

ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

**Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross
October 29, 2023**

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



Readings from the Holy Scripture

Isaiah 33:22-34:1
1 Corinthians 1:18-24
Matthew 24:27-36

“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 Prayers**

Please keep our motherland in your prayers



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HOKEHANKISD

✠ Lucy Chagachbanian & family request Hokehankisd for the soul of **John Chagachbanian**, *beloved husband, father, grandfather* on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of passing into eternal rest and for the souls of **Aharon & Zvart Chaghachbanian** and **George & Violet Mazoujian**, *beloved parents, grandparents* on 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.

✠ Kim Deas, grandchildren Josh, Brandon, & Christian request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Claire Hovsepien**, *beloved mother*, on the occasion of the 1st 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.

✠ Joyce and Bob Ishkanian, Jan & Greg Herdemian, Jack & Carol Margossian, & families request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Vivian Margossian** *beloved mother, grandmother, aunt* on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of her passing into eternal rest. The family has donated towards the altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in the memory of their loved one.

✠ Mark, Susan, Daron, Raffi & Haig Pogharian and Gary, Heidi, Melissa & Michael Pogharian and Glenn & Anita Pogharian request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Vahan K. Pogharian** on the occasion of the 1st 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.

Hokehankisd Request Deadline:

All 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 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,
(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, Mike Fenarjian, Julie Frattarola, Denis Leech Gigante, 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 Tengerian, 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 izmeemeyanis, 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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Հոկտեմբերի 24-ին, Ն.Ս.Օ. Տ.Տ. Գարեգին Երկրորդ Ծայրագույն Պատրիարք և Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում ընդունեց ԻԻՀ դեսպանատան Մշակույթի կենտրոնի ղեկավար Ասադի Մովսիսյանին:

Նորին Սրբությունը գոհունակությամբ անդրադարձավ երկու երկրների միջև տարբեր ոլորտներում արձանագրված սերտ համագործակցությանը: Ամենայն Հայոց Հայրապետը մասնավորապես խոսեց մշակույթի կենտրոնի հետ Մայր Աթոռի սերտ կապերի և համատեղ իրականացրած միջոցառումների մասին՝ այդ կապակցությամբ կարևորվելով մշակույթների և կրոնների միջև երկխոսության խթանումը, ինչը նպաստում է ժողովուրդների միջև համերաշխության և փոխգործակցության ձևավորմանը:

Հանդիպմանն անդրադարձ կատարվեց նաև Մերձավոր Արևելքում տեղ գտնող ցավալի զարգացումներին, ի մասնավորի իսրայելապաղեստինյան հակամարտությանը: Վեհափառ Հայրապետը խոր մտահոգություն արտահայտեց պատերազմական գործողությունների և դրանց աղետալի, ողբերգական հետևանքների առնչությամբ: Նորին Սրբությունը նշեց, որ Ադրբեջանի կողմից սանձազերծված ռազմական գործողությունների և ագրեսիայի հետևանքով հայ ժողովուրդը շարունակում է կրել պատերազմի արհավիրքների վիշտն ու ցավը: Հայոց Հայրապետը հայցեց Երկնավորից, որ շուտափույթ դադարեն մարդկային կյանքը վտանգող չարաղետ հակամարտությունները, և խաղաղություն հաստատվի ժողովուրդների կյանքում:

Իր հերթին պրն. Մոհավելին Վեհափառ Հայրապետին ներկայացրեց նոր պաշտոնում երկու երկրների մշակութային կապերի ամրապնդմանն ուղղված իր ծրագրերը:

ԻԻՀ մշակութային կենտրոնի նորանշանակ ղեկավարը անդրադարձ կատարեց տարածաշրջանում տիրող իրավիճակի հետ առկա մտահոգություններին՝ ժողովուրդների միջև փոխըմբռնման ու բարեկամության զորացման գործում կարևորելով միջկրոնական երկխոսությունը և մասնավորապես հոգևոր առաջնորդների առաքելությունը:



BIBLE STUDIES

Wed., Nov 8, 2023.

