

# **ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH**

**Sunday of the Advent**

**March 17, 2024**

**Morning Service 9:00 AM**

**Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM**



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## **Readings from the Holy Scripture**

**Isaiah 66:1-24**

**Colossians 2:8-3:17**

**Matthew 22:34-23:39**

*“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

**Deacons** Nurhan Ezik, Dr. Berdj Feredjian,  
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Nubar Kasaryan, Dr. Gregory Kazanjian,  
Sebuh Oscherician, Sarkis Pilavdjian

**Subdns.** Paul Chamesian, Jack Hamparian, Vahe Kiljian



**CHOIR MASTER**  
George Paroonagian

**PRINCIPAL ORGANIST**  
Sirvard Galstian

## ASSISTANT CHOIR DIRECTORS

Daniella Ashbahian                      Dawn Donofrio



We are pleased to announce that GOMIDAS CHOIR will be singing the Badarak on April 14. Mark your calendars.



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



## PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chairperson	<i>Dr. Mark Badach</i>
Vice Chairperson	<i>Serda Belekdanian</i>
Treasurer	<i>George Kundakji</i>
Ass't Treasurer	<i>Haig Buchakjian</i>
Recording Sec'y	<i>Peter Bedevian</i>
Cor. Sec'y	<i>Patricia Toofangjian</i>
Members at Lrg.	<i>Hratch Beylerian, Hagop Cilingiryan, Dawn Hourdajian, Marilou Pinajian, Barbara Royland.</i>

# HOKEHANKISD

† Ared Anac & family and Raffi Anac request Hokehankisd for the souls of **Anahid Anac**, *beloved mother, grandmother*, on the occasion of the 1<sup>st</sup> year of passing into eternal rest and for **Kurken Anac**, *beloved father, grandfather*, and for **Harutyun Anac**, *beloved uncle*, on passing into eternal rest. The family has donated toward the altar flowers and requests that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved one.

† Dr. Mary, Dr. Ani (Teague Duncan) and Marie Papazian; Elise Papazian; Garo, Nicole and Nishan Papazian; Dr. Michael Arshagouni and Dr. Ned Rodriguez request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Dr. Dennis Papazian**, *loving husband, father, uncle, great uncle, godfather, & brother-in-law*, on the occasion of the 1<sup>st</sup> year of passing into eternal rest. The family has donated toward the altar flowers and requests that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved one.

† Lorraine Varjabedian and Armen Varjabedian & family request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Berjouhi Varjabedian**, *beloved mother*, on the occasion of the 40<sup>th</sup> day (*Karasonk*) of passing into eternal rest, and for the souls of **Vahram Varjabedian**, **Koharig Kofteryan**, **Kevork Kayikcyan**, **Hagop Varjabedian**, **Hayquhi Papazian**, **George Papazian**, **Surpouhi Papazian**, & **Sonia Incessian** of passing into eternal rest. The family has donated toward the altar flowers and requests that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.

† Edna Tungrian & Karen Pirchio request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Berjuhi Varjabedian** on the occasion of the 40<sup>th</sup> day (*Karasonk*) of passing into eternal rest. They have donated toward the altar flowers and request that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved one.

## **Hokehankisd Request Deadline:**

Hokehankisd requests must be submitted by **noon on Thursdays** so that it can appear in that week's Sunday bulletin. **Please be mindful that a standard word format is used to maintain non-preferential consistency in the allotted printing space.** Include contact information when leaving a message with your submissions.



## **PRAYER FOR REQUIEM- HOKEHANKISD**

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*O Christ, Son of God, forbearing and compassionate, have compassion, in your love as our creator, upon the souls of your servants who are at rest, especially upon the souls of your servants (names), for whom we are offering these prayers. Be mindful of them on the great day of the coming of your kingdom. Make them worthy of mercy, of expiation and forgiveness of sins. Glorify them and reckon them with the company of your saints at your right hand. For you are the Lord and creator of all, judge of the living and of the dead. And to you is befitting glory, dominion, and honor, now and forever, and unto the ages of ages.*



## **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Remember in your prayers and ask for the recovery of,

*(Kindly assist with updating the prayer list by notifying the church office of any changes).*

