

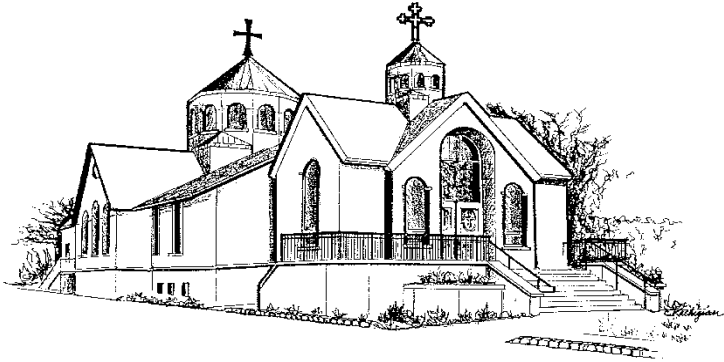
ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Ninth Sunday after Exaltation

November 12, 2023

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Isaiah 24:1-12

Ephesians 5:15-33

Luke 8:49-56

“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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*Today we welcome His Grace
Bishop Vahan Hovanesian.*



Our Brothers & Sisters of Artsakh Need Our Help
Please Keep our Motherland in Your Prayers



PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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HOKEHANKISD

✝ Mark Howell & Sarah Hovhannessian Howell request Hokehankisd for the souls of *beloved parents*, **Dr. Avedis & Seta Hovhannessian**, and for the souls of *loving grandparents*, **Sarkis Kradjian & Margaret Hovnanian Kradjian**, on passing into eternal rest. They have donated towards the altar flowers and have requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.

✝ Artie Kouyoumdjian, Ankine Ramian, & Salpy Peltekian request Hokehankisd for the souls of **Nazareth & Siradzin Kouyoumdjian**, and **Krikor & Yeros Der Ohanesian**, and **John Der Ohanesian**, and **Lucien Sarian**, and **Byron Wurfl**, and all **family members** who have passed into eternal rest. They have donated towards the altar flowers and have requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.

✝ Friends of, request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Mary Ann Mozian**, *beloved friend*, on passing into eternal rest. They have donated towards the altar flowers and have requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved one.

✝ Ustinjya M Shahdanian, John L. Shahdanian II & wife Kelly & children, John L. Shadanian III, Alexander, Lauren, and Diana M. Cascone & John Scott Cascone & children, Gabriella, Nora, Sofia, and Mark H. Shahdanian & wife Patricia, & children Austin John, & Margaret request Hokehankisd for the soul of **John Shahdanian**, *beloved husband, father, grandfather* on the occasion of the 40th day (Karasonk), 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.





Nubar Boyajian and Jeanette Mosgofian request

Hokehankisd for the soul of *beloved friend*, **John Shahdanian**, on the occasion of the *40th day (Karasonk)* of passing into eternal rest. They have donated towards the altar flowers and have requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved one.



Avedis & Bea Movsesian request Hokehankisd for the soul of

John Shahdanian on the occasion of the *40th day (Karasonk)* of passing into eternal rest. They have donated towards the altar flowers and have requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved one.

Hokehankisd Request Deadline:

Hokehankisd requests must be submitted by **noon on Thursdays** so that it can be printed in that week's Sunday bulletin.

Please be mindful that a standard word format is used to maintain non-preferential consistency in the allotted printing space.

Be sure to include contact information when emailing or leaving a message 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,
(Kindly assist with updating the prayer list by notifying the church office of any changes).

*Aleksan Aristakesian, Felicia Asomani, James Azarian,
Mosses Bairamian, Hana Botie, Zoe Brooks, Frank Cornawchiulo,
Jerry DiSanti, Julie Frattarola, Ruben Grigoryants,
Varoujan Harutunian, Lusine Hovsepyan, Silva Jinivizian,
Robert John Karanfilian III, Brandon Katz, Annette Kouchshirin,
Jim & Wendy Lathey, Sara Malajian, 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 care and watches over all His children. "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.



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.

Do you know what the writing above the altar says?



*It is written in classical Armenian and says,
"Love one another, because God is Love."*

("Seeretsek izmeemeeyanis, zee Asdvadz ser e")

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.



