

# ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Second Palm Sunday- *Mother's Day*  
May 12, 2024

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



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## Readings from the Holy Scripture

**Acts 23:12-35**

**1 John 5:13-21**

**John 12:12-23**

*"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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Special thanks to Hagop & Garo Tabibian & their families  
for donating the roses distributed today, in remembrance  
of their loved ones & in honor of all mothers.



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*Thank you* to the Fair Lawn High School Transition Program  
students who typically fold & deliver these Sunday bulletins.

# HOKEHANKISD

† The Eligur & Ozfuruncu families request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Veron (Sima) Eligur**, *beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother* on the occasion of the 40<sup>th</sup> day (Karasoonk) of passing into eternal rest and also for the soul of **Hagop Eligur**, *beloved father, grandfather great grandfather*. The family has donated towards the altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.

† Bilay Ozfuruncu & family, Bella Gunel & family request Hokehankisd for the souls of **Sukru Ozfuruncu**, **Nebiye Ozfuruncu**, **Bulent Ozfuruncu**, **Ayda Ozfuruncu**, and for **Bilgen Ozfuruncu**. The family has donated towards the altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.

† Hagop Tabibian & Garo Tabibian and their families request Hokehankisd for the souls of **Yeghsapet Bergazyan**, *beloved grandmother* and **Mannik Tabibian**, *beloved mother, grandmother*, and **Vartouhi Sirabian**, *beloved mother, & grandmother* of passing into eternal rest. The family has donated toward the altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.

† Gregory, Cheryl, and Kevin Zara request Hokehankisd for the soul of their *beloved mother*, **Louise Zara** on the occasion of the 40<sup>th</sup> day (Karasoonk) 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 Tungrian & Pirchio families request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Louise Zara**, *beloved aunt*, 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:**

Hokehankisd requests must be submitted by noon on Thursday so that it can appear 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. Please do not forget to include contact information when leaving a message with your request.



## **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 forever, 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 Cornacchiulo, Jerry DiSanti, Julie Frattarola, Varoujan Harutunian, Lusine Hovsepyan, Silva Jinivizian, Robert John Karanfilian III, Brandon Katz, Annette Kucukshirin, Jim & Wendy Lathey, Sara Malajian, Carmelina Mancini, Bill Manookian, Sebu Oscherician, Emily Ring, Michael Sakolsky, Melanie Sarkisian, Christine Tashjian, Daniel Tashjian, 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."*

# Church Etiquette

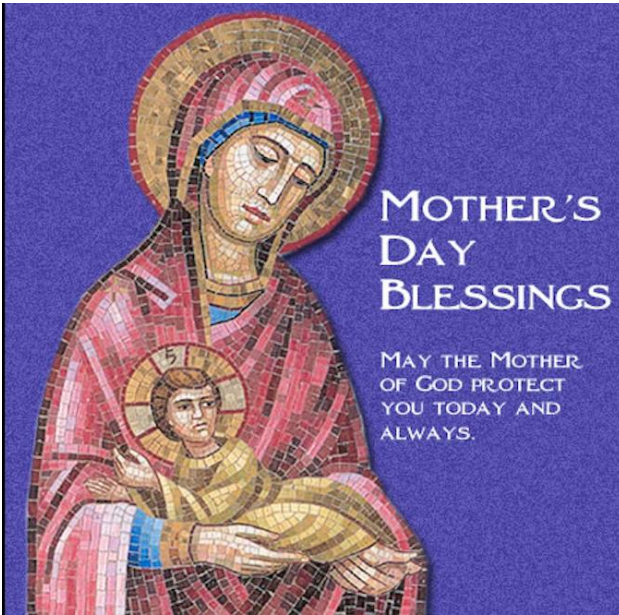
## *Reverence Required*

Please refrain from entering the pews when the following parts of the *Divine Liturgy (Soorp Badarak)* are taking place.

Kindly, 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. Intonation by the Priest, pg. 31
  5. Vorti Asdoodzo pg. 33
  6. Hayr Mer, pg. 41
  7. Hymn, "Der Voghormya," pg. 42-45
  8. Holy Communion, pg. 49.
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1. Also, please **do not** chew gum, cross legs, nor stretch arms over back pews during church services.
  2. Please observe the "arrows" in the liturgy books, they indicate when you should **Stand, Sit, or Kneel**.
  3. For your convenience, liturgy book pages are indicated on the monitor located on the right side of the altar.



