

**ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH**  
*Sunday of the Expulsion*  
*March 6, 2022*

**Morning Service 9:00 AM**

**Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM**



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**Readings from the Holy Scripture**

Isaiah 33:2-22

Romans 12:1-13:10

Gospel of Matthew 5:17-48

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

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Gregory Kazanjian

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Daniella Ashbahian

Dawn Donofrio



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

## HOKEHANKISD

✝ Hrant N. Ghichlian requests Hokehankisd for the soul of ***Koko Dayioglu*** on his passing into eternal rest. The family has donated toward altar flowers and request that altar candles be lit in his memory.

✝ Betty Tashjian & Janette Marie Tashjian, request Hokehankisd for the soul of ***Vartkes Tashjian***, loving husband and father, on the **3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary** of his passing into eternal rest. The family has donated toward altar flowers and request the altar candles be lit in his memory.

✝ Zepur Kemurjian requests Hokehankisd for the soul of ***Harout Kamarian***, loving cousin, on the **40<sup>th</sup> day** of his passing into eternal rest. The family has donated toward altar flowers and request the altar candles be lit in his memory.

✝ Marian Sirazi & Sahin Cakmaktas, request Hokehankisd for the soul of *Murat Cakmaktas*, loving cousin, on the **40<sup>th</sup> day** of his passing into eternal rest, and for the soul of *Satenik Cakmaktas*, loving mother, on her passing into eternal rest, and for the soul of *Minas Cakmaktas*, loving father, on his passing into eternal rest. The family has donated toward altar flowers and request the altar candles be lit in their memory.

✝ Sonia & Varoujan Budakian and family, request Hokehankisd for the soul of *George DerSarkissian*, loving brother and uncle, on the **1<sup>st</sup> anniversary** of his passing into eternal rest. The family has donated toward altar flowers and request the altar candles be lit in his memory.

✝ Talar Hadadan and family, request Hokehankisd for the soul of *Mari Kaprielyan*, loving mother, grandmother and aunt, on the **40<sup>th</sup> day** of her passing into eternal rest. The family has donated toward altar flowers and request the altar candles be lit in her memory.

✝ Elise, Leon Jr., Tina, Stephan, Michael, John and Steve Nigohosian and Tanya Vartivarian, request Hokehankisd for the soul of *Leon Nigohosian, Sr.*, loving husband, father and grandfather, on the **2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary** of his passing into eternal rest. The family has donated toward altar flowers and request the altar candles be lit in his memory.

**Hokehankisd Deadline:** Please note that requests for Hokehankisd need to be received by **Thursday** to be included in that week's Sunday bulletin.

**Kiss of Peace:** If you would like to volunteer to perform the "Kiss of Peace" during Sunday Badarak, please call our Church office to provide your name and indicate your desire to do so.

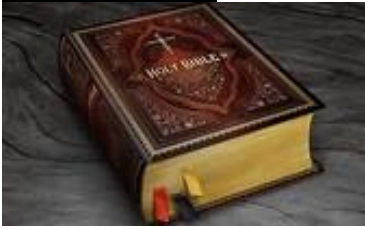
## **PRAYER FOR REQUIEM – HOKEHANKISD**

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. O Christ, Son of God, fore bearing 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), Juliette Haddad, 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”.*

**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 9, 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 42 “Jeremiah Advises Survivors to Migrate”

Chapter 43 “Taken to Egypt, Jeremiah Warns of Judgement”

Chapter 44 “Denunciation of Persistent Idolatry”

The story flashes back about 20 years, to when God instructs Jeremiah to write down all the prophecies he has spoken. Jeremiah dictates the prophecies to a scribe, “Baruch, son of Neriah.” Later, Baruch takes the scroll to the temple and read it to the people. When King Jehoiakim hears the words in a private reading he is not impressed. As the reader finishes a section, the king reaches over with a small knife, cuts it off, and tosses it in fire. He does this to the entire scroll. When Jeremiah hears of this, he vows that since the king threw away the words of God, the king will be killed and thrown out. Jeremiah dictates a second scroll, which becomes the core of the book bearing his name.

**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 Saint Leon Church Directory can be purchased by visiting our church office during the week, or on Sunday mornings in our church Narthex from a Parish Council member, for \$10.

