

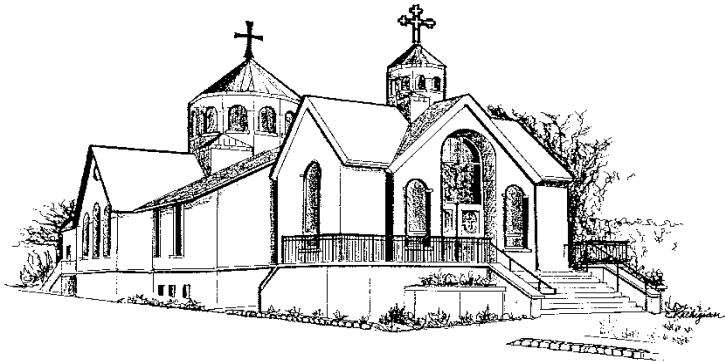
ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Second Palm Sunday

May 21, 2023

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Acts 23:12-35

1 John 5:13-21

John 12:12-23

“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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*Immediately after Der Diran's Homily,
our Sunday School Graduates'
Commencement Ceremony will begin,
followed by Hokehankisd.*



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Barbara Royland

HOKEHANKISD

† Thomas Ashbahian & family, Gregory Ashbahian & family, Cynthia Gendjoian & family request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Harry Ashbahian**, *beloved father, grandfather, & great grandfather* on the occasion of his **1st 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 one.

† Nisan & Diruhi Cakir, Harut & Taline Purut & family request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Aret Cakir**, *loving son, brother, uncle*, on the anniversary of his **5th year** in 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 one.

† Margaret, Taline, & Nora Janikian, Ani Janikian, the Akian & Touryan families, request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Hrachia Janikian**, *beloved husband, father, son, brother, uncle, cousin*, on the occasion of his **3rd 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 one.

† Rose Najarian Kedeshian, Gregg, Arpie, Jonathan, Therese Najarian & their children, Levon, Raffi, Sylvie, Nicholas, & Jack request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Dr Abraham "Sarkis" Kedeshian**, *loving husband, grandfather*, on the occasion of his **4th 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 one.

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).

*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 izmeemeeyanís, zee Asdvadz ser e”)

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.



**Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսն
ընդունեց
Մալթայի Ինքնիշխան
Մարտական Ուխտի
դեսպանին**

Մայիսի 17-ին Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ծայրագույն Պատրիարք և Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում ընդունեց Հայաստանում Մալթայի Ինքնիշխան Մարտական Ուխտի արտակարգ և լիազոր դեսպան Դոմենիկո Արդուիինին:

Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը գոհունակությամբ արձանագրեց, որ Մալթայի Ինքնիշխան Մարտական Ուխտը մարդասիրական առաքելություն է իրականացնում տարբեր երկրներում և Հայաստանում, հատկապես մեր ժողովրդի համար այս դժվարին օրերին:

Հանդիպմանը Նորին Սրբությունը դեսպանին տեղեկություններ փոխանցեց նաև Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնի կողմից իրականացվող սոցիալական և առողջապահական ծրագրերի մասին՝ մասնավորաբար կարևորելով հետպատերազմյա շրջանում գոհվածների ընտանիքներին, վիրավոր զինվորներին տրամադրվող հոգևոր ու սոցիալական աջակցությունը:

Իր հերթին դեսպան Դոմենիկո Արդուիինին Հայոց Հովվապետին ներկայացրեց Մարտական Ուխտի կողմից Հայաստանում իրականացվող մարդասիրական և առողջապահական ծրագրերը, ինչպես նաև հիշյալ ոլորտներում նորարար ծրագրերի ներդրման և փորձի փոխանակման նախաձեռնությունները:

Վերջում Նորին Սրբությունն իր օրհնությունը փոխանցեց դեսպանին՝ մաղթելով, որ Մալթայի Ինքնիշխան Մարտական Ուխտի ծրագրերը բարի արդյունավորում ունենան:

Where Is God? You Ask

How would you describe your life presently? Are you happy and content? Are you sad or confused? Do you feel the presence of Christ in your life?

With his ascension to heaven Jesus departed this world physically. But he promised his apostles and all his followers that he will be with them to the end of time. This Sunday is designated as Second Palm Sunday on the Armenian Church calendar, a designation based on a historical legend that upholds the truth of Christ's promise of his everlasting presence in the world. According to this legend, when St. Gregory the Illuminator was being persecuted by the King and he was thrown into the dungeon our Lord did not abandon his servant but was present to him in his time of suffering for the Gospel. According to the legend, an angel of God visited Gregory in the dungeon every day and brought him a slice of bread and a glass of water. And because of Christ's presence in the life of his servant, Gregory survived the persecutions and eventually was triumphant in proclaiming the Gospel not only to the King and his palace but to the entire population of Armenia.

