

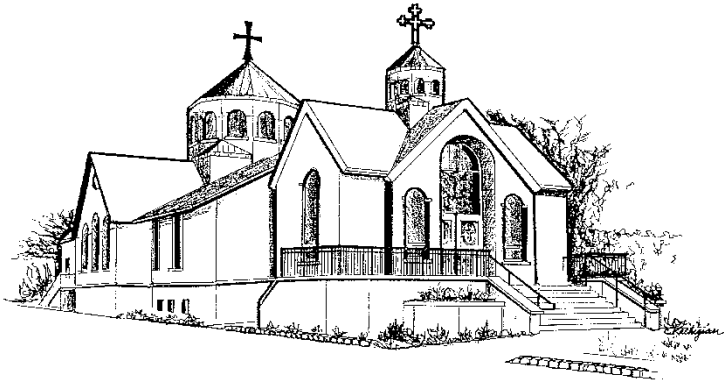
# ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Sixth Sunday of Eastertide

May 22, 2022

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



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## Readings from the Holy Scripture

Acts 20:17-38

I John 3:2-6

Gospel of John 9:39-10:10

*“Krisdos haryav ee merelots!” –*

*“Orhnyal é harootyunun Krisdosi!”*

*“Christ is Resurrected from the Dead!” -*

*“Blessed is the Resurrection of Christ!”*

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# ALTER SERVERS

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Sebuh Oscherician, Sarkis Pilavdjian,  
Nurhan Ezik, Dr. Gregory Kazanjian

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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*



## Outreach to Clergy in remote regions of Armenia and Artsakh:

Recently, His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians has requested from the three largest Armenian dioceses in the world, Eastern and Western Dioceses and also the Armenian Diocese of Russia, to financially assist in supporting the Armenian clergy in remote regions of Armenia and Artstakh, who do not receive a monthly stipend.

Therefore, today’s plate collection will be earmarked for Outreach Clergy Assistance-Armenia. Thank you for your generosity.

~Der Diran & Parish Council



# 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*.



*The Roland & Riedel Families have  
donated towards today’s altar flowers  
in honor of the baptism of  
Olivia Pauline Riedel.*



**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.

**Coffee Hospitality:** Today's hospitality is hosted by our ACYOA Seniors. Please join us in Abajian Hall after church services.

**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

**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.



**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 Jinivizian, 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.*



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

## Մայր Աթոռ Ս. Էջմիածնում սկսվեց Գերագույն հոգևոր խորհրդի ժողովը

Մայիսի 17-ին Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում, Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ծայրագույն Պատրիարք և Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսի նախագահությամբ և օրհնությամբ սկսվեց Գերագույն հոգևոր խորհրդի ժողովն ընդլայնված կազմով:

Ժողովի ընթացքում քննության կառնվեն Մայր Տաճարի ամրակայման և հիմնանորոգության ընթացքին, Մյուռոնօրհնության կազմակերպմանը, Հայաստանում ու Արցախում տիրող իրավիճակին, Հայաստանի և Արցախի թեմերում Հայ Առաքելական Սուրբ Եկեղեցու կրթադաստիարակչական առաքելությանը, ինչպես նաև Հայոց Եկեղեցու վարչական, կանոնական ու հովվական կյանքին առնչվող հարցեր:





May 2022

Dear Brethren,

On behalf of the *Committee on Racial and Social Justice and Repair: Good Samaritan Ministry*, I ask that our clergy and faithful offer requiem prayers this coming Sunday, May 22, for the 10 African Americans who perished in Buffalo, NY on May 14. We call on God to grant mercy and rest to their souls, and we pray for an end to racism and racist violence. As Armenians who ourselves have historically experienced persecution and hate, we now stand with the mourning families in grief, and we harken to Christ's commandment to "love one another as I have loved you."

