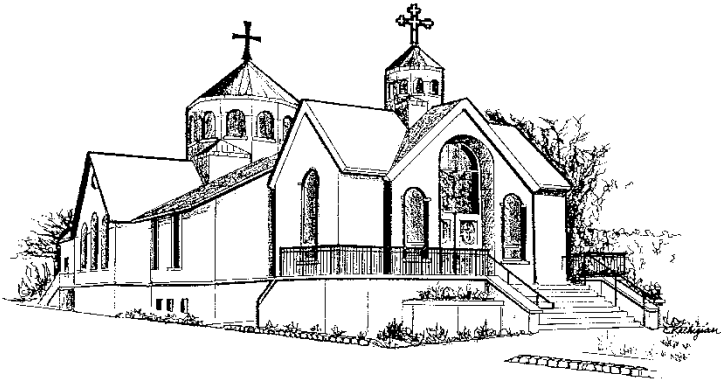


ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH
Apparition of the Holy Cross
May 15, 2022

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Acts 17:1-15
1 John 1:1-10
Gospel of John 7:14-23

“Krisdos haryav ee merelots!” –
“Orhnyal é harootyunun Krisdosi!”
“Christ is Resurrected from the Dead!” -
“Blessed is the Resurrection of Christ!”

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“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



~After Fr. Diran’s homily the Sunday School Graduation Service will begin which will be followed by Hokehankisd.

Kiss of Peace- 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 to be placed on a rotating list.

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.

Coffee Hospitality: No Hospitality this week

Church Etiquette

Reverence Required ~ Please refrain from entering the pews when the following parts of the Divine Liturgy (Soorp Badarak) is taking place (see below). You may stand in the back of the church until these parts have ended. The parish council will be happy to assist you.

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*.



Armenian School:

All inquiries about upcoming purchase opportunities for *sujuk*, & *lahmajun* can be forwarded to **Nora Balekji at 973-513-2507** (sorry, no baghaj until further notice).

St. Leon’s Social Club: Seniors have much to offer, wisdom, experience, and time! Our Social Club meets every Wednesday, 11:30am-3:00pm at the community center. You can play cards, backgammon, board games of your choice, or just enjoy a cup of coffee! We encourage you to bring a friend and spend an afternoon together! Donation is \$3. Hope to see you there this week!

HOKEHANKISD

✝ Artin Belen, Simone & Kass Belen, Rene Yejhparyan & the Papagian Family request Hokehankisd for the souls of **Carmen Belen**, *loving wife, mother, sister, cousin, grandmother*, on the occasion of **her 1st year** of passing into eternal rest & for the soul of **Jannette Belen**, *loving daughter, sister, niece*, on the occasion of **her 1st year** of passing into eternal rest.

The family also requests Hokehankisd for the soul of **Nazan Sahatelian**, *loving mother, grandmother*, on the occasion of **her 39th year** of passing into eternal rest & for the soul of **Ovanez Sahatelian**, *loving father, grandfather* on the occasion of **his 40th year** of passing into eternal rest & for the soul of **Ovanez Papagian**, *loving father, grandfather* of his passing into eternal rest.

The Papagian Family also requests Hokehankisd for the souls of **Fidan & Mahitar Harutunian**, *loving grandmother & grandfather* of their passing into eternal rest.

The family has donated toward altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.

✝ Zepur Kemurjian requests Hokehankisd for the soul of **Araksi Ekmakjian**, *loving grandmother*, on the occasion of **her 40th day (Karsoonk)** passing into eternal rest. She has donated toward altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved one.

“I will never leave thee nor forsake thee”



<p><u>Hokehankisd Deadline:</u> Please note that Hokehankisd requests must be received by 3pm, Thursday to be included in that week’s Sunday bulletin. You may email or call the church office.</p>



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 Glenn Ajamian, James Azarian, Mosses Bairamian, Hana Botie, Zoe Brooks, Frank Cornawchiulo, Jerry DiSant, Lynne Ford, Julie Frattarola, Ruben Grigoryants, John Hallak, Ryan Hallak, Varoujan Harutunian, Silva Jinivzian, Robert John Karanfilian III, Brandon Katz, Mary Ann Kral, Annette Kouchshirin, Jim & Wendy Lathey, Carmelina Mancini, Sebu Oscherician, Dan Patoyia (Moynihan), Emily Ring, Michael Sakolsky, Melanie Sarkisian, Marie Tenguerian, Greg Tenbekjian, and Clara Yeramian. We commit our sick and shut-ins to our Heavenly Father who cares and watches over all His children.