Bishop Vahan Hovhanessian

Bishop Vahan Hovhanessian (baptismal name Sarkis) was born in 1963, in Baghdad, Iraq. Following his graduation from primary schools in Baghdad, he entered the College of Electrical Engineering of the University of Baghdad, graduating with a B.S.E. in 1985.

In 1985, he entered the Saint Nersess Seminary of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, jointly with St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, both in New York.

In 1989, he graduated from the Saint Nersess Seminary and St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, defending his thesis entitled *"The Council of Shahapivan (CE 444): Translation, Introduction and Commentary"*, earning a master's degree.

In 1987, he was ordained to the Diaconate by Archbishop Khajag Barsamian in the St. Vartan Cathedral of New York.

In 1990, he was ordained as a celibate priest and given the priestly name of Vahan. Following his ordination, he served in the Armenian communities of Baghdad and Mosul (Iraq).

From 1991 to 1992, he served as a visiting Spiritual Pastor in the Holy Cross Church in New York.

From 1992 to 1993, he served as Sacristan in the St. Vartan Cathedral in New York.

From 1993 to 1999, he served as the Spiritual Pastor of the St. Ghevond Armenian Church in Fair Lawn, New Jersey.

In 1994, upon the successful defense of his thesis entitled *"The Third Corinthians in the Armenian Church literature"*, he received the rank of Archimandrite (Vardapet). Father Vahan continued his advanced education, completing graduate-level courses and seminars in *"Coptic Reading: The Gospel of Thomas"*, *"Talmud and Rabbinics"*, and *"Islam and the Qur'an"*. He attended Fordham University in the Bronx, New York, and graduated with a Ph.D. in Biblical Studies in 1998. He defended his dissertation entitled *"The Third Corinthians: Reclaiming Paul for Christian Orthodoxy"*.

From 1999 to 2000, Father Vahan served as the Acting Dean at the Saint Nersess Armenian Seminary.

From 2000 to 2010, he served as the Spiritual Pastor in the St. Martirosats Church.

In 2006, he defended his thesis entitled “New Testament Apocrypha and the Armenian Version of the Bible” and received the rank of Senior Archimandrite (Dzayraguyn Vardapet) by the Pontifical Encyclical of His Holiness Karekin II, Catholicos of All Armenians.

Since 2006, he is the Editor-in-Chief of the publications of the Orthodox Center for the Advancement of Bible Studies at the Peter Lank Publishing House in New York, and an Advisor of the Publications of St. Nersess Theological Review.

Since 2006, he is the Chairman of the Consultation Unit: “The Bible in the Eastern and Oriental Orthodox Traditions” of the Society of Biblical Literature.

Since 2008, Father Vahan is a Member of the Doctoral Theses Committee of the Gevorkian Theological Seminary, in Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin.

Since 2009, he is a Member of “Theta Alpha Kappa” National Society for Religious Studies and Theology.

On November 06, 2011, Father Vahan was consecrated as a Bishop by His Holiness Karekin II, Catholicos of All Armenians; in the Mother Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin.

From 2010 to 2014, he was elected to serve as the Primate of the Armenian Diocese of Great Britain.

On November 01, 2014, His Grace was awarded the Order of the "Ecclesiastical Commander" by the "St. Knights of Lazarus" Organization.

On November 01, 2014, His Grace Bishop Vahan Hovhannessian was elected to serve as the Primate of the Armenian Diocese of France.

From April 1, 2023, he was elected to serve in the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

His Grace Bishop Vahan Hovhannessian is the author of many works and articles. He lectured at several institutions: Georgian Court University, St. Mark Coptic Seminary, St. Nersess Armenian Seminary. Bishop Vahan is a Member of the Association Internationale des études Arméniennes (AIEA), Association pour l'étude de la Littérature Apocryphe Chrétienne (AELAC), Catholic Biblical Association (CBA), Friends of the Matenadaran: Mashtots Institute of Ancient Manuscripts, Armenia, Orthodox Theological Society in America, Orthodox Center for the Advancement of Biblical Studies (OCABS), Society for Armenian Studies (SAS), Society of Biblical Literature (SBL), Standing Conference of the Oriental Orthodox Church (SCHOOCH), The American School of Oriental Research (ASOR), and The Anthropology Museum of the People of New York Board of Directors.



BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday, Nov.22, 2023.

TIME: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Call or e-mail Fr. Diran to receive a zoom invite to the Bible study group.

We read the Synoptic Gospels where we see the parallels of the Birth of John the Baptist, the Genealogy of Jesus. The Gospels have a special literary relationship among the three Synoptic gospels, that is the question as to the source or sources which each gospel depended on when it was written. The texts of the three Gospels, Matthew, Mark, and Luke often agree very closely with the wording and order, both in quotations and in narration. Most scholars ascribe this to documentary dependence, direct or indirect, meaning the close agreements among synoptic gospels due to one gospel's drawing from the text of another, or from some written source that another gospel also drew from which begins with the Oral tradition and then moves to the written.

1. "The Adoration of Jesus"
2. "The Circumcision and Presentation in the Temple"
3. "The Flight into Egypt and Return"
4. "The Boy Jesus in the Temple"





Fr. Diran is beginning the Diocesan Scout Program on Saturday Mornings

The Program includes,

1. The Ararat Award for Cadette Girl Scouts & Senior Girl Scouts
2. The St. Gregory Award for Brownie Girl Scouts & Junior Girl Scouts
3. The Ararat Award for Boy Scouts
4. The St. Gregory Award for Cub Scouts.

Contact Der Hayr at the Church Office (201-791-2862) to schedule meeting times.



Thank you!

Fair Lawn High School Transition Program
students who fold & deliver our bulletins
every week.

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.

Armenian School:

Fund Raiser: All inquiries for purchasing of lahmajun, sujuk, & baghaj, may be forwarded to Nora Balekji

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,**

acarden56@gmail.com.

St. Leon’s Social Club:



Social Club meets every Wednesday, 11:30am-3:00pm at the upper level of our **Youth 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 hospitality is hosted by our Women’s Guild & Shahdanian family. Please join us *after* Badarak, in Abajian Hall for coffee & fellowship.

Please Note: All campus postings *must be pre-approved* by the church office. **All others will be removed.** No taping on glass nor doors permitted. And *sorry*, no personal business promotions. Consider instead, inquiring about advertisement opportunities in our *Lradoo*.

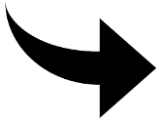


Holy Name Medical Center provides
**COMPLIMENTARY BLOOD PRESSURE
SCREENING at St. Leon**

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-



November 15, 2023
(Mark your calendars)

It's a walk-in service, no appointment needed.
Feel free to call the church office,
with any questions.
201-791-2862

Your heart will thank you!





St. Leon's Men's Fellowship

Presents

"Oktoberfest"

November 17, 2023, 7pm

Abajian Hall

12-61 Saddle River Road, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

- Traditional German Oktoberfest dinner provided by Parkwood Catering of Midland Park
- Curated craft beers, brewed and presented by Hackensack Brewery
- \$70 per person (Tables of ten are highly recommended.)
- send checks, payable to "St. Leon's Men's Fellowship" to:

**Bob and Joyce Ishkanian
441 Glendale Road
Wyckoff, NJ 07481**

Please make sure to include your phone number on your check,
along with the names of tablemates, if any.

R.S.V.P. NOV. 12TH

THERE'S STILL TIME!

LIVE MUSIC!

Sorry, No walk-ins.



Please join us!