TIME: 7:30pm-9:00pm

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

Synoptic Gospels

The gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke are referred to as the synoptic Gospels because they include many of the same stories of the life of Jesus, often in a similar sequence and in the same or sometimes identical wording. **Matthew** is the first of four New Testament books about Jesus. The Gospels are understood as the “Good News” of salvation in the presence of Jesus Christ who freed us from sins. It emphasizes that Jesus is the Messiah. Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophesy. Jesus calls the 12 disciples. **Mark** is the shortest of the four Gospels which emphasizes Jesus’ miracles, from one confrontation to another, silencing demons, feeding the five thousand, calming storms, walking on water, dying, and rising to life. Luke’s Gospel is the only that reports Jesus’ birth in moving detail which much of our Christmas traditions come from. **John’s** Gospel emphasizes that Jesus, God’s Son, who was present at the Creation of the world and who has come to earth in human form to offer eternal life to everyone who has faith. John continues to explain that Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. John’s Gospel is different than the others because Jesus is understood as God which emphasizes His divinity.

For the next bible study a focus will be on the birth of John the Baptist, infancy, birth, and genealogy of Jesus.





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, & baghja, may be forwarded to Nora Balekji at 973-513-2507 or nbalekji@gmail.com

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 PARISH COUNCIL.

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*.

Emergency Coat Drive

For Artsakh Refugees

Sponsored by the Knights/Daughters of Vartan

It's 1915 all over again except this time there are thousands of displaced refugees in Armenia and winter is approaching quickly!

Please donate overcoats and winter jackets for immediate shipment, to trusted intermediaries, for distribution in Armenia.

Items will be collected on **October 21, 22, 28 & 29th from 10:00am to 2:00pm ONLY** and will be shipped out immediately thereafter.

The following are acceptable:

NEW OR GENTLY-USED (WASHED AND CLEAN):

1. Overcoats 2) Winter Jackets 3) Sweaters

NEW ONLY:

1. Underwear 2) Bras 3) Thermals 4) Hats 5) Gloves
6) Tights 7) Winter pajamas 8) Socks 9) Blankets
10) Sheets 11) Towels

PLEASE DELIVER DONATIONS TO:

St. Leon Armenian Church (at the Cottage House)
12-61 Saddle River Rd, Fair Lawn, NJ -07410

All items MUST be delivered in unsealed cardboard boxes (no plastic bags) and at the DAYS/HOURS listed above.

To ensure arrival before winter, shipping costs are \$3.50/lb. Please help with these costs by making a tax-deductible donation to "Knights of Vartan" - please write "Artsakh Refugees" on the memo line.

For further information contact: Leo Manuelian (201-218-4058)



THANK YOU ... THANK YOU ... THANK YOU!!!!

VOCATIONS

BROADENING THE CALL

THE ONGOING PROMISE OF ST. NERSESS SEMINARY

SATURDAY, NOV. 4, 2023

MACALUSO'S, HAWTHORNE, NEW JERSEY

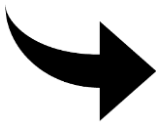


Holy Name Medical Center provides
**COMPLIMENTARY BLOOD PRESSURE
SCREENING**

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.

Reservations deadline is October 31.

Sorry, No walk-ins.

LIVE MUSIC!



Please join us!

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE



ACSA 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	HOV2								
OCT 29	1:30 St HM2	2:30 St HM1	3:30 Jr HM	Sr HM		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		LEON		2:00 St HM1	3:00 St HM1	4:00 St HOV1	LEON		2:00 Jr HM	3:15 M HC	4:30 M LEON1	LEON2		
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	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	LEON3		1:30 Jr LEON	2:45 G LEON	4:00 Sr LEON	5:15 M HC	
DEC 10	1:30 G HM1	2:45 Jr HM	4:00 St HM3	5:00 St HM1		SARK		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	
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
	HM3	VART	VART					LEON3	LEON2	LEON1			LEON	LEON	LEON	LEON	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 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: _____

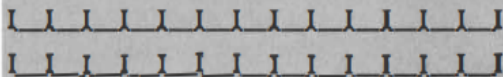
Commemorative Brick Purchase:

English Letters

_____ 4" x 8" Brick @ \$135.00

Maximum of two lines, 13 letters per line

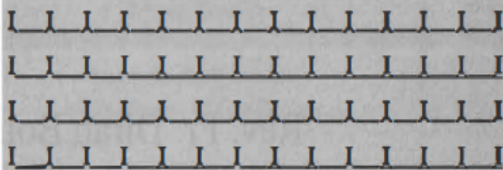
For 4" x 8" - engraving to read as follows: (please print clearly)



_____ 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: 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

*Applications will be supplied upon request.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Oct 29 TODAY	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School, Artsakh Coat Collection
Wed	Nov 1	Senior Social Club 11-3pm
Fri	Nov 3	Armenian School
Sun	Nov 5	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy Sunday School
Wed	Nov 8	Senior Social Club 11-3pm
Fri	Nov 10	Armenian School
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

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, 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

