

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Remembrance of the Prophet Elijah

June 4, 2023

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

2 Kings 2:1-15

James 5:16-20

Luke 4:25-30

“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

✝ Vartan & Rosamarie Baydar, Arpie & Ara Kahyaoglu, Sheila & Julian Mitchell, Caroline & William Nazarian, Valerie & Piero Barchi, Alex Baydar, & great-grandchildren of, request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Mehrup Baydar**, *beloved, mother grandmother, great-grandmother* on the occasion of **her 40th day (Karasonk)**. The family has donated towards the altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved one.

✝ The Bedevian Family requests Hokihankisd for the souls of their *parents, grandparents, brothers, uncles, aunts & cousins* **Megerdich (47th year) & Baidzar (41st year) Bedevian** **Khachig (20th year) & Silvia Bedevian (4th year)** **Karnig (38th year) and Alice (24th year) Shahbazian,** **Edward K. (1st year) & Armenoosh (2nd year) Shahbazian,** & **Haddon Lud (Bob) Shahbazian (3rd Year)**. Hokehqankisd is also requested for the souls of beloved family members, **Michael & Shoushan Toumayan, Serop & Zevart Karakashian,** **Hermine Toumayan Hanna, Lud & Josephine Shahbazian,** **Janet P. Stone, Margaret Karian King, Satenig Kazanjian.** The family has donated towards the altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.

✝ Anthony Antranik Hazarian requests Hokehankisd for the souls of **Kevork Hazarian**, *beloved father,* **Boghos & Nazig Karaqoz,** *loving grandparents,* **Hamaz Beylerian,** *beloved uncle, and for the souls of all the* **Hazarian & Ansir deceased family members,** *and also for the souls of* **Hacik, Meline, & Anahit Hazarian.** He has donated towards the altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of his loved ones.





Mr & Mrs Hovannes & Zepure Koushakjian request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Avedis Koushakjian**, *beloved father* on the occasion of his **11th 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.



Silvia & Toros Papagian & family, Anie Barsamian & family, Rita & Michael Papagian, and Renee Yekhparyan request Hokehankisd for the souls of **Nazan Sahatelian**, *beloved mother, mother-in-law, grandmother*, **Ohanes Sahatelian**, *beloved father, father-in-law, grandfather*, **Ohanes Papagian**, *beloved father, father-in-law, grandfather*, and for the souls of **Carmen Belen** and **Jannette Belen**. 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, there's a standard word format to maintain consistency. Please 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 Aritakesian, 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.

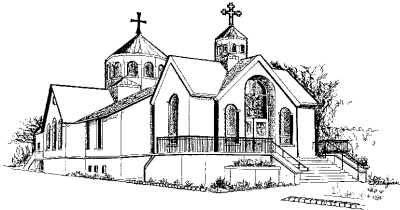
We commit our sick and shut-ins to our Heavenly Father who cares and watches over all His children.

“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).

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.

Do you know what the writing above the altar says?



*It is written in classical Armenian which says,
“Love one another, because God is Love.”*

(“Seeretsek izmeemeyanis, zee Asdvadz ser e”)

Fundamental Teachings of the Armenian Church



The Seven Sacraments...

Baptism, Confirmation, Penance, Holy Communion, Matrimony, Holy Orders, Unction with Oil (for the sick)

The Seven Spiritual Works of Mercy...

To instruct the ignorant,
To counsel the doubtful,
To exhort & convert sinners,
To comfort the sorrowing & afflicted,
To forgive offenses,
To suffer wrongs patiently,
To pray for others, living & dead.

The Four Cardinal Virtues...

Prudence, Justice, Temperance, Fortitude

The Four Notes of the True Church...

One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic

The Four Symbols of the Gospels...

St. Matthew- Angel St. Mark- Winged Lion,
St. Luke- Winged Ox St. John- Eagle



The Gifts of the Holy Spirit...

Wisdom & understanding,
Counsel & spiritual strength,
Knowledge & true godliness,
Holy fear of the Lord.