John 7:14-23

About the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught. 15 The Jews marveled at it, saying, "How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?" 16 So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me; 17 if any man's will be to do his will, he shall know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority. 18 He who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but he who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood. 19 Did not Moses give you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why do you seek to kill me?" 20 The people answered, "You have a demon! Who is seeking to kill you?" 21 Jesus answered them, "I did one deed, and you all marvel at it. 22 Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man upon the sabbath. 23 If on the sabbath a man receives circumcision, so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because on the sabbath I made a man's whole body well? (Revised Standard Version)

Appearance (Apparition) of the Holy Cross



On May 7 in the year 351, those living in Jerusalem witnessed an intensely illumined cross appear in the sky extending from Golgotha to the Mount of Olives; a span of almost two miles. In the letter of St. Cyril, the Bishop of Jerusalem to the Emperor Constantias of Constantinople, he mentions the response of those who witnessed the miracle, that as the cross remained visible for several hours, the population of Jerusalem flooded into the church to praise Jesus Christ for the miraculous sign: But you, most pious Lord Emperor, have surpassed your father's piety with an even greater reverence for the divine, and in your time miracles have now appeared no longer from the ground but in the heavens: the trophy of the victory which our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son of God, won over death - I refer to the blessed Cross - has been seen flashing like lightning over Jerusalem. In these holy days of the Easter season, on May 7 at about the third hour, a huge cross made of light appeared in the sky above holy Golgotha extending as far as the holy Mount of Olives. It was not revealed to one or two people alone, but it appeared unmistakably to everyone in the city. It was not as if one might conclude that one had suffered a momentary optical

illusion; it was visible to the human eye above the earth for several hours. The flashes it emitted outshone the rays of the sun, which would have outshone and obscured it themselves if it had not presented the watchers with a more powerful illumination than the sun. It prompted the whole populace at once to run together into the holy church, overcome both with fear and joy at the divine vision. Young and old, men and women of every age, even young girls confined to their rooms at home, natives and foreigners, Christians and pagans visiting from abroad, all together as if with a single voice raised a hymn of praise to God's Only-begotten Son the wonder-worker. They had the evidence of their own senses that the holy faith of Christians is not based on the persuasive arguments of philosophy but on the revelation of the Spirit and power (cf. I Corinthians 2:4); it is not proclaimed by mere human beings but testified from heaven by God himself. (trans. Edward Yarnold, S.J. Cyril of Jerusalem, Routledge, 2000) Today, the Feast of the Appearance of the Holy Cross (Երեւոյն Առկի Խաչի) has the same effect the miracle in the sky had on those in Jerusalem. As glorious as the event in 351 was, we don't have to look up to the sky to see the Cross. The Cross still appears in the world around us, and it compels us to gather with one another in the church to give praise to God, because the Cross has changed us, healed us, and given us true and eternal life. The Cross, and everything it stands for, has accomplished, and its reality in our lives is so powerful, it even compels us to continue gathering as best we can during times when we are unable to gather inside a church building, whether it's curbside ministry or video conferencing. The Cross points us to the path of Jesus Christ and reminds us how to live rightly, authentically, and victoriously. Suffering and death, because of the Cross, are redeemed. Wherever there is opportunity for sacrifice, healing, forgiveness, mercy, redemption, and love in the name of Jesus Christ, there is the Cross. Pray that God opens our eyes to its appearance and look for it today.

** Information taken from The Armenian Church Eastern Diocese of America, please visit for more information, online*

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Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնից Հայրապետական Մեր օրհնությունն ու շնորհավորանքներն ենք բերում մեր սիրեցյալ ժողովրդին՝ Հաղթանակի ու խաղաղության տոնի, Շուշիի ազատագրության և Պաշտպանության բանակի հիմնադրման օրերի առիթով, ինչպես նաև մեր խոնարհումը՝ Հայրենական պատերազմի վետերաններին ու Արցախյան հերոսամարտերի քաջարի զինվորներին:

Պանծալի այս տոները տակավին բեկված սրտերով և վշտացած հոգիներով ենք դիմավորում, քանի որ դեռ չեն հաղթահարվել Արցախի դեմ սանձազերծված պատերազմի աղետալի հետևանքները, չեն վերադարձել գերությունից մեր զավակները, տեղեկություն չունենք անհայտ կորածների վերաբերյալ, իսկ հազարավոր ընտանիքներ մնացել են առանց զավակների կամ ծնողների: Մեր աղոթքն ու խոնարհումն ենք բերում զոհված հայրենյաց պաշտպանների անմահ հիշատակին:

Սիրելիներ, ազգիս դարավոր պատմությունը՝ դժվարություններն ու փորձությունները հաղթահարելու,