*Aleksan Aristakesian, Felicia Asomani, James Azarian, Mosses Bairamian, Hana Botie, Zoe Brooks, Frank Cornacchiulo, Jerry DiSanti, Julie Frattarola, Varoujan Harutunian, Lusine Hovsepyan, Silva Jinivizian, Robert John Karanfilian III, Brandon Katz, Annette Kucukshirin, Jim & Wendy Lathey, Sara Malajian, Carmelina Mancini, Bill Manookian, Sebuhan Oscherician, Emily Ring, Michael Sakolsky, Melanie Sarkisian, Marie Tenguerian, Greg Tenbekjian, Clara Yeramian.*

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

***"I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."***

# Church Etiquette

*Reverence Required*

Please refrain from entering the pews when the following parts of the *Divine Liturgy (Soorp Badarak)* are taking place.

Kindly, stand in the back of the church until these parts have ended.

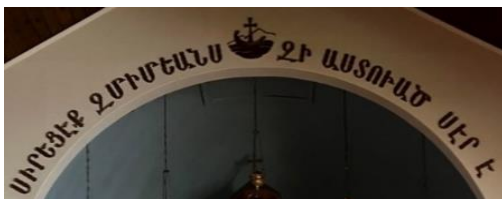
The parish council members will be happy to assist you.

1. Chanting of the Gospel, pg. 17
2. Recitation of the Creed (Havadamk), pg.18
3. Chalice Procession, pg. 24-25
4. Intonation by the Priest, pg. 31
5. Vorti Asdoodzo pg. 33
6. Hayr Mer, pg. 41
7. Hymn, "Der Voghormya," pg. 42-45
8. Holy Communion, pg. 49.

1. Also, please **do not** chew gum, cross legs, nor stretch arms over back pews during church services.
2. Please observe the "arrows" in the liturgy books, they indicate when you should **Stand, Sit, or Kneel**.
3. For your convenience, liturgy book pages are indicated on the monitor located on the right side of the altar.



*Do you know what the writing above the altar says?*



*It is written in classical Armenian and says,  
"Love one another, because God is Love."*

("Seeretsek izmeemeeyanis, zee Asdvadz ser")



## **BIBLE STUDIES**

Wednesday, April 10, 2024.

TIME: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

**Call or e-mail Fr. Diran to receive a zoom invite to the Bible study group.**

Synoptic Gospels

No. 34, 35. 36. 37

The Call of the Disciples

Teaching in the Synagogue at Capernaum

The Healing of the Demoniac in the Synagogue

**Jesus and the Samaritan Women-** Jesus is heading back to Galilee from Jerusalem. Jesus chooses to go through Samaria although he did not have to. The encounter that Jesus has with the Samaritan woman takes place at Jacob's well. Jacob is a common ancestor for the woman and Jesus and the wells are the place for Weddings (Betrothal) in the Old Testament. In the Gospel of John, Jesus is the bridegroom the Samaritan woman represents the Church (God's people) which is made up of sinners (Isaiah 62:5, Jeremiah 2:2, Hosea 2:16-20, Rev. 19:6-8:21:9-10. Jesus being the bridegroom is also God. Although Jews did not interact with Samaritans, Jesus asks the Samaritan woman for water. She couldn't understand how Jesus being a Jew is asking her for water. Jesus begins to explain to her that if he knew who is asking for water, she would ask him for the water that Jesus gives which the water of life everlasting. Jesus continues to point out her sins and she leaves convinced that Jesus is Prophet. Jesus is the true light which enlightens all people with the living water. In the Gospel of John, we are called to believe in him, testify to the ways he brings abundant life to everyone, and we are invited to come and see for ourselves as the Samaritan woman does as she goes back to her community and tell the people what happened. Jesus' ministry in Galilee emphasizes "Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand", which is shared throughout the Gospels. Jesus affirms the fulfillment of the scriptures in Luke 4:16 which is met by the people of the synagogue with anger and rage. Despite his rejection, Jesus continues his ministry in Galilee where he does great works.

