

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Pentecost
May 28, 2023

Morning Service 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Acts 2:1-21
John 14:25-31

“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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**We are honored to have our Primate,
Very Rev Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan
as our celebrant today.*

**After the Primate's Homily the service for
the Installation of the Newly Elected Central
Council Members will begin, followed by
Hokehankisd.*



Parish Council Members

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HOKEHANKISD

✝ 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**, *caring, loving, mother, grandmother, & great-grandmother* on **her 9th year** anniversary of passing into eternal rest. The family has donated towards the altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved one. Vaskanoush was the widow of beloved Haroutioun Sahagian, a survivor of the Armenian Genocide from Trebizond.

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,

Aleksan Aritakesian, Felicia Asomani, James Azarian, Mosses Bairamian, Hana Botie, Zoe Brooks, Frank Cornawchiulo, Jerry DiSant, Mike Fenarjian, Julie Frattarola, Yester Garabedian Ruben Grigoryants, Varoujan Harutunian, Lusine Hovsepyan, Silva Jinivizian, Robert John Karanfilian III, Brandon Katz, Annette Kouchshirin, Jim & Wendy Lathey, 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 updating 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 izmeemeeyanis, 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
Հայոց Եկեղեցու
Պատմություն առարկայի
Հանրապետական
օլիմպիադայում
հաջողություններ գրանցած
աշակերտներին**

Մայիսի 22-ին Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ծայրագույն Պատրիարք և Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում ընդունեց Հայոց Եկեղեցու պատմություն առարկայի հանրապետական օլիմպիադայում մրցանակային տեղեր գրաղեցրած աշակերտներին:

Հանդիպման սկզբում Մայր Աթոռի Քրիստոնեական դաստիարակության կենտրոնի տնօրեն Հոգեշնորհ Տ. Զաքարիա ծայրագույն վարդապետ Բաղումյանը, հայցելով Նորին Սրբության օրհնությունը, ներկայացրեց այս տարվա ՀԵՊ առարկայի օլիմպիադայի արդյունքներն ու արձանագրած հաջողությունները՝ շեշտելով առարկայի սիրված լինելն ու կարևոր դերակատարությունը մատաղ սերնդի ազգային-հոգևոր կրթության և դաստիարակության գործում:

Այնուհետև Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսն, Իր սերն ու օրհնությունը փոխանցելով ներկաներին, շնորհավորեց օլիմպիադայի մրցանակակիրներին՝ ուրախությամբ արձանագրելով, որ առարկան կարևոր ձեռքբերում է նորանկախ հանրապետության կրթության ոլորտում:

Նորին Սրբությունը ցավով նկատեց, որ կրթական չափորոշիչների փոփոխությամբ դպրոցներում դադարելու է առարկայի դասավանդումը՝ հույս հայտնելով, որ ՀՀ իշխանություններն անդրադարձ կունենան այդ որոշմանն ու մեր զավակներին հնարավորություն կընձեռնվի ստանալ

հոգևոր գիտելիքներ և դաստիարակություն՝ հավատարիմ մնալու նախնայաց ժառանգությանն ու ազգային արժեհամակարգին:

Հայոց Հովվապետն աշակերտներին հորդորեց ջերմեռանդությամբ և նախանձախնդրորեն շարունակեն իրենց ուսումնառությունը, ամբարեն նոր գիտելիքներ և եկեղեցասիրությամբ ու հայրենաճանաչությամբ իրենց մեջ գորացնեն նվիրումի ոգին՝ ի փառս հայրենիքի և Մայր Եկեղեցու:

Հանդիպմանը Վեհափառ Հայրապետը նաև իր գնահատանքը փոխանցեց Հայր Զաքարիային և ՀԵՊ ուսուցիչներին՝ պատանի հայորդիներին տարիներ շարունակ քրիստոնեական և ազգային արժեհամակարգով կրթելու ու դաստիարակելու իրենց կատարած նվիրյալ աշխատանքի համար՝ ընդգծելով, որ դրա վառ վկայությունը աշակերտների արձանագրած հաջողություններն են:

Վերջում Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը պատասխանեց աշակերտներին հետաքրքրող հարցերին:





The Very Reverend Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan

**Primate, Diocese of Armenian
Church of America (Eastern)**

Immediately prior to his election as the 13th Primate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan served the Diocese as its Director of Ministries.