For those whose mothers and grandmothers are still alive – may we cherish them today and every day. May we honor them and thank them for their 'calling' to motherhood. For those whose mothers have fallen asleep in the Lord, may they remain vibrant in our hearts, alive and present within our family conversations, and always in our prayers. As most internet searches will show,

Mother's Day was established in the United States (Philadelphia) by the efforts of Anna Jarvis in 1909. Since then, the idea of honoring our earthly mothers has spread across the globe to be a tradition held by Christians, Jews, and Muslims. Indeed, world-wide and spanning numerous religious beliefs, mothers are so very special in countless ways to us all of humanity. Our mothers carry us in their wombs- the first home of the whole human race. They taught and nurtured us on the countless roads of life, by offering wisdom, patience, and practical experience. They picked us up when we fell and loved us unconditionally when we strayed and were always present when needed.

As Christians, we can say with certainty that our heavenly mother, Mary, the Mother of God, was and still is a role model for all earthly mothers whom we remember, honor, and celebrate.

From the Annunciation to the Crucifixion, Mary, the Mother of our Lord, shows us all the patterns of human love surrendered to God's love and finding its fulfillment in Jesus Christ. So, while we rightly honor our moms, let's honor our churches each and every day, because the Church is our mother as well.

The fact that we call her "Mother Church" is no accident. It reveals a beautiful mystery of our century's old faith. The expression "Mother Church" is more than sentiment – and much more than piety, it is reality.

The Church is the bearer of life. She is also a mother and a teacher. Further, we are born again through the waters of the baptismal font, which the early Christians called a second womb. From the moment we enter those waters, we die with Christ and are raised to New Life in Him. We are baptized into Christ – and now live in Him, with one another, for the sake of the world.

Dear faithful sons and daughters, as we pause from the frantic shopping for temporary Mother’s Day gifts, the numerous internet searches for a 90 minute dining experience, or a dash to a florist for flowers lasting maybe 6 days, may we lovingly offer our prayers to God for our mothers and our churches by recalling a portion of “A Mother’s Hands” by Baroyr Sevag, when he says “...Come, let us dutifully kiss these hands today, these hands which bore and nursed us, which kept us in this world and cherished us, which washed and dusted for us, ever guiding, ever toiling; These hands, though chapped and roughened, are for us silk-smooth hands, true-blue hands.”. Yes, God has indeed blessed our mothers.

By Fr. Kapriel Mouradjian



*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”)*



## ՀԱՅՏԱՐԱՐՈՒԹՅՈՒՆ ԳԵՐԱԳՈՒՅՆ ՀՈԳԵՎՈՐ ԽՈՐՀՐԴԻ

Տավուշի մարզից տարածքները Ադրբեջանին միակողմանիորեն հանձնելու իրողության և բանակցություններում ՀՀ իշխանությունների որդեգրած անընդունելի դիրքորոշումների առնչությամբ Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածինը վերահաստատում է նախընթաց արտահայտված իր դիրքորոշումը:

Խիստ վտանգավոր ենք համարում առանց համապարփակ ու երաշխավորված լուծումների Տավուշի սահմանամերձ շրջանում սահմանազատման ու սահմանագծման անվան ներքո իրականացվող գործողությունները, որոնք նոր սպառնալիքներ են առաջացնում մեր ժողովրդի համար: Ստեղծված կացությունն արդարացի ընդվզում է առաջ բերել աշխարհասփյուռ հայության և, մասնավորապես, Տավուշի սահմանամերձ համայնքների բնակիչների շրջանում՝ պատճառ դառնալով «Տավուշը հանուն հայրենիքի» քաղաքացիական շարժման սկզբնավորման:

Առկա գոյաբանական մարտահրավերներին հանդիման հոգևոր սպասավորները, տվյալ դեպքում՝ Տավուշի թեմի եկեղեցականները՝ թեմակալ առաջնորդի գլխավորությամբ, հավատարիմ իրենց հոգևոր առաքելությանն ու կոչմանը, չեն կարող անտարբեր մնալ ու անհաղորդ իրենց խնամքին հանձնված ժողովրդի անհանգստություններին ու կարիքներին:

Մեր ժողովրդի զավակներին հորդորում ենք արդար մտահոգություններն ու անհանգստություններն արտահայտել բացառաբար խաղաղ ճանապարհներով և դրսևորել հանդարտություն ու զսպվածություն՝ գերծ մնալով հակաօրինական գործողություններից: Հասարակական կարգի պահպանության համար պատասխանատու ծառայություններից ակնկալում ենք բացառապես օրենսդրությանը խիստ համապատասխան գործելաոճ:

Կոչ ենք անում նաև իշխանություններին՝ անսալ ժողովրդի հիմնավոր պահանջներին և խաղաղությանն ուղղված գործընթացներում առաջնորդվել այնպիսի մոտեցումներով, որոնք չեն մեծացնի անվտանգային սպառնալիքները՝ խորացնելով մեր հանրության մեջ անպաշտպանվածության և անորոշության զգացումները: Կարևորելով սահմանազատման ու սահմանագծման գործընթացները միաժամանակ



հաստատում ենք, որ այդ աշխատանքները պետք է իրականացվեն պատերազմի բացառման, Հայաստանից բռնազավթված տարածքների վերադարձման և բնակավայրերի անվտանգ ու անխաթար կյանքի ապահովման երաշխիքների առկայության պայմաններում:

Ազգային մեր արժանապատվությունը, հայրենի պետության և սրբազան արժեքների հանդեպ նախանձախնդրությունն ու հավատարմությունը պետք չէ տեղի տան անհուսության, անհանդուրժողության և երկչոտության, թշնամանքի և ստելության առջև:

Եկեղեցին, չունենալով քաղաքական իշխանության հավակնություններ, պիտի շարունակի պատմական պատասխանատվության գիտակցությամբ ջանքեր ներդնել հանուն հայրենիքի և պետականության գորացման, մեր ժողովրդի ինքնության ու իրավունքների պաշտպանության, ազգային կյանքում միասնականության ու եղբայրսիրության ամրապնդման նպաստելով տարածաշրջանում խաղաղության հաստատմանն ու ամրապնդմանը:

Մեր աղոթքն է, որ Երկնավոր Տերը խաղաղության մեջ պահի մեր երկիրը և մեր ժողովրդի կյանքից ներս գորացնի սիրո, համերաշխության ու միաբանության ոգին: Ամեն:



## BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024.  
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

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

- No. 41 “The Miraculous Draught of Fish”
- No. 42 “The Cleansing of the Leper”
- No. 43 “The Healing of the Paralytic”

### Jesus Heals Peter’s Mother-in-law

Mat. 8:14, When Jesus came into Peter’s house, he saw Peter’s mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever. He touched her hand and the fever left her.

Mark 1:29-31, As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon of Andrew. Simon’s mother-in-law lay sick with fever, and immediately they told him of her. And he came and took her

by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her; and she served them. Luke 4:38-39, Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. So, he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them. While the three accounts are very short, they have some interesting differences of detail: In Matthew's account it is Jesus who heals Peter's mother of his own volition rather than being asked to, as in the other two accounts. In both Mark and Luke's accounts, they call Peter by his earlier name-Simon, and the healed woman gets up and immediately wait on "them" whereas Matthew says she rose and waited on "him" only. There are interesting variations on how Jesus healed the woman. Matthew says he touched her hand; Mark says Jesus took her hand and Luke says that Jesus bent over her. At that time, if a Jewish person touched someone who was sick, they would become unclean. Jesus is defying the rules while remaining undefiled. Since Matthew is writing to a Jewish audience this even would be scandalous. Whereas Mark emphasizes the servant nature of the story with the idea of taking the woman's hand and then helping her to stand up. And she in turn serves him in gratitude. As Luke is a doctor he includes more medical elements in his accounts- he bends over the woman to heal her just as a wise doctor he includes more medical elements in his account- he bends over the woman to heal her just as a wise doctor knows the importance of a good bedside manner. Only Luke states that she had a high fever. In Jesus' time, a doctor would have assessed the severity of the fever first, and so Luke would have wanted to know the precise details of this episode to ensure that he recorded the facts accurately in his gospel. This would have given his account real medical authority and therefore, be received as a genuinely true miracle. Luke also says that Jesus rebuked the woman's fever. We have no idea what kind of fever this was or what caused it since in the ancient world there were many Hebrew and Aramaic names for fever and several remedies used against it. Nevertheless, on a later occasion, Jesus famously rebuked the wind and the waves to end a storm on the Sea of Galilee in Luke 8:24. And Luke also used word 'rebuke' when Jesus casts out a demon during and exorcism in the Capernaum synagogue in Luke 4:35; as well as on other occasions against the disciples. When Jesus rebuked something or someone it implied that evil was present, and therefore the evil must be identified and called out for the healing to happen. In the Bible, demon possession covered all types of psychic or physical reactions caused by spiritual forces not ordained by God.