Հոգեգալստյան և Հանրապետության տոները Մայր Աթոռում

Մայիսի 28-ին Հայ Առաքելական Եկեղեցին տոնախմբեց Հոգեգալուստը, որին համընկել էր նաև Հանրապետության տոնը: Մայր Աթոռի միաբանությունը Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ծայրագույն Պատրիարք և Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսի օրհնությամբ, Պատարագի սրբազան արարողությանը մասնակցեց Սուրբ Գայանե վանքում: Պատարագիչն էր Շիրակի թեմի առաջնորդ Գերաշնորհ Տ. Միքայել արքեպիսկոպոս Աջապահյանը:

Պատարագիչ Սրբազանը, իր քարոզում խոսելով Հոգեգալստյան խորհուրդի մասին, ի մասնավորի նշեց. «Եթե Բաբելոնի աշտարակաշինության ժամանակ լեզվախոսությունն առիթ և պատճառ դարձավ մարդկանց բաժանվելու, ապա հոգեգալուստին առաքյալները տարբեր լեզուներով խոսեցին, որպեսզի ողջ տիեզերքը միավորեն ճշմարիտ աստվածաճանաչության և հարուցյալ Տիրոջ մականի ներքո: Բաբելոնի աշտարակաշինությունը շրջվեց աստվածային սիրո արտահայտությամբ և մարդկային միությամբ ու համերաշխությամբ, որովհետև Հոգեգալուստը տեղի չունեցավ պարզապես Աստծո մեծագործությունը ցույց տալու համար, թե Աստված ինչպիսի հրաշքներ կարող է կատարել, այլ տեղի ունեցավ՝ մեզ առաջնորդելու դեպի միություն, սեր և համերաշխություն: Այսօր ևս հնչում է պատգամը՝ առաքյալներից օրինակ վերցնելու, մեր ունեցած շնորհներն աշխարհի հետ կիսելու, միմյանց բաժանելու, մեր մերձավորներին ու հեռավորներին բաժնեկից դարձնելու, այլ խոսքով՝ այդ շնորհին ծառայելու և ոչ թե դրան տիրելու»:

Այնուհետև Միքայել արքեպիսկոպոսը, անդրադառնալով Հանրապետության տոնին, ընդգծեց, որ պետականության գոյությունը և վերջինիս պաշտպանությունը նույնպես Աստծո կողմից տրված շնորհ է: Այս առնչությամբ առաջնորդ Սրբազանն ասաց. «Երբ մեր պատմությունը քննում ենք և հասնում մինչև 1918 թվական, տեսնում ենք, որ կարծես թե ոչ մի հնարավորություն չունեինք պետականություն ստեղծելու, բայց պետականությունը տրվեց մեզ ի վերուստ, տրվեց մեզ Եկեղեցու նախանձախնդիր կեցվածքի շնորհիվ: Ստացանք այդ պետականությունն Աստծո կողմից իբրև շնորհ: Եվ ի՞նչ էր մեզ պետք. այդ շնորհը բաշխել հայ ժողովրդի բոլոր գավակներին, միավորվել այդ շնորհով և դրանով կյանք ունենալ: Չտիրել այդ շնորհին, չչահագործել և այն չենթարկեցնել մեր սեփական ցանկություններին, նեղ ու առևտրական նպատակներին, այլ ծառայել պետականության այդ շնորհին»:

Հավարտ Սուրբ Պատարագի՝ Հանրապետության տոնի առիթով Սուրբ Գայանե վանքում կատարվեց նաև Հանրապետական մաղթանք: Արարողությունը հանդիսապետեց Մայր Աթոռի դիվանապետ Գերաշնորհ Տ. Արշակ արքեպիսկոպոս Խաչատրյանը: Հոգևորականաց դասը և ներկա հավատավոր ժողովուրդն աղոթք բարձրացրեցին առ Աստված Հայաստանի Հանրապետության անսասանության, շենացման և խաղաղ ու բարօր կյանքի համար:

**Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսն ընդունեց
Ֆրեզնոյի համալսարանի Հայագիտության ամբիոնի
ուսանողներին**

Մայիսի 31-ին Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ծայրագույն Պատրիարք և Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում ընդունեց Ֆրեզնոյի պետական

