

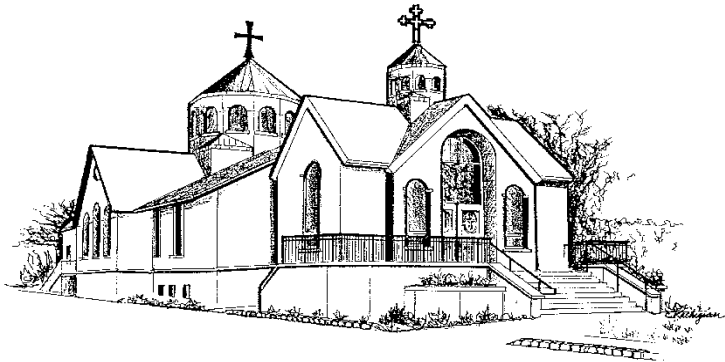
# **ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH**

**Sixth Sunday of Eastertide**

**May 14, 2023**

**Morning Service 9:00 AM**

**Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM**



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## **Readings from the Holy Scripture**

**Acts 20:17-38**

**1 John 3:2-6**

**John 9:39-10:10**

*“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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*Special thanks to Hagop & Garo Tabibian &  
their families for donating the roses that were  
distributed today, Mother's Day.*



## Parish Council Members

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# HOKEHANKISD

✝ Hagop & Garo Tabibian and their families request Hokehankisd for the souls of **Yeghsapet Bergazyan**, beloved grandmother and **Mannik Tabibian**, beloved mother & grandmother, and for the soul of **Vartouhi Sirabian**, beloved mother, & grandmother on the occasion of her **2<sup>nd</sup> year** of passing into eternal rest. The family has donated toward 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,

*Ruzanna Arevshatyan, Felicia Asomani, James Azarian, Mosses Bairamian, Hana Botie, Zoe Brooks, Frank Cornawchiulo, Jerry DiSant, Mike Fenarjian, Julie Frattarola, Ruben Grigoryants, Varoujan Harutunian, Lusine Hovsepyan, Silva Jinivizian, Robert John Karanfilian III, Brandon Katz, Annette Kouchshirin, Jim & Wendy Lathey, Fran Loiacono, 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 the updating of the prayer list. If a name needs to be added or removed, notify the church office. Thank you).*

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*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 izmeemeeyanis, zee Asdvadz ser e”)*

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# **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.

# *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.



## Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում կատարվեց խաղաղության աղոթք

Մայիսի 9-ին Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնի Սուրբ Վարդան և Սուրբ Հովհաննես Մկրտիչ մատուռ-մկրտարանում Ն. Ս. Օ. Տ. Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ծայրագույն Պատրիարք և Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսի հանդիսապետությամբ կատարվեց խաղաղության աղոթք Հայաստանի և Արցախի խաղաղության և ապահովության համար: Հայոց Հովվապետը, Մայր Աթոռի միաբաններն ու ներկա հավատացյալ ժողովուրդը միասնաբար աղոթք վերառաքեցին առ Աստված՝ հայցելով, որ Տերը խաղաղության մեջ ապահով ու անսասան պահի Հայաստան և Արցախ հայրենի աշխարհները, անառիկ՝ հայրենյաց սահմանները, ամուր և քաջ՝ հայոց բանակի զինվորականներին: Այս առիթով Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսն իր պատգամը բերեց ներկա ժողովրդին:

Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. ԳԱՐԵԳԻՆ Բ ԱՍԵՆԱՅՆ ՀԱՅՈՑ ԿԱԹՈՂԻԿՈՍԻ  
ԽՈՍՔԸ ԽԱՂԱՂՈՒԹՅԱՆ ԱՂՈԹՔԻ ԱՌԻԹՈՎ

«Եվ ա՛յս է այնհաղթությունը, որհաղթում է  
աշխարհին՝ մերհավատը» (Ա Հովհ. 5.4):

Սիրելի ժողովուրդ Հայոց,

Հայրական սիրով բերում ենք ձեզ Մեր օրհնությունը և բարեմաղթանքները մայիսի 9-ի՝ Երկրորդ համաշխարհային պատերազմի հաղթանակի և Շուշիի ազատագրման նվիրական օրվա առիթով: Այս տոները մեզ համար դարձել են խորհրդանիշը բռնության ու չարի դեմ պայքարի, հայրենի հողի վրա անկախ կյանք կերտելու մաքառումի և ազատատենչ ոգու հաղթության: Քրիստոնյա մեր ժողովուրդը պատմության ընթացքում հաճախ ենթարկվել է արհավիրքների ու նեղությունների, սակայն իր