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE



ACSAs BASKETBALL 2023-2024 Season

DATE	GARDEN CITY MITCHEL GYM	FAIR LAWN ST LEON GYM	HACKENSACK HIGH SCHOOL
OCT 22	2:00 St LEON1 3:15 M SVC 4:30 Jr SARK VART	1:30 G LEON 2:45 Sr LEON 3:00 St LEON2 4:00 HOV2	
OCT 29	1:30 St HM2 2:30 HM3 3:30 Sr HM 4:45 Sr HM VART	2:00 St HOV1 3:00 M LEON2 4:15 M SVC LEON3	2:00 G HM1 3:15 G HM2 4:30 Jr LEON VART
NOV 5	2:00 St HM3 3:00 G HM1 4:15 Sr HM SARK HM2 LEON	2:00 St HM1 3:00 Sr HM1 4:00 St HOV1 LEON2 LEON1 HOV2	2:00 Jr HM 3:15 M HC 4:30 M LEON1 LEON2 VART
NOV 12	1:30 Jr LEON 2:45 G HM1 4:00 Sr HM 5:15 St HM2 SARK VART VART SARK	1:00 M LEON2 2:15 M HC 3:30 St HM3 4:30 G HM2 LEON LEON3 LEON1 LEON2	
NOV 19		2:00 M HC 3:15 St HOV1 4:15 St HOV2 LEON1	2:00 M VART 3:15 M SVC LEON1 LEON3
DEC 3	1:30 G HM1 2:45 St HM2 3:45 St HM1 4:45 Jr HM SARK HOV2 HM3	1:30 St HOV1 2:30 St LEON1 3:30 M LEON1 SARK LEON2 LEON3	1:30 Jr LEON 2:45 G LEON 4:00 Sr LEON 5:15 M HC SVC VART VART
DEC 10	1:30 G HM1 2:45 Jr HM 4:00 St HM3 5:00 St HM1 HOV1 HM2	2:00 St HOV2 3:00 Jr VART 4:15 G VART SARK HM2	1:30 M LEON1 2:45 Sr HM 4:00 M HC 5:15 M SVC LEON2 LEON3 LEON3
DEC 17	1:30 St HOV2 2:30 G HM1 3:45 Jr HM 5:00 M HC SVC	1:00 M LEON1 2:15 St HM2 3:15 St HM2 4:15 St HM1 HOV1	1:30 G HM2 2:45 Jr SARK 4:00 Sr HM 5:15 M LEON2 LEON LEON

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Note to all players and coaches: Please arrive at least 30 minutes before game time.

Scores, standings and information at www.acsasports.org

www.facebook.com/acsbasketball

www.instagram.com/acsa_basketball

Come Support our Teams!



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

For 4" x 8" - engraving to read as follows: (please print clearly)

_____ 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: byemom@optonline.net
201-666-5735

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

All donations are tax deductible.

Lradoo & eLradoo

Parish Survey

We have launched a survey regarding preferences on the Lradoo and e-Lradoo. If you've already taken a few minutes to complete the survey, we thank you for your thoughts and participation.

We currently keep members of our community informed via our weekly eNewsletter as well as our bi-monthly print newsletter.

In an effort to streamline the dissemination of information, we are asking you for your opinion to let us know which one you'd prefer to receive moving forward. You may go to www.stleonsurvey.com to complete the form or if you prefer, contact Serda Belekdanian at 201-446-8006 or email her at serdab123@gmail.com with your preferences.

This is merely a survey and will help us better plan for any future decisions regarding our publications.

We thank you for your input.



St 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

**Applications will be supplied upon request.*

REMINDER: Parish Assembly is scheduled for February 4, 2024.
Dues paying members should be up to date with their payments, to vote.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Nov 12	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School	
Mon	Nov 13	WG Meeting 6:30pm	
Wed	Nov 15	Senior Social Club 11-3pm HNH Nurse Visit 2-3pm	
Fri	Nov 17	Armenian School Men's Fellowship's OKTOBERFEST	
Sun	Nov 19	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School	
Wed	Nov 22	Senior Social Club 11-3pm	
Thu	Nov 23	Happy Thanksgiving Church Campus Closed	
Fri	Nov 24	NO Armenian School	
Sat	Nov 25	ACYOA SRS Volleyball & Tavloo 1pm	
Sun	Nov 26	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy NO Sunday School	
Wed	Nov 29	Senior Social Club 11-3pm	
Fri	Dec 1	Armenian School	
Sat	Dec 2	ACYOA JRS Progressive Dinner	
Sun	Dec 3	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School WG Christmas Market (Abajian Hall 12:30-2:30pm)	

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 18, 2024

Exaltation of the Holy Cross – September 17, 2023