համալսարանի (ԱՄՆ) Հայագիտության ամբիոնի մի խումբ ուսանողների՝ ուղեկցությամբ ամբիոնի վարիչ դոկտոր Բարլոու սարկավազ Տեր-Մկրտչյանի:

Նորին Սրբությունը, իր օրհնությունն ու բարեմաղթանքը փոխանցելով ուսանողներին, իր գնահատանքը հայտնեց Բարլոու Տեր-Մկրտչյանին հայ երիտասարդներին հայրենիքի հետ մշտապես կապելու և նրանց հայկական ոգով կրթելու համար:

Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսն ուսանողներին ծանոթացրեց հայրենիքում ու Արցախում ստեղծված դժվարին իրավիճակին և հորդորեց, որ երիտասարդ ուսանողներն էլ իրենց հերթին ամեն հնարավորություն օգտագործեն արցախահայության ազատ ու անկախ ապրելու իրավունքի արդար պահանջը բարձրաձայնել բոլոր ատյաններում, ինչպես և ԱՄՆ իշխանությունների առջև՝ կանխելու Ադրբեջանի ծավալապաշտական քաղաքականությունը:

Իր հերթին Բարլոու սարկավագը Նորին Սրբությանը տեղեկացրեց, որ համալսարանի Հայագիտության ամբիոնի դասերին մասնակցում է շուրջ չորս հարյուր ուսանող: Բարլոու սարկավագ Տեր-Մկրտչյանը կարևորեց ուսանողների այցելությունը Հայաստան, որով նրանց համար լավագույն հնարավորությունն է ընձեռնվում ճանաչելու և հաղորդակցվելու հայ հոգևոր ու մշակութային ժառանգությանը:





Welcome the Stranger

By CHRISTOPHER ZAKIAN

He was a man of holiness and generosity; but also, a man who could countenance the cruelest violence. His very name confessed his loyalty to God—but also prefigured the loneliness that can follow any man with such loyalties. He was Elijah the Tishbite, Elijah “the Stranger”: the Hebrew prophet the Armenian Church will remember this Sunday. As the “model” prophet, Elijah cuts a gigantic figure in the Old Testament, with his name and influence echoing through the New. He even makes a personal appearance in the Gospel, alongside Christ and Moses, during the cosmic vision of the Transfiguration. But he was truly an isolated figure in his day: a friend of God in an age when all his countrymen (so it seemed) had abandoned their holy heritage, when a profane ruling class had infected the people with the spirit-killing disease of idolatry.

Elijah was a severe opponent of the pagan cults imported into the court of the Israelite King Ahab, and his early prophetic career was marked by divine signs and miracles. But at the very moment of his vindication—his extravagant triumph over the pagan idols, leading to the horrifying slaughter of their priesthood—Elijah’s fortunes turned. A public vendetta against him by the infamous Queen Jezebel sent Elijah into hiding. In fear for his life, he scaled the mountain where Moses had once received the Ten Commandments, to stand in the presence of his God. A hurricane wind, a mighty earthquake, a blazing fire all passed before him. But God (Scripture assures us) inhabited none of these.

Only a “still, small voice”—a gentle whisper in Elijah’s hearing—was recognizable as the sign of God’s presence. And the Voice asked the prophet: “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

Weary in body and spirit, Elijah could only answer as one who had given his all, in a lost cause. “I have been your champion, Lord,” he said. “But the people have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, put your prophets to the sword. I am the only one left. And now they want to kill me, too.” Earlier he had dared to utter a prayer of even deeper bitterness: “I have had enough, Lord. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.”

But God’s reply to the prophet’s spiritual exhaustion was a miracle of mercy and simplicity. He gave Elijah a human companion to share his burdens. The young plowman Elisha would be the chosen disciple for Elijah to instruct; the “son” who would carry the prophet’s mantle in the next generation, extending Elijah’s achievements—and perhaps correcting his mistakes.

There would be further adventures for the prophet—and no respite from the hardships of his vocation. But after the experience on the mountain, Elijah’s heart was eased enough to permit him to peacefully depart this world—which he did in the most dramatic way imaginable: carried away to heaven in a chariot of fire.

