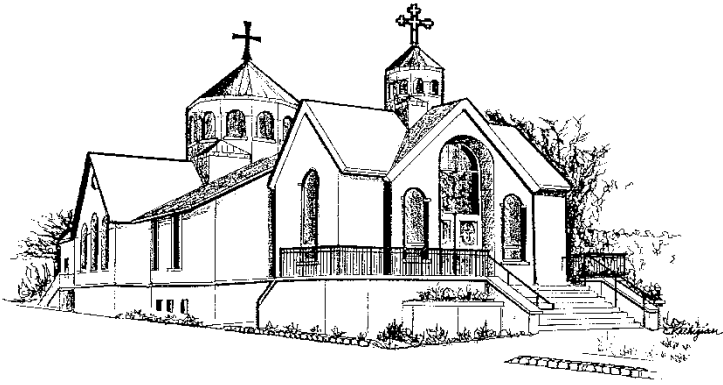


ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
Sunday of the Steward
March 20, 2022

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Isaiah 56:1-57:21

Eph. 4:17-5:14

Gospel of Luke 16:1-31

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

Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian
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Diran Jebejian, Hrach Kasaryan, Nubar Kasaryan,
Sebuh Oscherician, Sarkis Pilavdjian, Nurhan Ezik,
Gregory Kazanjian

Subdns. Paul Chamesian, Vahe Kiljian, Jack Hamparian



CHOIR MASTER
George Paroonagian

PRINCIPAL ORGANIST
Sirvard Galstian

ASSISTANT CHOIR DIRECTORS

Daniella Ashbahian

Dawn Donofrio



“Krisdos ee méch me haydnetsav.” – “Orhnyal é haydnootyoonun Krisdosi.”
“Christ is revealed among us.” - “Blessed is the revelation of Christ.”

Kiss of Peace: If you would like to volunteer to perform the “Kiss of Peace” during Sunday Badarak, please call our church office.

Holy Communion: There is no Holy Communion during the Lenten season.

Sunday, April 24th – The Gomidas Choir of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, under the direction of Maestro Kris Kalfayan, will be singing during our Sunday Badarak.

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.

HOKEHANKISD

✝ John Tudda requests Hokehankisd for the soul of, *Barbara Yeterian, loving lifelong partner*, on the occasion of her 3rd year of *passing into eternal rest*. He has donated toward the Altar Flowers and request that Altar Candles be lit in her memory.

Hokehankisd Deadline: Please note that Hokehankisd requests must be received by **Thursday** to be included in that week's Sunday bulletin. You may email or call the church office.

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 Sebu Oscherician, Robert John Karanfilian III, Silva Jinivizian, Greg Tenbekjian, Annette Kouchshirin, Brandon Katz, Zoe Brooks, Jim & Wendy Lathey, Dan Patoyia (Moynihan), James Azarian, Varoujan Harutunian, Mosses Bairamian, Ruben Grigoryants, Michael Sakolsky, Lynne Ford, Frank Cornawchiulo, Ryan Hallak, John Hallak, Carmelina Mancini, Marie Tenguerian, Hana Botie, Mary Ann Kral, Emily Ring, Clara Yeramian, Jerry DiSant, Julie Frattarola, Melanie Sarkisian and all those who are suffering. *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 be advised that, according to the tradition of the Armenian Church, members of the congregation are strongly reminded to refrain from walking in and out of the Sanctuary while services are in progress.

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

- 1) the Chanting of the Gospel, (pg. 17);
- 2) recitation of the Creed (*Havadamk*), (pg. 18);
- 3) the Chalice Procession, (pg. 24-25);
- 4) Hayr Mer (pg 41);
- 5) the Hymn, “*Der Voghormya*,” (pg. 45); and
- 6) distribution of the Holy Communion, (p. 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*.