**St. Leon Armenian Church Lenten Service**  
**& Lecture Series for 2022**

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

Friday March 11<sup>th</sup> Lent; **“Giving or Giving up ”**  
Presented by Very Rev. Fr. Luke Edelen

Friday March 18<sup>nd</sup> **“Understanding the Divine Liturgy ”**  
Presented by Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian

Friday March 25<sup>th</sup> , **“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 8<sup>th</sup> **“Christ is Resurrected from the Dead ”**  
Rev. Fr. Stepanos Doudoukjian

Lecture 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**

**Armenian School** - The lahmajun, sujuk, baghach distribution is today. Previously placed orders can be picked up at Abajian Hall kitchen.

**Coffee Hospitality** – Everyone is invited to the Community Center immediately following worship services. Today’s Hospitality is hosted by the ACYOA Juniors.

**St. Leon Armenian Church Women's Guild  
Annual Fish 'N Chips Dinner  
Tuesday, March 22, 2022  
5:30 pm – 7 pm**

Please Note: Last serving is at 6:45 pm



Come and enjoy great food with great friends!  
**Adults: \$16.00    Children under 12: \$10.00**  
**NO WALK-INS!!**

*Make your reservations by March 15*  
and make your check payable to:  
**St. Leon Women's Guild (put Fish 'N Chips in memo)**

St. Leon Armenian Church  
WG - 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: [clchak@aol.com](mailto:clchak@aol.com)  
Gladys Fenarjian: [gafenarj@gmail.com](mailto:gafenarj@gmail.com) or 201-328-7276

## **Appeal on Vandalism of Artsakh Armenian Monuments**

Dear Parishioners,

Last week the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin asked us to bring to the attention of government officials and ecumenical leaders a recent announcement by Azerbaijani officials regarding the removal of all Armenian inscriptions from Armenian religious monuments in Artsakh, which will amount to open acts of vandalism.

Please use the following “Appeal on Artsakh TEMPLATE” to prepare letters on letterhead to your local officials. Also, encourage your parishioners to write similar letters to express outrage toward this threat to our sacred places.

Thank you,

Fr. Simeon Odabashian

*Diocesan Vicar*

**Diocese of the Armenian Church (Eastern)**

**MESG 220211 Appeal on Artsakh Armenian Monuments TEMPLATE**

*[to be sent to public officials.]*

I am writing to express concern and outrage over recent announcements from the government of Azerbaijan, that signal its official plans to desecrate Armenian Christian monuments, and erase evidence of their Armenia origin, in the region of Nagorno-Karabagh.

It is well known that Nagorno-Karabagh has been the subject of a territorial dispute between the Republic of Armenia and Azerbaijan, since the period before the fall of the Soviet Union. Scholars recognize Karabagh (known anciently as Artsakh) as a centuries-old, majority-Armenian region, considered part of historic Armenia since antiquity. For 30 years, starting in the early 1990s, Karabagh was governed as an independent Armenian republic. But in the fall of 2020, Azerbaijan launched a surprise attack on the region, conquered large portions of it through force of arms, and incorporated these lands into its own



territory. That event displaced thousands of Christian Armenians from their homes, and left hundreds of Armenia monuments vulnerable to desecration by Azeri military forces.

Earlier this month, the Azeri Minister of Culture announced his government's intention to proceed with another anti-Armenian initiative. According to this announcement, in Azerbaijan a "working group of experts in Albanian history and architecture" has been formed, whose goal is to remove "false traces [sic] left by Armenians" from "Albanian religious temples."

The Culture Minister's statement references a theory, which has become prominent in Azerbaijan—but is categorically dismissed by mainstream scholars—that Armenian inscriptions in churches on Azerbaijani territory are not original, but were late additions to churches built under Caucasian Albania, an ancient Christian kingdom that ruled part of the territory that is today Azerbaijan.

