

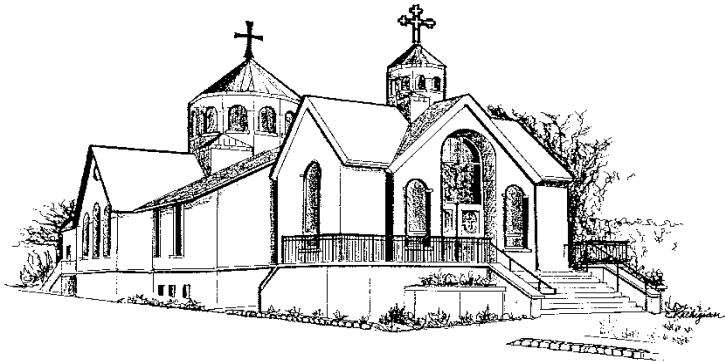
ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Apparition of the Holy Cross

May 7, 2023

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Acts 17:1-15

1 John 1:1-10

John 7:14-23

“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

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*Please keep Artsakh &
Our Motherland, Armenia,
in your prayers*



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HOKEHANKISD

✝ Linda Parseghian and George Parseghian & Family request Hokehankisd for the soul *beloved mother*, **Arax Parseghian** on her **1st** 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.

✝ The Mekhsian, Bekarian, Demirdjian, Garabedian, Devian, & Karalian families request Hokehankisd for the newly departed soul of *beloved sister, sister-in-law, aunt*, **Sirvart Bekarian Demirdjian**, on her 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.

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 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 Արգենտինայից Ժամանած պատվիրակությանը

Մարիլի 30-ին Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ծայրագույն Պատրիարք և Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը Մայր

Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում ընդունեց Արգենտինայի հասարակական գործիչներից, լրագրողներից, իրավաբաններից և գործարարներից կազմված պատվիրակությանը՝ ուղեկցությամբ արգենտինահայ գործարար Խուան Պաբլո Գեչիչյանի:

Տիար Գեչիչյանը, Նորին Սրբությանը ներկայացնելով հյուրերին, տեղեկացրեց, որ պատվիրակության անդամները Հայաստան են ժամանել ի մոտո ծանոթանալու հայ ժողովրդին, նրա մշակույթին, կրոնին, պատմությանը և հոգևոր արժեքներին:

Վեհափառ Հայրապետը, իր օրհնությունը բերելով ներկաներին, գոհունակությամբ ընդգծեց, որ երկու երկրների հարաբերությունները հատկանշված են սերտ բարեկամությամբ և Արգենտինան դժվարին իրավիճակներում մշտապես գորակից է եղել հայ ժողովրդին:

Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը երախտագիտությամբ արձանագրեց, որ Հայոց Ցեղասպանությունից հետո Եղեռնից մազապուրծ հայեր հանգրվանելով Արգենտինայում՝ կարողացան վերակազմակերպել իրենց ազգային-հոգևոր կյանքը, և իբրև արժանավայել քաղաքացիներ իրենց կարևոր ներդրումը բերեցին երկրի կյանքի առաջնօրհան՝ վայելելով Արգենտինայի ժողովրդի ու իշխանությունների սերն ու հարգանքը:

Հանդիպմանը Հայոց Հայրապետն անդրադարձ կատարեց նաև տարածաշրջանում առակա իրավիճակին՝ արգենտինացիներին տեղեկություններ փոխանցելով դարաբաղյան հակամարտության սկսնված փուլում, 44-օրյա պատերազմից հետո Ադրբեջանի կողմից շարունակվող արցախահայության և Հայաստանի ինքնիշխան տարածքների նկատմամբ ոտնձգությունների, Լաչինի միջանցքի արգելափակման և դրա հետևանքով Արցախում ստեղծված հումնափտար ճգնաժամի, ինչպես նաև Ադրբեջանի վերահսկողության տակ անցած տարածքներում պատամաշակութային ու հոգևոր արժեքների ոչնչացման փաստերի վերաբերյալ:

Ամենայն Հայոց Հայրապետը պատասխանեց նաև հյուրերի հարցերին, որոնք վերաբերում էին միջեկեղեցական հարաբերություններին և դարաբաղյան հակամարտության կարգավորման գործում Քույր Եկեղեցիների հոգևոր պետերի կողմից ձեռնարկված քայլերին:

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. As it remained visible for several hours, the population of Jerusalem assembled in the church to praise Jesus Christ for the miraculous sign, but this apparition not only affected the locals. St. Cyril the Bishop of Jerusalem wrote about the miracle in a letter to the Emperor Constantias of Constantinople who at the time, believed in the Arian heresy which denies Jesus is God, and claims He was a created being, subordinate to God the Father. Upon reading the letter, Emperor Constantias was deeply moved and returned to the orthodox teaching of the Church that Jesus is God, equal in nature to the Father.

For further reading, you may go to:

[DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA \(EASTERN\) + VEMKAR.US](http://DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA (EASTERN) + VEMKAR.US)



BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday, May 17th & 24th, 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...

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:

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

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 Men’s Fellowship.

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.

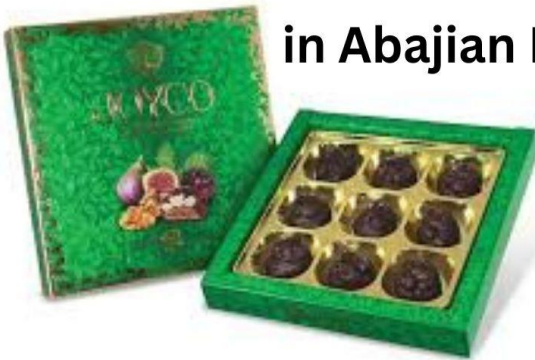
CHOCOLATES FROM ARMENIA ARE BACK!

**AND HOMEMADE
HALVA TOO!!**

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

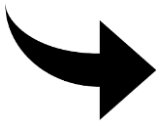


Holy Name Medical Center provides
**COMPLIMENTARY BLOOD PRESSURE
SCREENING at St. Leon**

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 17th, 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!



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 MKRTCHYAN, DIRECTOR

FOR TICKETS PLEASE VISIT
gomidas-choir.ticketleap.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION
[gomidaschoir@gmail.com](mailto:gomidashoir@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 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.

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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sor

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).



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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: _____



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.



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 7 TODAY	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy- Apparition of the Holy Cross Sunday School
Fri	May 12	Armenian School
Sun	May 14 	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School, Mother's Day
Fri	May 19	Armenian School
Sun	May 21	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School Graduation 
Fri	May 26	Armenian School
Sun	May 28	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Pentecost, Sunday School

Last Gospel
John 12:26

~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