BIBLE STUDY



Wednesday, March 23, 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 Jeremiah

Chapter 50 “Judgement on Babylon”

Chapter 51 “Thus says the Lord”

Chapter 52 “The Destruction of Jerusalem Reviewed”

The continued warnings of the Prophet Jeremiah fall on deaf ears. A year and a half ago into the siege, the Israelites are starving to death. So, the king and his army break for it under the cover of darkness. The unprotected citizens are left behind. Babylonian soldiers, however, catch the fleeing king and capture the city. The last memorable scene King Zedekiah sees is the execution of his sons; then he is blinded, locked into chains and taken to Babylon where he dies a prisoner. Set afire are the temple, the palace, all the important buildings, and the homes. Then the protective walls of the city are broken down. The Babylonian commander locates Jeremiah in a string of chained slaves bound for Babylon. **“I am taking the chains off your wrists and setting you free!”** he tells Jeremiah. Jewish prisoners had apparently spoken of the prophet who tried to convince the king to surrender. A prophet is a seer in a divine dimension which is the foundation of all understanding. As Christians we receive this guidance also through the Holy Spirit. Romans 8 and I Cor. 2:10-16 are good examples of how the Holy Spirit works as an agent in our lives.



St. Leon Armenian Church Lenten Service

& Lecture Series for 2022

Friday March 4th **“Understanding the Lord’s Prayer”**
Presented by Deacon Adam Bullock

Friday March 11th **“Understanding the Divine Liturgy ”**
Presented by Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian

Friday March 18nd **“ First and Second Marriage”** The Armenian Church’s Position Presented by Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian

Friday March 25th **“The Messiah of the Prophets”**
Presented by Mr. Hovanes Khosdeghian

Friday April 1 **“Lessons I learned from the devil” An Exorcist shares some wonderful truths of our faith he has learned in ministry of spiritual liberation”**
Presented by Very Rev. Fr. Glen Sudano

Friday April 8th **“Christ is Resurrected from the Dead ”**
Rev. Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian

(Lectures will be approximately 30-45 minutes)

Lenten Service begins at 7:30 p.m. – Lenten Lecture begins at 8:30 p.m.

Sponsored by The Sarkis Gabrellian Endowment Fund



PLANTS FOR CHRIST'S TOMB

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

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



Plants for Christ's Tomb

Parishioners who wish to maintain the beautiful tradition of our Armenian Church by contributing towards plants for Christ's Tomb, please return this form with your donation to the Church Office by Monday, April 11, 2022. Enclosed please find the amount of \$_____.

Please print:

Name _____

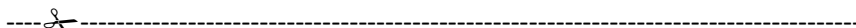
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LILIES FOR THE HOLY ALTAR



Lilies for the Holy Altar

Parishioners who wish to contribute to the Lilies that will grace the Holy Altar on Easter Sunday by filling in the form below and submitting it to the Church Office by Monday, April 11, 2022.

Enclosed please find the amount of \$ _____.

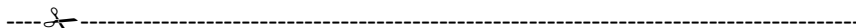
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Armenian School All inquiries about upcoming purchase opportunities for *baghaj*, *sujuk*, & *lahmajun* may be forwarded to Barabara Hovsepian at (551) 206 - 6686..

Coffee Hospitality – Everyone is invited to the Community Center immediately following worship services. Today's Hospitality is hosted by the Armenian School.

St. Leon Armenian School

Boxed Lenten Lunch

Sunday, March 27, 2022

This year we are doing Take-Out only!

Following Church Services
Pick-up orders in Abajian Hall

We strive to continue our Armenian traditions, culture, and cuisine.
Bring your family and friends to our luncheon and enjoy the
delicious foods from our Armenian roots.



Imman Bayaldi

Vospov Keufte

Yalanchi

A Wonderful Array of Lenten Foods
\$25 Adults and Children over 12 - \$12 Children 12
and Under

Our Menu:

Salad, Yalanchi, Spinach Boureg, Vospov Keufta,
Imman Bayaldi,
Humus and Pita, Chocolate Cake, Fruit
(Children's order will be smaller portions.)