Names of those who lost their lives:

Aaron Salter  
Ruth Whitfield  
Pearly Young  
Katherine Massey  
Deacon Heyward Patterson  
Celestine Chaney  
Roberta A. Drury  
Margus D. Morrison  
Andre Mackneil  
Geraldine Talley

With gratitude,

*Fr. Simeon Odabashian*

*Հոգ. Տ. Միսէրնի արք. Օսապաշեան*

(Vicar General of the Diocese of the Armenian Church)



# HOKEHANKISD

✝ Nishan & Diruhi Cakir and Harut Purut & Family request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Aret Cakir**, *loving son, brother, uncle*, on the occasion of his **4<sup>th</sup> year** of 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.

✝ Margaret, Taline & Nora Janikian, Ani Janikian, the Akian Family, and the Touryan Family request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Hrachia Janikian**, *loving husband, father, son, brother, uncle, cousin*, on the occasion of his **2<sup>nd</sup> year** of 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 one.

✝ Mr. & Mrs. Bagrat & Ari Isakhanian and Mr. & Mrs. Sargis & Rita Asoyan request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Hrachia Janikian**, On the occasion of his **2<sup>nd</sup> year** of 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 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, father, grandfather* on the occasion of his **3<sup>rd</sup> year** of 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 one.

✝ The Sahagian Family from New Jersey, Hagop, Ani, Harout, Talar and from Beirut, the families of Sona, Nelly and Missak Melidonian request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Vaskanoush Sahagian**, *loving, mother, grandmother & great grandmother* on her **8<sup>th</sup> year** of passing into eternal rest. **The**

Family has donated toward the Altar Flowers and request the Altar Candles be lit in her and her husband's memory.

Vaskanoush was the widow of beloved Haroutioun Sahagian a survivor of the Armenian Genocide from Trebizond.



Jacqueline & Joseph L. Basralian and Sheila & Edward Devejian request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Anna Serabian**, loving maternal aunt on the occasion of her **40<sup>th</sup> day (Karasoonk)** of 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 one.



*Today's Hokejash is offered by the Janikian Family in memory of their loved one Hrachia Janikian.*



## **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.*



**Hokehankisd Deadline:** 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. Thank you.





## *Hampartsoum*

**Thursday, May 26, 2022**

### **Feast of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ**

The Armenian Church celebrates the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The day marks the ascent of our Lord into heaven, on the 40th day after his resurrection. In the Bible, the opening chapter of the Book of Acts gives the classic account of Christ's ascension, where Jesus first preaches to the disciples on the Mount of Olives; and then, "as they beheld, he was taken up, and a cloud received him out of their sight" (Acts 1:9). Luke (who is also the author of Acts) reports in the closing verses of his gospel that "while [Jesus] blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven" (Lk 24:51). St. Paul gives us the earliest reference to Christ's presence in heaven, in his Epistle to the Romans (Rom 10:5-7). The Feast of the Ascension (*Hampartsoum* in Armenian) has been celebrated in the universal church since ancient times. Modern scholarship traces its observance to the 4th century. The Nicene Creed (A.D. 325), chanted in the Armenian Church during every Divine Liturgy, asserts that Christ "ascended into heaven with the same body and sat at the right hand of the Father." Today, a sanctuary on the Mount of Olives marks the place where the Ascension of our Lord occurred. For centuries the Brotherhood of St. James at the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem has held a vespers service and vigil in the sanctuary on the eve of the Feast of the Ascension.



## **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.



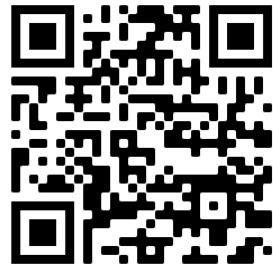
# Annual St. Leon

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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)

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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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**SESSION B: JULY 17 - JULY 30**

**SESSION C: JULY 31 - AUGUST 13**

Questions? ✉ [KathrynA@armenlandiocese.org](mailto:KathrynA@armenlandiocese.org) ☎ 215-452-8322

**REGISTER ONLINE:** [DiocesanSummerCamps.org](https://DiocesanSummerCamps.org)

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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
Sun	Jun 19	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Father's Day
Sun	Jun 26	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy

**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, 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**