# *Fundamental Teachings of the Armenian Church*



## *The Seven Sacraments...*

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

## *The Seven Spiritual Works of Mercy...*

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

## *The Four Cardinal Virtues...*

Prudence, Justice, Temperance, Fortitude

## *The Four Notes of the True Church...*

One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic

## *The Four Symbols of the Gospels...*

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

## *The Gifts of the Holy Spirit...*

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



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

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

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| Friday, Feb 16 <sup>th</sup> | <b>“Why Should We Attend the Divine Liturgy?”</b><br>Hovanes Khosdeghian   |
| Friday, Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup> | <b>“Lent; A 6<sup>th</sup> Century Monastic Prospective and a Western Catholic Viewpoint”</b><br>Fr. Luke Edelen   |
| Friday, Mar 1 <sup>st</sup>  | <b>“Odes of Saint Nersess the Graceful”</b><br>Dr Jesse Arlen  |
| Friday, Mar 8 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>“Looking Out For #1: Applying Biblical Passages to Daily Life &amp; How to Maintain Your Faith in Worldly Temptations”</b><br>Rev. Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian |
| Friday, Mar 15 <sup>th</sup> | <b>“Pastoral Care and Ministry to the Veteran Community”</b><br>Deacon Alex Chalikian  |
| Friday, Mar 22 <sup>nd</sup> | <b>“Standing Strong in the Storm”</b><br>Rev. Fr. Glen Sudano  |
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Lectures will be approximately 30-45 minutes.  
Light refreshments will be served after the lecture.

**Sponsored by The Sarkis Gabrellian Endowment Fund**



# 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.

## **Armenian School:**

All inquiries for purchasing opportunities of lahmajun, sujuk may be forwarded to Nora Balekji at 973-513-2507 or [nbalekji@gmail.com](mailto:nbalekji@gmail.com).

The next distribution is on Sun, 3/17/24.

The last day to place your order is on Mon, 3/11/24 by 5pm.

Pre-paid orders may be picked up in Abajian Hall on the designated day.

## **Sunday School:**

### **Everything You Wanted to Know About St Vartan Camp!**

- On Sunday, March 10th, Laura Lacinian will be at St. Leon Sunday School!
- She will speak to our students at 11:00 and the parents at 11:30.
- She’s coming all the way from Michigan and can’t wait to meet everyone!
- Come and join us!

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

## **St. Leon’s Social Club:**

Social Club meets every Wednesday, 11:30am-3:00pm at the elevator accessible, upper level of our **Youth Center**. We encourage you to bring a friend and spend an afternoon together! *Donation is \$3.*

Hope to see you there this week!

## **Coffee Hospitality:**

Today’s hospitality is hosted by our Armenian School.

Please join us, *after* badarak, for coffee & fellowship in Abajian Hall.

**Please Note:** All campus postings *must be pre-approved* by the church office. **All others will be removed.** No taping on glass or doors permitted. And *sorry*, no personal business promotions. Consider instead, inquiring about advertisement opportunities in our *Lradoo*.

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

## **Annual Fish 'N Chips Dinner**

**Tuesday, March 19, 2023**

**5:30 pm – 7 pm**

Please Note: Last serving is at 6:45



Come and enjoy great food with great friends!

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

Make your reservations by March 15<sup>th</sup> by sending your checks payable to:

**St. Leon Women's Guild (put Fish 'N Chips in memo)**

St. Leon Armenian Church

Fish 'N Chips Dinner

12-61 Saddle River Road

Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

If you have any questions, you can email or call:

Christine Badach: [chrischakmakian@gmail.com](mailto:chrischakmakian@gmail.com)

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

**YOU'RE  
INVITED**

**GUEST SPEAKER  
VIKTOR KARAPETYAN**

*AMAA Representative of Artsakh*



Join Artsakh native, Viktor Karapetyan, who will share his personal experience living through the 44-Day War, Artsakh blockade and September 19th forced displacement. He is currently the AMAA Representative of Artsakh, overseeing the organization's various humanitarian, developmental and educational projects.

Mr. Karapetyan will highlight AMAA's work on the frontlines with an opportunity to learn more about 'Project Revive.' Q&A will follow with light refreshments.