Call, E-mail, or See Barbara Hovsepien
Cell 551-206-6686 bhovsepien@optonline.net

Must Be PREORDERED BY MARCH 20

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**Give this form to Barbara Hovsepian
or call her cell 551-206-6686
or email bhovsepian@optonline.net**



Name: _____

Menu

Salad, Yalench, Spinach Boureg, Vospov Keufta,
Imman Bayaldi, Humus and Pita Bread
Chocolate Cake, Fruit

**Number of Adult orders
at \$25 Per Adult**

**Number of Child orders
at \$12 Per Child 12 and Under**
Children's order will be smaller portions.

Total amount due:

\$ _____

***Pick Up in the Community Center Vestibule
on March 27 after church.***

Make checks payable to:
St. Leon Armenian School

Palm Sunday

ACYOA Day

April 10, 2022

Luncheon & Program to follow Church Service

Donation: \$25.00 Adults
\$15.00 ACYOA Junior Members and Children 12 & under
RSVP by April 3rd - **Sorry, No Walk-Ins**

For reservations, please email Susan Chamesian at
susanchamesian@gmail.com

Make checks payable to "St. Leon ACYOA Jrs"
and mail to: Susan Chamesian
694 William Bliss Drive
New Milford, NJ 07646



ST. LEON WOMEN'S GUILD EASTER FUNDRAISER!



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

Everything will be frozen, packed and ready to be picked up in front of the Rectory garage from 12 to 2 pm. on Palm Sunday, April 10 OR from 9 am -12 pm. on Easter Saturday, April 16.

Please fill out the order form below. Be sure to mark your Pick-Up Day! (NEW)

Make your check payable to St. Leon Women's Guild, write "Easter" on the memo line, and mail to Nancy Scicchitano, 204 Larch Lane, Mahwah, NJ 07430.

Questions? Call Nancy at 201-755-7120 between 5 and 8 pm or email nsicchitano@gmail.com. THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

Quantity	Item	Price	Total
-----	WG Choreg (12 braids per bag)	\$ 15/doz.	-----
-----	Hantess choreg (1 large loaf individually wrapped)	\$ 13/each	-----
-----	String Cheese (1 braid)	\$ 8/each	-----
-----	Koorabia Cookies (tray of 1 dozen pieces)	\$ 15/tray	-----
	TOTAL DUE		\$ -----

CHOOSE PICK-UP DAY: _____PALM SUNDAY or _____ EASTER SATURDAY.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORDER!



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TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022
TIME 7:00 PM EST
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Dr. Asya Darbinyan

**Postdoctoral Scholar at Martin-Springer Institute, Department of
Comparative Cultural Studies, Northern Arizona University**

Dr. Darbinyan's talk focuses on the humanitarian emergency and refugee crisis at the Caucasus front during the First World War, caused by population movements as a result of war and the Armenian Genocide.

Reflecting on the experiences of the Armenian refugees in various parts of the Caucasus and in eastern provinces of the Ottoman Empire occupied by Russian troops, her research aims to uncover the perspectives of refugees and to show the role refugees themselves played in the struggle for survival.

PD hours and Kean Co-Curricular Credits will be provided!

For more information, please contact: Sarah Coykendall, Managing Assistant Director
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STAFF TRAINING: JUNE 29 - JULY 2

SESSION A: JULY 3 - JULY 16

SESSION B: JULY 17 - JULY 30

SESSION C: JULY 31 - AUGUST 13

Questions? ✉ KathrynA@armeniandiocese.org ☎ 215-452-8322

REGISTER ONLINE: DiocesanSummerCamps.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mar 20	Morning Service Divine Liturgy, Sunrise Service, Sunday School
Tues	Mar 22	Saint Leon Annual Fish ‘N Chips Dinner, 5:30 PM – 7 PM at Abajian Hall
Fri	Mar 25	Armenian School
Sun	Mar 27	Morning Service Divine Liturgy, Sunrise Service, Sunday School
Fri	Apr 1	Armenian School
Sun	Apr 3	Morning Service Divine Liturgy, Sunrise Service, Sunday School
Fri	Apr 8	Armenian School
Sun	April 10	Morning Service Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy, Opening of the Doors Service, Sunday School, Palm Sunday ACYOA Day
Thur	April 14	Holy Thursday Service – (refer to page 7 in this bulletin)
Fri	April 15	Holy Friday Service – (refer to page 7 in this bulletin)
Sat	April 16	Holy Saturday (Easter Eve), Sunday School Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Communion Service & Breakfast
Sun	April 17	Easter Service

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, 2022

Easter – April 17, 2022

Transfiguration – July 24, 2022

Assumption of the Virgin Mary – August 14, 2022

Exaltation of the Cross – September 11, 2022

And, Palm Sunday—April 10, 2022