**. 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 ACYOA Seniors. Please join us after Badarak , in Abajian Hall, for coffee & fellowship.

Please Note: All St Leon Campus postings must be pre-approved by the church office. All others will be removed. No taping on any glass is permitted & sorry, no personal business promotions can be posted. Consider, inquiring about advertisement space in our Lradoo, instead.

Congratulations Class of 2023!

We would love to acknowledge all our recent graduates* in our next LRADOO publication. Please email name, photo, & a paragraph about the diploma recipients to churchoffice@stleon.org



*Pre-school, Kindergarten, Grade, High, College, Trade, Doctorate Schools are all welcomed!

(Please submit by **June 30th, 2023**, to be included in our May/June Lradoo).

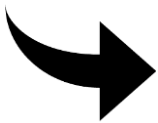


Holy Name Medical Center provides
**COMPLIMENTARY BLOOD PRESSURE
SCREENING at St. Leon**

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-



June 21st, 2023
(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!





ONLINE REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR

ST. VARTAN CAMP

Staff Training: June 21 - June 24

Session A: June 25 - July 8

Session B: July 9 - July 22

Session C: July 23 - August 5

Faith, fun, and fellowship!

CAMPERS AGES 8 - 15

CITS AGES 16 & 17

STAFF AGES 18 & OLDER

CIT & Staff applications due April 15

Visit diocesansummercamps.org to find out more information and to register.





**ARMENIAN-AMERICAN HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
ORGANIZATION**

Of New York, New Jersey & Connecticut

***Cordially* invites you to a Medical Workshop
Hosted by St Leon Parish Council
Sunday, June 25, 2023, at 1pm
Abajian Hall**

PANEL PARTICIPANTS:

Dr. Louis Najarian, MD
Gaming, Social Media, Drugs

Dr. Lawrence Najarian, MD
Macular Degeneration

Dr. Tro Kalayjian, DO
Weight Control

Dr. Knarig Khatchadurian Meyer, PHD
Nutrition
Moderator/Chairperson

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

**For more information, please contact St Leon Church Office
Plan to join us!**



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE HOLY MOTHER-OF-GOD AND THE BLESSING OF THE GRAPES

- St. Mary died in Jerusalem fifteen years after the Resurrection of Christ.
- The Apostles, with the exception of St. Bartholomew, buried her with great reverence in the Garden of Gethsemane.
- When Bartholomew came to visit the tomb and pay his respects, he found it empty.
- He and the Apostles were convinced her body had been taken to heaven by the Lord.
- This belief was sanctioned by the Church between the 9th and 12th centuries.

On the day of the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother-of-God (*ASDVADZADZIN - Bearer of God*), the Blessing of Grapes takes place immediately after the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. As thanksgiving for the fruitfulness of the year, fruits are presented to God to be blessed. Grapes are considered the queen of fruits, thereby symbolizing all crops. The Holy Virgin Mary is considered the "Tree of Life" who gave birth to the "Good Fruit" (Christ) for our salvation. Christ compared Himself to the Vine (John 15:1) and blessed the cup of wine to be His Blood. Grape wine is used in Holy Communion as the Blood of Christ that was shed for the salvation of mankind.



If you wish to make a monetary donation to offset the purchase of the grapes, please fill out & send bottom form, along with your contribution, to St Leon Church Office, by Monday, August 7th, 2023. Your names will be acknowledged in the Sunday bulletin.



(Please Print) Kindly mark "Grapes" on the memo line of checks.

Name _____

Donation \$ _____ Tel # _____

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!

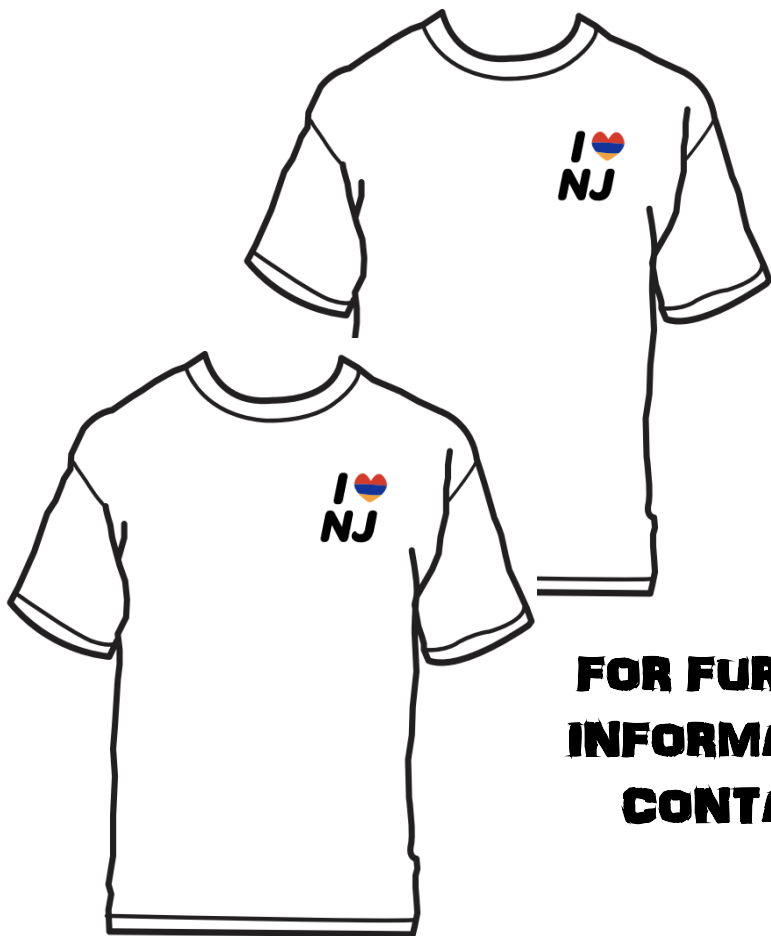
Questions? Please call Lisa Boyajian

at 551-265-1105

Hope to see you!



ACYOA SENIORS
T-SHIRTS \$15 EACH



**FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION
CONTACT**

**ALINE
TASHJIAN
201-696-0023**



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: _____

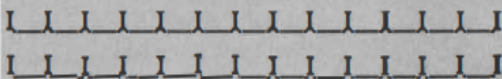
Commemorative Brick Purchase:

English Letters

_____ 4" x 8" Brick @ \$135.00

Maximum of two lines, 13 letters per line

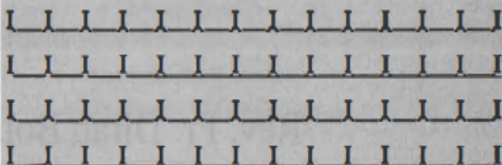
For 4" x 8" - engraving to read as follows: (please print clearly)



_____ 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

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 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.



Individual (18+): \$175
Student (18-24): \$50
Senior (65+): \$100

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	June 18	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Happy Father's Day	 Happy Fathers Day ★
	TODAY		
Sun	June 25	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School, AAHPO presentation see flyer	
Sun	July 2	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy	
Sun	July 9	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy	
Sun	July 16	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord	
Sun	July 23	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy	
Sun	July 30	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy	

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, 2024

Easter –March 31, 2024

Transfiguration – July 16, 2023

Assumption of the Virgin Mary – August 13, 2023

Exaltation of the Holy Cross – September 17, 2023