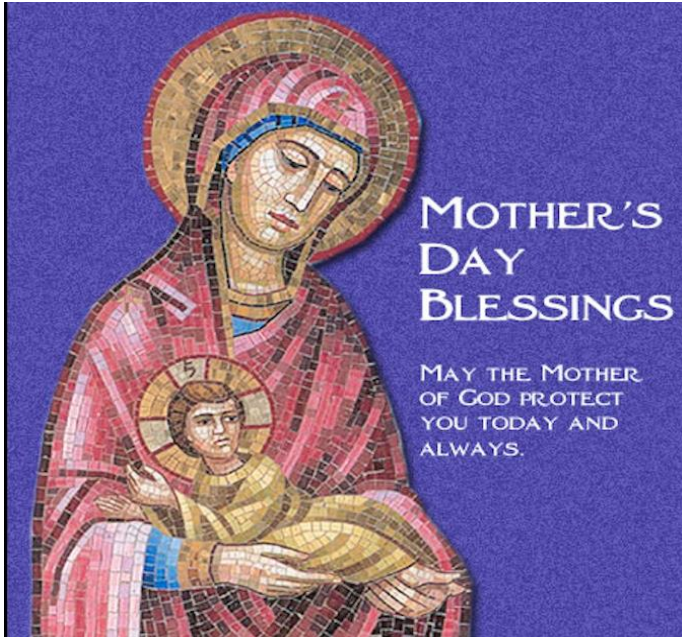
լուսավոր հավատքով ու գալիքի տեսիլքով վեր է հառնել փորձություններից և առ Աստված ապավինությամբ վերահաստատել իր վճռականությունը արժանապատիվ գոյության և հարատևության: Ծանր և դժվարին օրեր ենք ապրում այսօր: Ամենօրյա բռնաճնշումների և նվաստացումների է ենթարկվում շրջափակման մեջ գտնվող Արցախի մեր ժողովուրդը: Նվազ չեն նաև Հայաստանի առջև հառնած սպառնալիքները, տակավին անհանգիստ են սահմանները, լեցուն թշնամու սադրանքներով ու հարձակումների վտանգներով: Հայաստան և Արցախ հայրենի մեր երկրի առջև ծառացած մարտահրավերները մտահոգություններով ու տագնապներով են համակել հոգիները մեր ժողովրդի գավակների՝ ինչպես հայրենիքում, այնպես և սփյուռքում: Այս ցավալի իրավիճակում անգամ, երբ կորցրել ենք Շուշին և Արցախ աշխարհի զգալի հատվածը, երբ ունենք հազարավոր զոհեր ու վիրավորներ, բազում գերեզարկվածներ ու անհայտ կորածներ, մենք նշում ենք այս օրը՝ համոզումով, որ ամուր և անսասան է մեր ժողովրդի ոգին, անկոտրում՝ ապրելու և արարելու կամքը, և հաստատուն՝ հայրենիքի հանդեպ նվիրումը: Սիրելիներ, մայիսի 9-ը ոչ միայն արժևորումն է անցյալի հաղթությանց, այլև ամրագրումը հանձնառու պատասխանատվության՝ հավատքով և միասնականությամբ կերտելու մեր գալիք հաղթանակները: «Եւ ա՛յս է այն հաղթությունը, որ հաղթում է աշխարհին՝ մեր հավատը», - հաստատում է առաքյալը: Մենք հավատում ենք մեր ժողովրդի աստվածատուր ուժին՝ պարտությունը վերածելու հաղթանակի, մահը՝ կյանքի, ցավը՝ ուրախության: Հավատում ենք նաև, որ կարող պիտի լինենք մերժել մեզանից վախն ու թերահավատությունը, անտարբերությունն ու հարմարվողականությունը՝ վստահությամբ, որ համազգային ու հայրենական կյանքում պիտի գերակայեն ու հաղթանակեն աստվածասիրությունը, հայրենասիրությունն ու արժանապատվությունը:

Արդ, սիրելի ժողովուրդ հայոց, ապրենք ու գործենք այս գիտակցությամբ և մայիսի 9-ը դիտարկենք ոչ միայն Երկրորդ



աշխարհամարտի, արցախյան հերոսամարտի պատմական իրադարձությունների, Շուշիի ազատագրման նշանակալի թվական, այլ որպես առաքելություն, որպես ջանք և կամք՝ ուղղված նոր հաղթանակների ու ձեռքբերումների կերտմանը: Ծառացած մարտահրավերներին հանդիման՝ մեր պարտքն է լինել միասնական և բոլոր հնարավոր միջոցներով ջանքեր գործադրել հանուն մեր պետականության գորացման, Արցախի ինքնիշխանության ու շահերի պաշտպանության: Հավատքով գորացյալ մնանք, չվհատվենք և չընկրկենք նեղությունների ու դժվարությունների առջև, արթուն պահենք քաջարի նույն ոգին, որ դրսևորվել է մեր ժողովրդի հերոս զավակների կողմից Հայրենական մեծ պատերազմում և Շուշիի ազատագրման օրերին: Աղոթենք միասնաբար առ Երկնավոր մեր Տերը և հայցենք, որ օրհնի և Իր Սուրբ Աջի հովանու ներքո խաղաղ ու անվտանգ պահպանի Հայաստան և Արցախ հայրենի մեր երկիրը, գորացնի մեզանում հույսն ու լավատեսության ոգին՝ ի սեր հայրենյաց և մեր ժողովրդի բարօր ու լուսավոր գալիքի: Շնորհք, սեր և խաղաղութիւն Տեառն մերոյ Յիսուսի Քրիստոսի եղիցին ընդ մեզ և ընդ ամենեսեան. ամեն:





## *Happy Mother's Day*

For those whose mothers and grandmothers are still alive – may we cherish them today and every day. May we honor them and thank them for their 'calling' to motherhood. For those whose mothers have fallen asleep in the Lord, may they remain vibrant in our hearts, alive and present within our family conversations, and always in our prayers.

As most internet searches will show, Mother's Day was established in the United States (Philadelphia) by the efforts of Anna Jarvis in 1909. Since then, the idea of honoring our earthly mothers has spread across the globe to be a tradition held by Christians, Jews, and Muslims. Indeed, world-wide and spanning numerous religious beliefs, mothers are so very special in countless ways to us all of humanity.

Our mothers carry us in their wombs- the first home of the whole human race. They taught and nurtured us on the countless roads of life, by offering wisdom, patience, and practical experience. They picked us up when we fell and loved us unconditionally when we strayed and were always present when needed.

As Christians, we can say with certainty that our heavenly mother, Mary, the Mother of God, was and still is a role model for all earthly mothers whom we remember, honor, and celebrate.

From the Annunciation to the Crucifixion, Mary, the Mother of our Lord, shows us all the patterns of human love surrendered to God's love and finding its fulfillment in Jesus Christ. So, while we rightly honor our moms, let's honor our churches each and every day, because the Church is our mother as well.

The fact that we call her "Mother Church" is no accident. It reveals a beautiful mystery of our centuries old faith. The expression "Mother Church" is more than sentiment – and much more than piety, it is reality.

The Church is the bearer of life. She is also a mother and a teacher. Further, we are born again through the waters of the baptismal font, which the early Christians called a second womb. From the moment we enter those waters, we die with Christ and are raised to New Life in Him. We are baptized into Christ – and now live in Him, with one another, for the sake of the world.

Dear faithful sons and daughters, as we pause from the frantic shopping for temporary Mother's Day gifts, the numerous internet searches for a 90 minute dining experience, or a dash to a florist for flowers lasting maybe 6 days, may we lovingly offer our prayers to God for our mothers and our churches by recalling a portion of "A Mother's Hands" by Baroyr Sevag, when he says "...*Come, let us dutifully kiss these hands today, these hands which bore and nursed us, which kept us in this world and cherished us, which washed and dusted for us, ever guiding, ever toiling; These hands, though chapped and roughened, are for us silk-smooth hands, true-blue hands.*". Yes, God has indeed blessed our mothers.