But his story doesn’t end there. Subsequent generations, reflecting on his mysterious departure, insisted that Elijah would one day return, as a herald of the Messiah. The preaching style of John the Baptist so closely resembled Elijah’s that observers of the day thought the two might be one and the same. Though John directly disabused people of that notion, Jesus attested that John was indeed the spiritual successor to Elijah, who had come to announce Christ’s advent.

Armenian spirituality holds that Elijah never actually died. Our haunting requiem hymn paints a word-picture of the “Supernal Jerusalem” (Ee verinn Yerousaghem) where Elijah still lives in vastly advanced old age, alongside the antediluvian patriarch Enoch. The inscrutable classical Armenian word aghavnagerb (usually translated as “dove-like”) describes their present state, offering us a dim glimpse into what it might be like to live as an immortal resident of God’s heavenly city.

The story of Elijah “the Stranger” is told in the Books of Kings (1 Kgs 17-2 Kgs 2), with its uncanny sequels related in the gospels and our liturgy. In preparation for his remembrance this Sunday, welcome “The Stranger” into your heart.

Generous Gift from Dean V. Shahinian to Fund Summer Internship for College and High School Students

The Krikor and Clara Zohrab Information Center's 2023 summer internship and community service program for high school and college students will be named "The Lily E. Jelalian Internship and Community Service Program," thanks to a generous donation from Mr. Dean Vahan Shahinian, Esq., will provide modest stipends to the interns and lunches for interns and volunteers.

The program will last for approximately six weeks, from June 19th to July 28th. High school and college students interested in applying may do so via [via the form here](#). Please submit your application by Sunday, May 28th to be considered for the program.



Ms. Lily Elizabeth Jelalian, Mr. Shahinian's aunt, was a lifelong member of the Armenian Church, belonging to St. Leon Armenian Church in New Jersey, where her father, Rev. Fr. Vahan Jelalian, served as the parish's priest from 1941–1947. She was a faithful and avid supporter of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, St. Nersess Armenian Seminary, and other Armenian cultural and Christian causes. She read widely in Armenian art, history, and other subjects and worked through various avenues and means to promote effective ministry in the Church. In her career, Ms. Jelalian was a school psychologist, who helped countless children with their various psychological and emotional needs. She pursued doctoral studies in educational psychology at New York University after receiving a Master of Arts degree from Columbia University and a Bachelor of Arts from Douglas College. Her yearbook described her as "warm, sincere, ardent...about things big and little."

In addition to being a loving and caring aunt involved in the life of her nephew, Ms. Jelalian played a mentoring role to the young Dean Shahinian, acquainting him with the activities and leaders of Armenian Christian and cultural organizations, many of whom she knew personally. She was a constant source of encouragement, offering advice and guidance to her nephew as he pursued his education, career, and concurrent involvement in Armenian Church affairs.

Mr. Shahinian recalls how his beloved aunt "sparked my interest in various Armenian subjects through our many discussions, buying me Armenian books to read and sending me subscriptions to Armenian publications. She made me feel comfortable and well informed about the Armenian Church, leading me to assume positions of responsibility on the Diocesan Council, as a representative on the National Ecclesiastical Assembly, and in other ways."

It is Mr. Shahinian's intention that through the internship and community service program sponsored in his aunt's name, young Armenian Americans will see how their efforts and contributions are valued by the Church and community. He hopes that the program will provide them with experience and mentorship like that he received from his aunt, helping Armenian youth to feel at home and find their place in the Armenian Church and culture.



BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday, June 14th, 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

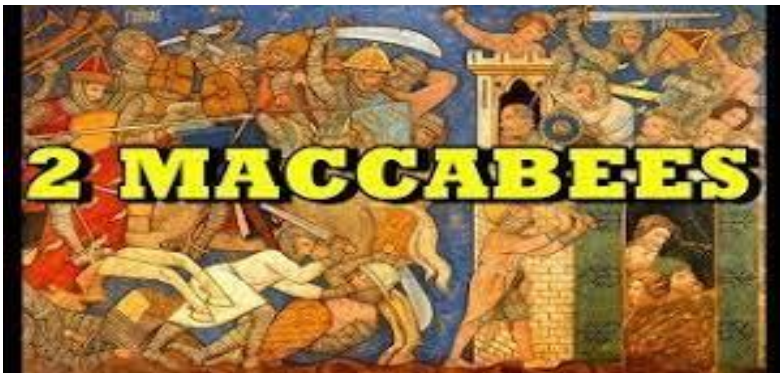
Chapter 2 “Jeremiah Hides the Tent, Ark and Altar”

Chapter 3 “Arrival of Heliodorus in Jerusalem”

Chapter 4 “Simon Accuses Onias”

Simon is elected as High Priest but there is no mention of the Lord's role. Even as they mention that a Prophet is coming, again no mention of the presences of God. We learn how easy it is to forget the importance of God in our lives as we achieve various successes. The Jews try to replace the Lord with their own power, instead of relying on the source of all power, blessings and successes which is the Lord, God Almighty.

In the Second Book of Maccabees, we begin to see the presence and acknowledgement of God in the life of the Israelites.



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 orders for lahmajun, sujuk, & baghaj, are due **TODAY** & can be forwarded to Barbara Hovsepian by texting 551-206-6686, or by emailing bhovsepian@optonline.net

Pick up for these orders is on 6/11/23 before 1pm, in Abajian Hall.

*** Please note that this is the final opportunity to order until 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:

There is no hospitality today.
Please join us for our annual church picnic!



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.

Annual Picnic

SHISH KEBAB IS BACK!



Sunday, June 4, 2023
12:00p.m. to 4:00p.m.
Rain or Shine



TODAY

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



Want to help make sure the picnic is a success?

Become a sponsor! Click here

<http://bit.ly/StLeonPicnic> or scan the QR code

with your smartphone

For more information call 201-791-2862



Sponsor



Volunteer

Dear St. Leon Church Parishioners and Friends:

We are very pleased to host our long running annual St. Leon Church Picnic on **Sunday, June 4, 2023**, immediately following church services. HYE-lights for this year's event include:

- Shish Kebab is back! Plus, all the delicious food you look forward to
- More fun activities for the kids
- Music and dancing



Sponsor

While we are fortunate to receive donations of many of the ingredients and supplies, the church must still make a significant financial investment in order to host an enjoyable picnic for all. Financial donations from our generous sponsors make this event possible.

Please contact Lynn Markarian for more information. Visit <http://www.stleonchurch.org> for more information on sponsorship opportunities.

going. Attached



So many wonderful memories are being made including beautiful food, music, and packaging, etc.

picnic the volunteers Meal

We are truly grateful for the talents of our parishioners. Please come here to sign up for your picnic table. Contact Lynn Markarian at lynn.markarian@stleonchurch.org

benefit where you can click on the link to sign up for your picnic table. Thank you, Lynn Markarian



Volunteer

VENDOR Opportunities are available during the event. Please contact Lynn Markarian to be approved.

of your product requirements and

For all other questions call the church office or **Haig Buchakjian at 201-317-8619.**

[Picnic Sponsorship Form](#)

(Detach this section and mail along with your payment)

Yes, I would like to be a Sponsor for the 2023 Annual St. Leon Picnic at the following amount

___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ \$250 ___ \$500 \$ _____ Other

Please write "Picnic Sponsor" in the memo portion of your check.

Name: _____ Check #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

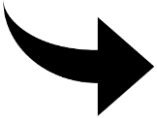


Holy Name Medical Center provides
**COMPLIMENTARY BLOOD PRESSURE
SCREENING at St. Leon**

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.

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!**

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 @ \$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 4	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School Awards Ceremony Annual Church Picnic 
Fri	June 9	Armenian School Hantes
Sun	June 11	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School, Women's Guild Day WG
Sun	June 18	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Happy Father's Day  Happy Fathers ★ Day ★
Sun	June 25	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School, AAHPO presentation
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

Last Gospel
John 12:24-26

~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