The fact that this story is a legend, and may be difficult to prove historically, does not diminish in anyway the truth about our faith that Jesus our Lord is present to us and in our world no matter where we are in our journey of life.

Come to church this Sunday and be with your brothers and sisters who are traveling on the journey of faith with you. Come and feel the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ who comes to us in his holy Body and precious Blood and affirms that he is ever present in our world, in the life of his followers in times of triumph and trouble.

May the Lord be abundantly present in your life and
in the life of your family.



BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday, May 31st, 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.

I Maccabees

Chapter 14 “Capture of Demetrius”

Chapter 15 & 16 “Letter of Antiochus VII”

This book is the most historical of the Apocrypha writings. This book covers the period between 180-134 B.C. The emphasis continues to be that God worked through Mattathias and sons to bring deliverance to the Israelite nation. God does not intervene in divine, supernatural ways. He worked through the people to accomplish His purposes. For the Israelites, their nationalism and religious zeal were one and the same.



Church Campus Happenings...

Kiss of Peace: “Krisdos ee mech mer haydnetsav.”-
“Orhnyal e haydnootyoonun Krisdosi.”
(*Blessed is the revelation of Christ.*)

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:

Orders for lahmajun, sujuk, & baghaj, are due by 6/4/23 can be forwarded to Barbara Hovsepian by texting 551-206-6686, or by emailing bhovsepian@optonline.net
Pick up for these orders is scheduled for 6/11/23 before 1pm, in Abajian Hall

Sunday School:

Runs from 10am -12pm, PreK through 11th 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.

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.

GOMIDAS CHOIR

KRIS D. KALFAYAN, MUSICAL DIRECTOR

65th 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 2ND AVENUE, NYC 10016

GUEST ARTISTS

HUYSER MUSIC ENSEMBLE

AND

ARI TERJANIAN, PIANIST

SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY

LOUSAPER YOUTH CHOIR

OF HOLY MARTYRS ARMENIAN CHURCH
NARGIZ MKRITCHYAN, DIRECTOR

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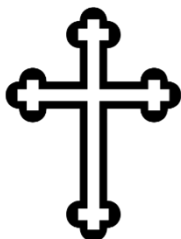
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FOR MORE INFORMATION

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*God Bless our Sunday School
Graduates*



Taniel Arakelian

Arin Atlihan

Sophia Ashbahian

Daniella Baga

Liana Sarine Farah

Lenna Kasaryan

Lauren Kedersha

Aram Nishanian

Gregory Yaghdjian





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 Bohajian
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.

OR

2. Email your message and photo/artwork to: 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 short 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 lights, including a string of lights and a small lamp on a table to the left.

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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

**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

For more information call 201-791-2862



Sponsor



Volunteer

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.



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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).



Volun
teer

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) for requirements and to be approved.*

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

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: _____

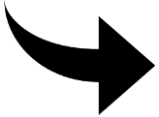


Holy Name Medical Center provides
**COMPLIMENTARY BLOOD PRESSURE
SCREENING at St. Leon**

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-



June 21st, 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!





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 diocesansummercamps.org to
find out more information and to register.





**ARMENIAN-AMERICAN HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
ORGANIZATION**

Of New York, New Jersey & Connecticut

***Cordially* invites you to a Medical Workshop
Hosted by St Leon Parish Council
Sunday, June 25, 2023, at 1pm
Abajian Hall**

PANEL PARTICIPANTS:

Dr. Louis Najarian, MD
Gaming, Social Media, Drugs

Dr. Lawrence Najarian, MD
Macular Degeneration

Dr. Tro Kalayjian, DO
Weight Control

Dr. Knarig Khatchadurian Meyer, PHD
Nutrition
Moderator/Chairperson

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

**For more information, please contact St Leon Church Office
Plan to join us!**

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!



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 21 TODAY	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School Commencement Ceremony	
Fri	May 26	No Armenian School	
Sun	May 28	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy <i>celebrant Primate Very Rev Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan,</i> Pentecost, No Sunday School	
Fri	June 2	Armenian School	
Sun	June 4 	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School Awards Ceremony Annual Church Picnic	
Fri	June 9	Armenian School Hantes	
Sun	June 11	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School, Women's Guild Day	WG
Sun	June 18	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School, Happy Father's Day	
Sun	June 25	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School, AAHPO presentation	

Last Gospel
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, 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