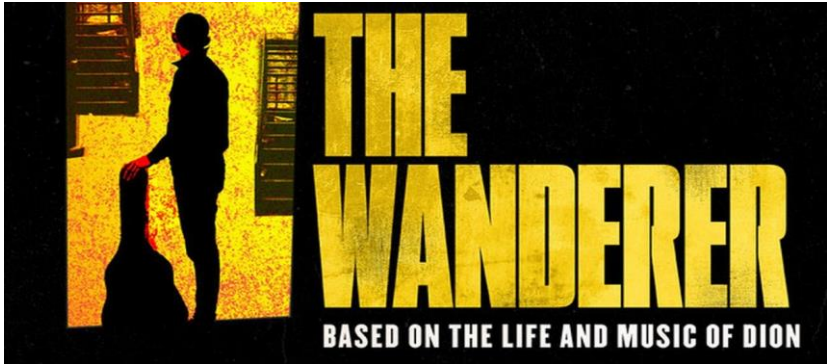
Scholarship testifies to the contrary, however, that the Armenian identity of these Christian holy places has never been in question. That identity is a reality firmly established by scholars across the globe, and not a topic of debate. The supreme authority of the worldwide Armenian Church, the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin, has strongly condemned this initiative of the Azerbaijani authorities, calling it "an uncivilized act against humanity, which demonstrates an ongoing, underlying enmity and hatred towards Artsakh and the Armenian people."

Now, we join our voices in this cause. We implore all nations concerned with settling the Karabagh conflict, as well as religious organizations and international bodies, to condemn this attempt of "cultural genocide" by Azerbaijan, in the hope of preventing similar acts of vandalism against Christian monuments in Karabagh, and indeed around the world.

We appeal to you to make your condemnation of this outrageous policy known to the public, and especially to the government authorities of Azerbaijan. Thank you for your consideration and attention to this urgent matter.

FYI: You can download this Word document template from our website, [stleon.org](http://stleon.org)

*Join us on a journey to see*



*Sponsored by our Women's Guild at the  
**PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE**  
in Millburn, New Jersey*

**Thursday, April 21, 2022 - Matinee Performance**  
*50 tickets only (First come, first served!)*  
**Reserve before March 15<sup>th</sup>!**

*Price of \$105 includes your choice of a custom-ordered  
boxed-lunch from Panera Café, round-trip bus transportation,  
and admission to the show.*

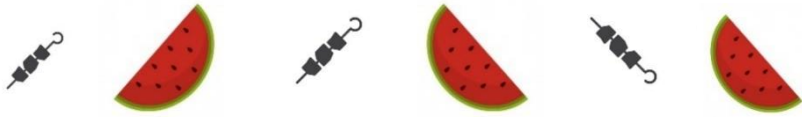
*Lunch will be served in Abajian Hall beginning at 11:15 AM; bus  
departs for the theater at 12:15 sharp! Lunch orders will be taken  
later.*

**NOTE: Papermill Playhouse Covid Requirements for All Attendees:**

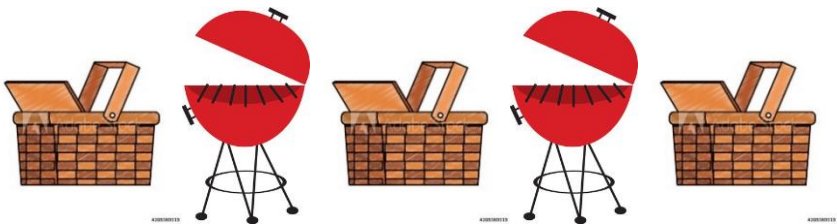
**(1) Face masks are to be worn in the theater and throughout the performance, (2) Proof of vaccination card is needed to gain entrance to the theater, and (3) Driver's license (or photo ID) must be shown.**

*Please make \$105 check payable to St. Leon Women's Guild,  
write "Papermill" on the memo line and mail your check to  
Nadya Boyadjian, 26 Holmhill Circle,  
Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417. Check must be received by March 15,  
2022 and your check confirms your reservation.*

**2022 Saint Leon Annual Picnic**  
**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**



Details to follow



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mar 6	Morning Service Divine Liturgy, Sunrise Service, Sunday School
Tues	Mar 8	Women's Guild Meeting, 6:30 pm, Abajian Hall
Fri	Mar 11	Armenian School
Sun	Mar 13	Morning Service Divine Liturgy, Sunrise Service, Sunday School
Fri	Mar 18	Armenian School
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 Divine Liturgy, Opening of the Doors Service, Sunday School, Palm Sunday ACYOA Day
Tues	April 12	Women's Guild Meeting, 6:30 pm, Abajian Hall

**Last Gospel** is Mark 4:26-34

There are no wedding sacraments permitted on the five major feast days in the Armenian Church which are:

Armenian Christmas – January 6, 2022

Easter – April 17, 2022

Transfiguration – July 24, 2022

Assumption of the Virgin Mary – August 14, 2022

Exaltation of the Cross – September 11, 2022