*The program will primarily be held in Armenian and translated to English by AMAA Representative in Canada, Harout Nercessian.*



**ST. LEON  
ARMENIAN CHURCH**

12-61 Saddle River Road

Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

Held in the Charles & Grace

Pinajian Youth Center

**Tuesday, March 19, 2024**



**7:30PM - 9:00PM**



**More information, call:**

AMAA: 201.265.2607

St. Leon: 201.791.2862



**AMAA**

amaa.org



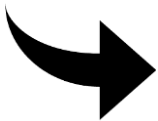


*Holy Name Medical Center* provides  
**COMPLIMENTARY BLOOD PRESSURE  
SCREENING at St. Leon**

Typically, every third Wednesday of each  
month, **from 2-3pm.**

We need more participants for this service to  
continue.

Please consider stopping by on our next  
scheduled screening-



**March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
(Mark your calendars)

It's a walk-in service, no appointment needed.  
Feel free to call the church office  
with any questions.  
201-791-2862

*Your heart will thank you!*



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



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

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

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

Please fill out the order form below.

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

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

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

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

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

# *Palm Sunday*

ACYOA DAY

**March 24, 2024**

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

Donation: \$30.00 Adults  
\$20.00 ACYOA Junior Members and Children 12 & under  
RSVP by Sunday, March 17th

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

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

For reservations, please email Saynik Cilingiryan at [saynikcil@gmail.com](mailto:saynikcil@gmail.com)  
Payment can be made by Venmo @stleonacyoa-NJ or check payable to "St. Leon ACYOA Jrs"  
and mailed to: Saynik Cilingiryan  
424 Lincoln Avenue  
Wyckoff, NJ 07481



*THE WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH*

INVITES YOU TO

# ***SAINTLY WOMEN'S DAY***

**Saturday, April 6, 2024**



***St. Hripsime - Honored Saint for 2024***

## **CHURCH SERVICE AT 11:00 AM**

Luncheon and Program immediately following in Abajian Hall  
12-61 Saddle River Road, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
\$35 per person. No walk-ins please!

MENU: Cheese Boerag, Tossed Salad, Lemon Chicken with Rice Pilaf,  
String Beans Almondine, Dinner Rolls and Butter, Dessert, and Coffee/Tea

## **GUEST SPEAKER: ARPI NAKASHIAN**

Director of On-line Education, St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary

***RSVP BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27***

***LISA TARTAGLIONE: 201-394-8325 or lisavirg2009@gmail.com***

Please make checks payable to St. Leon Women's Guild and mail to:  
LISA TARTAGLIONE, 370 HASBROUCK BOULEVARD, ORADELL, NJ 07649

Include your name, phone number, church affiliation, and those you wish to be seated with.

Your check is your reservation.

Jump into spring early with the

ST. LEON  
ARMENIAN  
SCHOOL

PLANT  
SALE!



*Hardcopies of the order form are available in the church narthex.*

submit orders by

**APRIL 12**

pickup orders on

**MAY 17 @5:00pm**

We are grateful for another year of your support of our students! We are once again selling flowers and herbs. Ready to beautify your yard while keeping deer at bay? Order some deer-resistant Vinca, Marigolds, Dusty Miller, or Lantana. Our plants are top-of-the-line, delivered directly from the Skyline Greenhouses to St. Leon on the day of pick up. Please order early to avoid items selling out quickly!

Got questions? Call Tom Ashbahian at (201) 400-4334 or the Church Office at (201) 791-2862.



### ST. LEON ARMENIAN SCHOOL SPRING PLANT SALE 2024



St. Leon Armenian School is having its annual Spring Plant Sale! We thank you for your continued support of our students. We are once again selling flowers and herbs. If ordering flats, please note there are 48 or 24 plants to a flat. Our plants are top-of-the-line, delivered directly from the Skyline Greenhouses to St. Leon on the day of pick up. **There are no price increases this year!** We know you will be satisfied with their quality. We'd appreciate you sharing it with family and friends. Please order early to avoid items selling out quickly!

Hard copies of this notice and order form are available in the church narthex. If you have received this notice by email, please print it out. Fill out the order portion, attach your check, and give the form and check to Nora Balekji, Barbara Hovsepian, Donna Hortian, or Tom Ashbahian, OR mail it to the church office: *St. Leon Armenian School, 12-61 Saddle River Road, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410.*

**Your plant orders must be submitted as soon as possible, no later than APRIL 12.** Your plant order will be ready for pick up around 5:00pm on Friday, May 17.