հաղթանակներ կերտելու բազում վկայություններով, մեզ պատգամ է մատուցում նույն ոգով դիմակայելու մեր ժողովրդի և հայրենիքի դեմ ծառայած ներքին ու արտաքին մարտահրավերներին: Ազատ ու անկախ ապրելու իրավունքի պաշտպանության համար մղված պայքարները, որոնց նշանավորումն է այսօր, խորհրդանիշն են համազգային համախմբվածության ու միաբանության, որոնք առավել քան երբեք անհրաժեշտ են բարդագույն այս իրավիճակում, որպեսզի միասնաբար դիմագրավենք հառնած հիմնախնդիրներին և կերտենք վաղվա նոր օրը, լուսավոր ապագան և մեր նոր հաղթանակները:

Մեր աղոթքն է, որպեսզի խաղաղություն լինի աշխարհում ու մարդկության կյանքում, և հարուցյալ մեր Տերը Իր Ամենագոր Աջի հովանու ներքո շինության ու ապահովության մեջ պահի մեր Հայրենիքը և գորացնի համայն աշխարհասփյուռ մեր ժողովրդին արիությանը, հույսով ու հավատով, այժմ և միշտ. ամեն





BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday, May 25, 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 Ezekiel

Chapter 14 “God’s Judgment Justified”

Chapter 15 “The Useless Vine”

Chapter 16 “God’s Faithless Bride”

In a dramatic vision that begins in Chapter 8, Ezekiel is transported to the Jerusalem temple. What he witnesses there becomes part of the tragic, unbelievable message he must deliver. The temple represents the presence of God in Israel. The temple’s back room, which contains the golden chest that holds the Ten Commandments, represents the earthly throne of God; it is the holiest site in Judaism. The Jews believe that God’s presence has been there ever since King Solomon dedicated the temple. The Israelites cannot conceive of God permitting the destruction of his 300-year old temple and his holy city of Jerusalem. But what Ezekiel witnesses makes this not only believable but probable. He sees the dazzling light of God’s presence come out of the door of the temple and ascend into the heavens. God is gone. His presence leaves the temple.

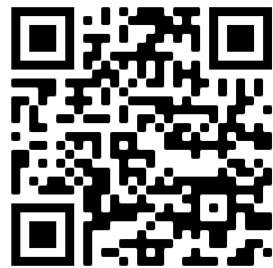


Annual St. Leon Armenian Church Picnic



Sunday,
June 5, 2022
12:30p.m. to
4:30p.m.
Rain or Shine

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!

Visit the following URL

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Volunteers needed, please contact Lynn Markarian
(lynn.markarian@gmail.com)

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 5, 2022** immediately following church services. We invite you to come and enjoy delicious kebab, bulghur pilaf, desserts and more all made with care by our talented volunteers. And as always, there will be music!

While we are fortunate to receive donations of many of the ingredients and supplies required for the picnic, the church must still make a significant financial investment in order to ensure we can host an enjoyable picnic for all. It's financial donations from our generous sponsors that make this possible.

Please consider becoming a sponsor this year 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. We look forward to hearing from you; with your support we make the St. Leon Church Picnic better each year! If you have any questions call the church office or **Haig Buchakjian at 201-317-8619**.

***Not able to make a financial contribution?
We need volunteers too!***

So many members of our community come together each year to make the picnic the wonderful event we have come to enjoy from planning committee volunteers to our beloved Women's Guild who spend hours preparing our favorite foods for the big day to the many volunteers who come out the weekend of the picnic to setup, grill, man registers, serve meals, work in the kitchen and clean up. We are truly blessed to have such dedicated people in our church family 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 contact Lynn Markarian
(lynn.markarian@gmail.com).

Picnic Sponsorship Form

(Detach the section below and mail to our church office at **12-61 Saddle River Road, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410**, along with your payment)

Yes, I would like to be a Picnic Sponsor for the 2022 Annual St. Leon Armenian Church Picnic.

_____ \$50 pledge _____ \$100 pledge _____ \$250 pledge

_____ \$500.00 pledge

\$_____ Other pledge amount

Please write "Picnic Sponsor" in the memo portion of your check

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	May 15	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School Commencement, Apparition of the Holy Cross
Fri	May 20	Armenian School
Sun	May 22	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School
Thur	May 26	Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Fri	May 27	NO Armenian School
Sun	May 29	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, NO Sunday School,
Sun	Jun 5	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Pentecost, Sunday School Awards, Annual Picnic
Fri	Jun 10	Armenian School Commencement
Sun	Jun 12	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy

Last Gospel is 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 Holy Cross – September 11, 2022

