

# **ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH**

**Sunday of the Steward**

**March 3, 2024**

**Morning Service 9:00 AM**

**Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM**



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## **Readings from the Holy Scripture**

**Isaiah 56:1-57:21**  
**Ephesians 4:17-5:14**  
**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*

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



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

# HOKEHANKISD

† Linda, Andrew & Hourig, Kirk & Mia Karalian & grandchildren, Lara, Lilly, Alina, Carlo & Santino Karalian & Family request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Yeghia Ely Karalian**, *loving husband, father, grandfather* on the *10th anniversary* of his passing into eternal rest. They also request Hokehankisd for the **departed members of the Proodian & Karalian families**. The family has donated toward the altar flowers and requests that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.

† Raymond and Carol Nakashian Sukovich request Hokehankisd for the souls of beloved parents, **Arpine (Penny) Nakashian**, on the 20th year of her passing, & **John Nakashian**, on the 15th year of his passing. Mom was laid to eternal rest on March 3, 2004, and Dad was laid to eternal rest on March 3, 2009. The family has donated toward the altar flowers and requests that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.

† Artoun & Narine Hamalian request Hokehankisd for the souls of **George Shitilian** and **Teshkhouhi Shnorhavorian** on the occasion of *the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary* 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.

## **Hokehankisd Request Deadline:**

Hokehankisd requests must be submitted by **noon on Thursdays** so that it can be printed 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.

Be sure to **include contact information** when emailing or 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, 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 care and watches over all His children.*

***“I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.”***



*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”)*

# 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.



# **BIBLE STUDIES**

Wednesday, March 13, 2024.

TIME: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

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

## **For the Next Bible Study**

**We will continue with Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan Women. John 4:1-42**

**John's Testimony to Christ-** Chapter 3: -22-28: Why is John the Baptist brought into the narrative at this point? It highlights the consistent faithfulness of John the Baptist witness to Jesus. John does not deviate in his mission even though some of the disciples have now begun to follow Jesus. The dispute about purification between John's disciple and the Jews had been an ongoing debate. Here it is brought up again. What was the meaning, of the spiritual efficacy, of John's baptism? Was it really different from the Jewish cleansing by water? Where did John receive the authority to baptize? Out of this discussion, a statement is thrown at the Baptist that surely could have been viewed as jealousy. This must have come from John's own disciples, for they address him as "Rabbi".

They speak of One who was with John beyond the Jordan to whom he bore witness. Surely, Jesus, whose name is not mentioned here, must have been in the company of the John longer they we assume. Then these disciples report, "He is baptizing, and all are coming to Him!" John the Baptist reiterates what he has so emphatically stated before, "I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before Him." (v.28) The relationship between God and His people is often spoken of as bridegroom and bride in the Old Testament. (Hos. 2:19) But Jesus now has come as the bridegroom in this new age to claim the new Israel as His bride. It is John the Baptist "the friend," who has introduced and turned over some of his disciples, "the friend," who has introduced and turned over some of his disciples, the new "bride," to Jesus the new "bridegroom." But those who reject this gracious gift, who will not believe, have turned away from life. The alternative to life in Jesus is death and darkness, "the wrath of God".

# *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 the 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 Biblicial 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>Dn. 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 lectures.

**Sponsored by The Sarkis Gabrellian Endowment Fund**



# Church Campus Happenings...

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**Kiss of Peace:** “Krisdos ee mech mer haydnetsav.”

*(Christ is revealed among us.)*

“Orhnyal e haydnootyoonun Krisdosi.”

*(Blessed is the revelation of Christ.)*

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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.*

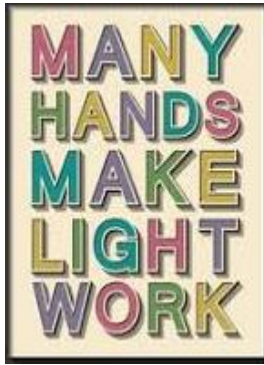
Hope to see you there this week!

## **Coffee Hospitality:**

Today’s hospitality is hosted by our ACYOA Srs.

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*.



LOVE TO BAKE?

OR

WANT TO LEARN HOW?

Please come & join us!

**We need you!**

No experience necessary.

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Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 9 am- Tel Baner

Thursday, February 29, 2024, 10am- Cheese Boreg

Thursday, March 8, 2024, 10am, Hantes Choreg Loaves

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A great way to meet new people  
& fellowship.

St. Leon Community Center Kitchen



**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

**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](mailto: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





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

# 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





# 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.  
Contact George Bedrosian at 201-666-3539 or text to 201-887-0635.**

**George will arrange for someone to pick up your bike. The bike should be  
in working order (flat tires ok). Rob Ohnikian, owner of Bicycle Depot in  
Pearl River, NY has generously agreed to tune up the bikes and prepare  
them for shipping in conjunction with the next Knights of Vartan  
container shipment to Armenia.**

**UPDATE**

"I am very pleased to report that we have reached our initial goal of 40 bikes!! Thank you everyone at St. Leons and their friends who donated bikes. Your consideration is greatly appreciated! I keep getting calls from people who still want to donate bikes, so I've decided to extend the drive and then figure out a way to get them to Armenia. So, keep the calls coming in!"

George Bedrosian



*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!*



# 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.*

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mar 3	Morning Service, Divine liturgy, Sunday School <b>Sunday of the Steward</b>
Wed	Mar 6	<b>Median Day of Lent</b> Senior Social Club
Fri	Mar 8	Armenian School, <b>Lenten Service &amp; Lecture</b>
Sun	Mar 10	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School <b>Sunday of the Judge</b>
Tues	Mar 12	WG Meet 6:30pm- Sarah Stites <b>AYO talk @</b> <b>Artsakh Refugees Status7:45pm Abajian Hall</b>
Wed	Mar 13	Senior Social Club
Fri	Mar 15	Armenian School, <b>Lenten Service &amp; Lecture</b>
Sun	Mar 17	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School <b>Sunday of the Advent</b>
Tues	Mar 19	<b>WG Fish n' Chips Dinner</b> see flyer on pg. 17
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, ACYOA YOUTH DAY LUNCHEON</b>
Thu	Mar 28	<b>Holy Thursday, Washing of the Feet Service</b>
Fri	Mar 29	<b>Holy Friday, Burial Of Christ Service-</b> <b>No Armenian School</b>
Sat	Mar 30	<b>Sunday School Egg Hunt, Communion Service &amp;</b> <b>Breakfast hosted by our Men's Fellowship</b>
Sun	Mar 31	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy <b>Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ!</b>

## Last Gospel: John 12:24-26

*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**