**Write the number of flats, pots, and/or baskets in the box to the right of each item you wish to purchase:**

FLATS OF 48: \$16.00		FLATS OF 24: \$17.00		INDIVIDUAL 4" POTS: \$3.50		HERBS 4" POTS: \$3.00	
Ageratum (Blue)		Wave Petunias (Lavender)		Bacopa (Blue)		Arugula	
Alyssum (Pink)		Wave Petunias (Purple)		Bacopa (White)		Basil (Purple Ruffles)	
Alyssum (Purple)		Wave Petunias (Pink)		Coleus		Basil (Genova)	
Alyssum (White)		Wave Petunias (White)		Lobelia (Blue)		Basil (Italian Largeleaf)	
Begonias (Red)		Wave Petunias (Red)		Lantana (Trailing Gold)		Chives	
Begonias (White)		Wave Petunias (Blue)		Lantana (Trailing Lavender)		Cilantro	
Coleus (Mixed)				Lantana (Multicolor)		Dill Fernleaf	
Dusty Miller				Sweet Potato Vine (TriColor)		Lavender	
Impatiens (Mixed)		<b>10" HANGING BASKETS: \$20.00</b>		Sweet Potato Vine (Greenleaf)		Oregano	
Impatiens (White)		Impatiens (Blue)		Sweet Potato Vine (Darkleaf)		Parsley (Plain)	
Marigolds (Dwarf - Bicolor)		Impatiens (Red)		Vinca Vine		Parsley (Curly)	
Marigolds (Large - Orange)		Impatiens (Rose)		Spikes		Peppermint	
Marigolds (Large - Yellow)		Impatiens (Salmon)		Sunpatiens/New Guinea		Spearmint	
Portulaca (Mixed)		Impatiens (Violet)		Torenia (Blue)		Sage (Purple)	
Salvia (Dwarf - Red)		Impatiens (White)		Angelonia Serenita (Mixed)		Sage (Golden)	
Salvia (Dwarf - Red)		New Guinea Impatiens		Begonia (Dragon Wing Pink)		Rosemary	
Vinca (Mixed)		Scaevola		Begonia (Dragon Wing Red)		Tarragon	
Vinca (Orchid)		Torenia		Begonia (Non Stop - Mixed)		Thyme (Lemon)	
Vinca (Pink)						Thyme (Silver Queen)	
Vinca (Red)							
Vinca (White)		<b>10" HANGING BASKETS: \$12.00</b>					
Zinnia (Medium)		Strawberry-Everbearing					
Zinnia (Tall)							

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH**

**WOMEN'S GUILD MILITARY BRIDGE**



Thursday, April 25, 2024

Abajian Hall 7:00 PM

Donation \$10.00

Cards / Refreshments / 50/50 Raffle

**No knowledge of cards necessary!**

Come and enjoy a fun evening!

Make a table of 4 people or come alone and we will seat you

For reservation you can email [chrischakmakian@gmail.com](mailto:chrischakmakian@gmail.com)

Please make your check payable to  
St. Leon Women's Guild and mail to:

Christine Badach

560 Eder Ave, Wyckoff, NJ 07481



ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

# BINGO *NIGHT*

\$30 pp includes 2 game boards, pasta dinner, salad & dessert

10 & under - \$15 (dinner only) Under 3 - Free

\*Cash Bar\*

Additional Game Boards \$3 each

No Tickets Sold At Door - Your cashed check is your reservation

No Refunds

**SATURDAY  
MAY 4**

**DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM**

**GAME STARTS 7PM SHARP**

FOR RESERVATIONS CONTACT:

Susan Chamesian: [susanchamesian@gmail.com](mailto:susanchamesian@gmail.com) or 201-704-1052

**\*Email Preferred\***

Mail checks to: 694 William Bliss Drive New Milford, NJ 07646

Make checks payable to St. Leon Armenian Church

# Rock the Night Away

SATURDAY MAY 11, 2024



The **ON THE**

**LAM Band**

Linda Berenson: Vocals  
Paul Shahinian: Guitar and Vocals  
Jim Bashian: Keyboard and Vocals  
Gary Malajian: Bass  
Dennis Walker: Drums  
Mark Friedman: Saxophone  
Vinnie Cutro: Trumpet