By Fr. Kapriel Mouradjian



# BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## First Book of Maccabees

Chapter 11 “Ptolemy Invades Syria”

Chapter 12 “Alliance with Rome and Syria”

Chapter 13 “Simon Takes Command”

Matthathias, along with his sons and grandsons, who led the military resistance of the Jews to the tyranny of a series of Greek and Asian Kings who dominated the region. Apart from the obvious lessons of zeal for the Lord and the Law, tremendous courage and the favor God showed the men He had chosen to defend Israel. The Israelites defended their faith against Pagan oppression. We can see today how secularism can easily digress us from our faith if we are not anchored in the teaching of Christ.



# Church Campus Happenings...

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

## **Armenian School:**

All inquiries about upcoming purchasing opportunities of lahmajun, sujuk, & baghaj, can be forwarded to Barbara Hovsepian by texting 551-206-6686, or by emailing [bhovsepian@optonline.net](mailto:bhovsepian@optonline.net)

## **Sunday School:**

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, or email at [acarden56@gmail.com](mailto:acarden56@gmail.com).**

## **St. Leon’s Social Club:**

Social Club meets every Wednesday, 11:30am-3:00pm at our community 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 coffee reception is hosted by our Women’s Guild.

Please join us after Badarak, in our newly renovated Abajian Hall, for refreshments and fellowship.

**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.

**St. Leon ACYOA Jrs.**

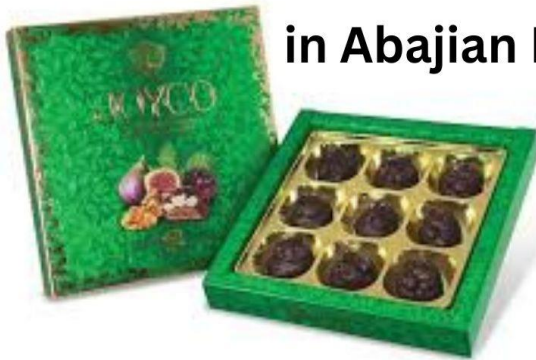
# **CHOCOLATES FROM ARMENIA ARE BACK!**

**T O D A Y**

**Sunday, May 14th , 2023**

**Sale will take place immediately after  
church**

**in Abajian Hall**



**Quantities are limited so please pre-  
order by scanning the QR Code.**

**Proceeds from this sale will be used  
to help renovate the ACYOA Room!!**

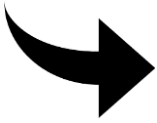
**For more info: [youthdirector@stleon.org](mailto:youthdirector@stleon.org)**



*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-



**May 17<sup>th</sup>, 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!



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### **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!**

# GOMIDAS CHOIR

KRIS D. KALFAYAN, MUSICAL DIRECTOR

## 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF

**VERY REV. FR. MESROP PARSAMYAN, PRIMATE**  
DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA (EASTERN)

**SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023**  
7:15PM

**ST. VARTAN ARMENIAN CATHEDRAL**  
630 2<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE, NYC 10016

GUEST ARTISTS

**HUYSER MUSIC ENSEMBLE**

AND

**ARI TERJANIAN, PIANIST**

SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY

**LOUSAPER YOUTH CHOIR**

OF HOLY MARTYRS ARMENIAN CHURCH  
**NARGIZ MKRTCHYAN, DIRECTOR**

FOR TICKETS PLEASE VISIT

[gomidas-choir.ticketleap.com](http://gomidas-choir.ticketleap.com)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

[gomidaschoir@gmail.com](mailto:gomidastchoir@gmail.com)







Dear Parishioners & Friends:

We are thrilled to announce the ACYOA Seniors of St. Leon are hosting the 2023 ACYOA General Assembly & Sports Weekend this coming Memorial Day Weekend. For over 70 years, the young adults of our Diocese have gathered in Christian fellowship at national events to celebrate a shared faith and culture; and this year's weekend will be the continuation of a proud legacy!

With over 350 participants from across the country expected to attend, we could not be more excited to welcome all of them to our spiritual home to see what our community has to offer. Our committee has been working diligently over the past several months coordinating what will prove to be a unique and memorable weekend for all in attendance, including you!

We are writing to ask you for a donation to our Ad Booklet. We have enclosed a convenient form to help you make your donation today! Our Ad Booklet will provide a highly visible platform through which you can offer a personalized message to an individual, or the entire ACYOA community in attendance. **All donations are tax-deductible and will help offset the cost of this enormous undertaking.**

We are truly humbled by all the encouragement we've received thus far and look forward to partnering with you moving forward in this exciting endeavor.