A native of Yerevan, Fr. Mesrop attended Gevorgian Theological Seminary of Holy Etchmiadzin, where he received his bachelor's degree in theology in 2003. He was ordained into the holy priesthood that same year, and thereafter served until 2004 as the staff-bearer for His Holiness Karekin II, the Catholicos of All Armenians.

He earned hold a master's degree in theology and religious Sciences from the University of Strasbourg, France, and studied in Dublin, Ireland, at the International Study Centre. In 2011 he received his Archimandrite (*Vardapet*) rank: the Doctoral degree of the Armenian Church.

As a professor at Gevorgian Theological Seminary from 2007 to 2011, Fr. Mesrop taught Christian Ethics, and simultaneously served as deputy-chancellor of the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin. During this period, he had two pastoral stays in Brussels, Belgium, and in Nice, France.

He went on to serve the Armenian Church Diocese in Geneva, Switzerland, as its Locum Tenens Primate. He was Vicar General of the Armenian Diocese in Marseille, France, from 2012 to 2013, and the following year served in Paris as Locum Tenens Primate of the Armenian Diocese of France.

Throughout his ministry in Europe (2007-2014), Fr. Mesrop was a member of the Church and Society Commission of the Conference of European Churches.

Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan came to the United States in 2015 and took up the pastorship of Holy Shoghagat Church in Belleville, IL, for a period of two years. In 2017 he took up a position at the Diocesan Center in New York City as its director of Ministries. He was appointed as Vicar of St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral in 2018.

In the autumn of 2019, Fr. Parsamyan answered the call of His Holiness Karekin II, to return to the Mother See and take up a new role as Dean of Gevorgian Seminary. He led the seminary through Armenia's ensuing years of trial and affliction, before completing his mission for His Holiness, returning to the U.S. in 2021.

His election as Primate took place during the 120th Diocesan Assembly, meeting in New York City and online, on Friday, May 6, 2022. With the blessing and confirmation of His Holiness Karekin II, the Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, Fr. Parsamyan assumed the office of the 13th Diocesan Primate on May 17, 2022.

Michael Shahnasarian



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.”

(Christ is revealed among us.)

“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.

Please note that this is the final opportunity to order until September!

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 Youth Center Commons. 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 ACYOA Srs.

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.

LAST DAY



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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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aline Tashjian".

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 on the back of the ad booklet. _____



OR

2. Email your message to _____

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.



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TONIGHT

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

**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.



Sponsor

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/3LsySqh> or for more information contact Lynn Markarian (lynn.markarian@gmail.com).



Volunteer

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: _____

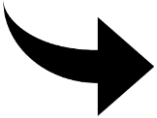


Holy Name Medical Center provides
**COMPLIMENTARY BLOOD PRESSURE
SCREENING at St. Leon**

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!





St. Leon Armenian Church

Paving the Way...Brick by Brick

Assist in paving the way to St. Leon Armenian Church's new education and recreation building. A common area at the entry to the building will consist of engraved bricks. This is a wonderful way to make your support of this facility permanently known. You may choose to have your name, the name of a child or grandchild, birthday, anniversary or graduation day, engraved on the brick. The possibilities are numerous and the help invaluable in meeting our goal of expanding our ministry by expanding our facilities.

There are two sizes to choose from in English and Armenian letters. Each donor will receive a certificate of ownership and the satisfaction of knowing that your support will help our St. Leon family continue to grow in faith in the Armenian Church well into the 21st century.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

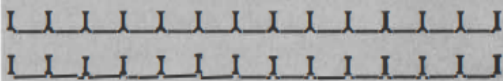
Commemorative Brick Purchase:

English Letters

_____ 4" x 8" Brick @ \$135.00

Maximum of two lines, 13 letters per line

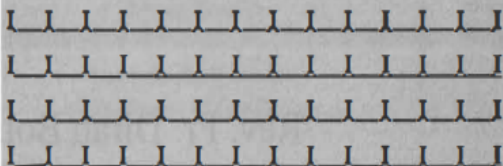
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_____ 8" x 8" Brick @ \$250.00

Maximum of four lines, 13 letters per line

For 8" x 8" - engraving to read as follows: (please print clearly)



Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please return this form to:

Barbara Royland

44 Benson Avenue

Westwood, N.J. 07675

Email: hycemom@optonline.net

201-666-5735

Check payable to: St. Leon (Memo: Brick Campaign)

All donations are tax deductible.

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 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 Happy Father's Day  Happy Fathers Day 
Sun	June 25	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School, AAHPO presentation
Sun	July 2	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy
Sun	July 9	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy

Last Gospel
Luke 12:32-40

~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

