

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

**Barekandan of the Fast of the Advent
November 19, 2023**

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Isaiah 25:9-26:7

Phil. 1:1-11

Luke 9:44-50

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



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HOKEHANKISD

† Murad Civanian requests Hokehankisd for the soul of **Aram Civanian**, *beloved father* on passing into eternal rest. He has donated towards the altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of his loved one.

† Virginia Cherishian & family request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Stephen Cherishian**, *beloved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather*, on the occasion of the 8th 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.

† Charles & Linda Dabagian Silverstein, Richard Galgano, Matthew Galgano & families request Hokehankisd for the souls of **E. George Dabagian**, *beloved father, grandfather, great grandfather, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of passing into eternal rest* and **Lucy Dabagian**, *beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother* on the occasion of the 4th 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 ones.

† Rick & Chris Dabagian & family request Hokehankisd for the soul request Hokehankisd for the souls of **E. George Dabagian**, *beloved father, grandfather, great grandfather, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of passing into eternal rest* and **Lucy Dabagian**, *beloved mother, grandmother* on the occasion of the 4th 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 ones.

✝ The Arzoomanian and Fleming families request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Mary Ann Mozian** on her 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 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 **Haroutioun Sahagian**, loving, caring, inspiring father and grandfather on his 20th year anniversary of passing into eternal rest. Beloved Haroutioun Sahagian was a survivor of the Armenian Genocide from Trabizon. The family has donated toward the altar flowers and request altar candles be lit in his memory and the memory of the Armenians perished during the Armenian Genocide.

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.



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Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսն ընդունեց Արզենտինայում հրեական կազմակերպությունների պատվիրակության նախագահին

Նոյեմբերի 13-ին Ն.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ծայրագույն Պատրիարք և Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում ընդունեց Արզենտինայում հրեական կազմակերպությունների պատվիրակության նախագահ Խորխե Կնոբլովիցին և դիվանագիտական հարաբերությունների պատասխանատու Արիել Բլուֆշտեյնին:

Հանդիպմանը Նորին Սրբությունը, անդրադառնալով երկու ժողովուրդների ընդհանրություններին, ընդգծեց, որ պատմության ընթացքում հայ և հրեա ժողովուրդները կրել են բազմաթիվ տառապանքներ և ենթարկվել ցեղասպանության, սակայն իրենց հավատքի շնորհիվ կարողացել են դիմագրավել բոլոր տեսակի փորձությունները:

Խոսելով Հայաստանի առջև ծառայած մարտահրավերների, բռնի տեղահանված արցախահայերի խնդիրների և Ադրբեջանի կողմից շարունակվող ռազմատենչ քաղաքականության մասին՝ Վեհափառ Հայրապետը նշեց, որ ստեղծված իրադրությունը ցավալի հետևանքն է Ադրբեջանի ցեղասպանական գործողություններին միջազգային կառույցների անհամարժեք արձագանքի:

Զրույցի ընթացքում Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսն անդրադարձավ Հոլոքոսթին, ինչպես նաև միջազգային հանրության կողմից Հայոց Ցեղասպանության ճանաչման և դատապարտման կարևորությանը՝ շեշտելով, որ այդ

ճանապարհով է հնարավոր կանխարգելել նմանօրինակ ոճիրների կրկնությունը մարդկային կյանքում:

Նորին Սրբությունն անդրադարձ կատարեց տարածաշրջանում և Մերձավոր Արևելքում առկա հակամարտություններին՝ դրանց հանգուցալուծման ու խաղաղության հաստատման գործում կարևոր նկատելով նաև միջկրոնական երկխոսությունը:

Պրն. Խորիսե Կնոբլովիցն աշխարհում տիրող բարդ իրավիճակի հաղթահարման և արդարության հաստատման գործում ևս կարևորեց մարդկության մեջ հավատքի զորացումը և կրոնների խաղաղ համագոյակցության երկխոսությունը: Պատվիրակության նախագահը Նորին Սրբությանը տեղեկացրեց, որ ինչպես Արգենտինան, այնպես էլ Արգենտինայի հրեական կազմակերպությունները ճանաչել են Հայոց Ցեղասպանությունը և դատապարտել այն՝ պահպանելով պատմական հիշողությունը հետագայում կանխելու համար նմանօրինակ ոճրագործությունները:

Զրույցի ընթացքում պրն. Կնոբլովիցը նաև իր սերն ու հարգանքն արտահայտեց հայ ժողովրդի, նրա պատմական անցյալի ու հարուստ մշակույթի հանդեպ: Հանդիպմանն անդրադարձ կատարվեց Արգենտինայում հայ և հրեա համայնքների համագործակցությանը:





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:

School Fundraiser



All inquiries for purchasing opportunities of lahmajun, sujuk, & baghaj, may be forwarded to Nora Balekji at 973-513-2507 or nbalekji@gmail.com

Pre-paid orders may be picked up today 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**,

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 ACYOA JRS.

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*.

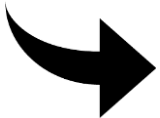


Holy Name Medical Center provides
**COMPLIMENTARY BLOOD PRESSURE
SCREENING at St. Leon**

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-



December 13, 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 Women's Guild

Christmas Market



Sunday, December 3rd at 12 - 2pm

St. Leon Armenian Church
12-61 Saddle River Rd.
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

ARMENIAN VENDORS

GIFTS - CRAFTS - GAMES

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE



ACS A 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	4:00 St LEON2	VART								
OCT 29	1:30 St HM2	2:30 St HM1	3:30 Jr HM	4:45 Sr HM	VART		2:00 St HOV1	3:00 M LEON2	4:15 M SVC	VART		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	VART		2:00 St HM1	3:00 St HM1	4:00 St HOV1	VART		2:00 Jr HM	3:15 M HC	4:30 M LEON1	VART			
NOV 12	1:30 Jr LEON	2:45 G HM1	4:00 Jr HM	5:15 St HM2	SARK		1:00 M LEON2	2:15 M HC	3:30 St HM3	4:30 G HM2	LEON						
NOV 19						2:00 M HC	3:15 St HOV1	4:15 St HOV2	LEON1		2:00 M VART	3:15 M SVC	LEON1				
DEC 3	1:30 G HM1	2:45 St HM2	3:45 St HM1	4:45 Jr HM	SARK		1:30 St HOV1	2:30 St LEON1	3:30 M LEON1	VART		1:30 Jr LEON	2:45 G LEON	4:00 Sr LEON	5:15 M HC	SVC	
DEC 10	1:30 G HM1	2:45 Jr HM	4:00 St HM3	5:00 St HM1	HOV1		2:00 St HOV2	3:00 Jr VART	4:15 G VART	HM2		1:30 M LEON1	2:45 Sr HM	4:00 M HC	5:15 M SVC	LEON2	
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	VART

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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/acsabasketball

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!



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 19	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School	
Wed	Nov 22	NO Senior Social Club	
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)	
Wed	Dec 6	Senior Social Club 11-3pm	
Fri	Dec 8	Armenian School	
Sun	Dec 10	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School	
Tues	Dec 12	WG Meet & Xmas Lunch at MADO 12-3pm	
Wed	Dec 13	Senior Social Club 11-3pm HNH Nurse Visit	

Last Gospel: John 12:24-26

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 18, 2024

Exaltation of the Holy Cross – September 15, 2024