7pm-11:30pm at **ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH**  
12-61 Saddle River Road, Fairlawn, NJ 07410

RSVP by May 3, 2024 ~ \$30 Per Person ~ No Walk-Ins ~ Cash Bar & Light Mezze

Please make check payable to "St. Leon Women's Guild"

RSVP to: Lisa Tartaglione, 370 Hasbrouck Blvd, Oradell NJ 07649  
lisavirj2009@gmail.com

# COLLECTION FOR ARMENIA

Sponsored by The Knights & Daughters of Vartan

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

## Drop off Location & Hours:

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

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

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

**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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

## REQUESTED **NEW** ITEMS FOR COLLECTION

### **New Clothing:**

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

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

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

### **New Hygiene products:**

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

### **New Dental supplies:**

- Tooth brushes, Tooth paste
- Floss, Mouth Wash

### **New Beauty Supplies:**

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

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

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

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

### **Clothing:**

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

### **Accessories:**

- Belts, Handbags, Hair Accessories, Ties

### **Items for Sewing:**

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

### **Items for Crafting:**

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

### **Other Supplies:**

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

### **Sporting Goods:**

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

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

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

Online Zelle: KnightsofVartanNJ@gmail.com

**UPDATE**



## **RECYCLE YOUR BIKES**

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

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

**Donate your bike and put a big smile on the face of a refugee kid.**



Thank you for the abundance of donations.  
Special thanks to Rob Ohnikian for the maintenance  
work & packaging done on the bikes.

**Collection is suspended until further notice.**

# St Leon Church Membership

How do we understand membership  
in the Armenian Church?

By receiving the sacrament of baptism in the Armenian Church, we are all members. However, per the bylaws of our diocese, membership is further understood as those who annually pay dues to a specific parish.

A dues-paying member is one who takes responsibility for offering their service for the spiritual and financial growth of our parish and in the advancing our Diocesan Christian mission.

*“The mission of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church is to preach the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and to proclaim its message of salvation. This mission is realized through worship, education, witness, service, and the common life in Christ as expressed in the distinctive faith-experience of the Armenian people.”*

Further, dues-paying members are eligible to participate in the governance of our parish by voting at the Parish Assembly and may run for office in any of the executive bodies of the various organizations of the parish, including the Parish Council.

The St. Leon Parish Assembly has designated the following amounts as the required minimum dues for St. Leon Parish Membership. Please consider becoming a dues-paying member & contribute as generously as the Lord leads you.



\*Individuals (18+): \$175

\*Students (18-24): \$50




\*Seniors (65+): \$100

*\*Applications will be supplied upon request.*



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

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mar 17	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School <b>Sunday of the Advent</b>
Tues	Mar 19	WG Fish n' Chips Dinner 5-7pm AMAA Guest Speaker, Viktor Karapetyan, 7:30-9pm
Wed	Mar 20	Senior Social Club, HNH visit 
Fri	Mar 22	Armenian School, <b>Lenten Service &amp; Lecture</b>
Sun	Mar 24	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> <b>ACYOA YOUTH DAY LUNCHEON</b> 
		<b>----- HOLY WEEK-----</b>
Thu	Mar 28	Divine Liturgy, 10am Washing of the Feet Service, 7pm Betrayal Service, 9pm
Fri	Mar 29	Burial Of Christ Service, 7pm No Armenian School
Sat	Mar 30	Sunday School Egg Hunt, 9am, Communion Service & Breakfast hosted by our Men's Fellowship, 9:30am Great Vespers 7:15pm, Divine Liturgy, 8pm
Sun	Mar 31	<b>Morning Service, Divine Liturgy</b> <b>Feast of the Glorious Resurrection</b> <b>of our Lord Jesus Christ</b> 
Wed	Apr 3	Senior Social Club 11-3pm
Fri	Apr 5	Armenian School
Sat	Apr 6	Saintly Women's Day Luncheon
Sun	Apr 7	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School

## Last Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

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

**Armenian Christmas – January 6, 2025**

**Easter –March 31, 2024**

**Transfiguration – July 7, 2024**

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

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