Sincerely,

Fr. Diran Bohajjian  
Pastor

Aline Tashjian  
Chairperson, ACYOA Seniors and GASW Committee

The ACYOA Seniors of St. Leon Armenian Church will be hosting the ACYOA General Assembly & Sports Weekend from May 26-29, 2023. We ask you to please support us as we welcome young adults from ACYOA chapters across the nation. In your ad, you will be able to share your greetings or support your favorite team. You can also promote your business, honor a loved one, and share photos of your ACYOA days. Please email Christine Beylerian with any questions regarding the ad booklet.

\$500 (Full Page) \_\_\_\_\_  
\$250 (Half Page) \_\_\_\_\_  
\$100 (Quarter Page) \_\_\_\_\_  
\$50 (Business Card) \_\_\_\_\_  
\$25 (One Line Listing) \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Message:**

1. Print your message below and attach your photo/artwork. Hi resolution JPEGs are strongly recommended.

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OR

2. Email your message and photo/artwork to: [christinebeylerian@gmail.com](mailto:christinebeylerian@gmail.com)

Deadline for submission is April 21, 2023. Checks made payable to **St. Leon ACYOA Seniors** and mailed with form to Christine Beylerian, 58 Chestnut Street Unit 1, Morristown, NJ 07960.

A man with a beard and dark hair, wearing a black leather motorcycle jacket over a white t-shirt and dark jeans, stands in a room with wood-paneled walls. He is looking slightly to his right. To his left is a vintage-style microphone on a stand. Behind him is a red tufted sofa. The room is lit with warm, ambient lighting, including string lights and a small lamp on a table to the left.

**NJ**  
**GA**  
**SW23**

# HAROUT BEDROSSIAN

OPEN TO THE ST. LEON AND ARMENIAN COMMUNITY  
SUNDAY, MAY 28 7PM | MARRIOTT PARK RIDGE | 18+



click or scan to buy your ticket!

# Annual Picnic

SHISH KEBAB IS BACK!



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



**Volunteer to Help - Sign up here**  
<https://bit.ly/3LsySqh>

**Interested in selling your own product? - Email Sylvia Buzantian to learn how to become a vendor**  
[sbuzantian@gmail.com](mailto:sbuzantian@gmail.com)

**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



Sponsor



Volunteer

For more information call 201-791-2862

# 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

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 consider becoming a sponsor to help keep this wonderful tradition going. Visit <http://bit.ly/StLeonPicnic> to make an online payment or use the attached sponsorship form to mail in your pledge of support.



Sponsor

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## ***Without Dedicated Volunteers there is no Picnic!***

*So many members of our community come together each year to make the picnic the wonderful event we have come to enjoy. We have many roles that need volunteers including but not limited to: Food preparers, Setup and Breakdown, Registers, Meal packaging, Order fillers, Runners, Greeters and more.*

*We are truly blessed to have dedicated people in our community working for the benefit of our parish and we'd love for you to become a part of the team. If you are not sure where your talents can be best used, we are certain we have a perfect spot for you! Please click here to sign up <https://bit.ly/3LsySgh> or for more information contact Lynn Markarian ([lynn.markarian@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.markarian@gmail.com)).*



Volunteer

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**VENDOR OPPORTUNITY:** *If you are interested in registering as a vendor to sell your product during the event please contact Sylvia Buzantian ([sbuzantian@gmail.com](mailto:sbuzantian@gmail.com)) for requirements and to be approved.*

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

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### 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: \_\_\_\_\_



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 [diocesansummerncamps.org](http://diocesansummerncamps.org) to find out more information and to register.



# 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	May 14	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School, Mother's Day, ACYOA Jrs. Chocolate Sale Armenian School lahmajun, sujuk, baghaj order p/u	 
Tues	May 16	WG Meeting 12noon Lunch & <i>Slide Presentation</i> Please RSVP Donna Hortian ASAP	
Fri	May 19	Armenian School	
Sun	May 21	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School Graduation	
Fri	May 26	No Armenian School	
Sun	May 28	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Pentecost, Sunday School	
Fri	June 2	Armenian School	
Sun	June 4	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School Awards Ceremony Annual Church Picnic	

## Last Gospel Matthew 11:25-30

*~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**