# *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.

# Church Campus Happenings...

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**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:**

All inquiries for purchasing opportunities of our lahmajun & sujuk fundraiser may be forwarded to Nora Balekji at 973-513-2507 or [nbalekji@gmail.com](mailto:nbalekji@gmail.com).

\*Pre-paid orders may be picked up in Abajian Hall on the designated day.

## **Sunday School:**

SS runs from 10am -12pm, PreK through 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:acarden56@gmail.com).**

## **St. Leon’s Social Club:**

Social Club meets every Wednesday, 11:30am-3:00pm at the elevator accessible, 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 the [Armenian School](#) and [Eligur & Ozfuruncu families](#). We invite you to join us, *after badarak*, for fellowship & coffee in Abajian Hall.

**Please Note:** All campus postings *must be pre-approved* by the church office. **All others will be removed.** No taping on glass or doors permitted. And *sorry*, no personal business promotions. Consider instead, inquiring about advertisement opportunities in our *Lradoo*.

*Happy Mother's Day*

Her children  
rise up and call  
her blessed.

Proverbs 31:28





LOVE TO BAKE?

OR

WANT TO LEARN HOW?

Please come & join us!

**We need you!**

No experience necessary.

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**Thursday, May 9 -10am-** Choreg  
**Monday, May 13-10am-** Cheese Boreg

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A great way to meet new people  
& fellowship.

St. Leon Community Center Kitchen





*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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
(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 Armenian Church Annual Picnic

SHISH KEBAB IS BACK!



**Sunday, June 2, 2024**  
**12:00p.m. to 4:00p.m.**  
**Rain or Shine**



**Volunteer to Help - Sign up here**  
**<https://bit.ly/StLeonPicnic2024>**

**Interested in selling your own product? - Email Sylvia  
Buzantian to learn how to become a vendor**  
**[sbuzantian@gmail.com](mailto: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



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# 2024 SUMMER CONFERENCES



◆ **DEACONS' TRAINING PROGRAM**

Friday, June 28 to Sunday, July 7

◆ **HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CONFERENCE**

Saturday, July 20 to Sunday, July 28

◆ **YN. DIANE CHEVIAN MEMORIAL YOUTH CHOIR WORKSHOP**

Wednesday, August 7 to Sunday, August 11

Register online at <https://stnersess.edu>

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Spring is in the air! Easter and The Masters tournament are coming up and we are excited to announce the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Leon Armenian Church Golf & Tennis Outing. We will continue the tradition established by our event founders in 1997 by offering a day and evening of fellowship, competition, and great fun. We have some exciting enhancements for 2024:

- We will be at the beautiful championship golf course at Rockland CC home to a number of regional competitions
- Our tennis section will be held on the club's outdoor tennis courts
- "On the Lam band" will be back provide awesome live entertainment
- We will again expand the silent auction with proceeds from donated items to support St. Leon Armenian Church
- Golfers will enjoy breakfast, lunch and dinner with lunch served on the course continuously from Noon-4pm

We are actively seeking participants and sponsors with 100% of the sponsorship proceeds going to St. Leon Armenian Church. There are a range of opportunities at different levels. Please keep in mind this outing has become one of our church's most important events of the year and helps raise funds that keep our vibrant St. Leon community going strong.

Please join us at Rockland Country Club on Monday September 9, 2024. Father Diran and the golf committee invite you to join us for a day on the golf course or tennis courts. You can also simply join in the evening for cocktails, food and live entertainment. Kindly spread the word and extend the number of people you ask to join. All are welcome! Please note we will once again have a discounted rate for golfers age 70+. Early bird pricing for golfers will be honored through June 15th. We will look forward to hearing from you if you have something you would like to discuss.

St. Leon Outing Committee - Rich Berenson - Chair. (917) 854-2357, Rich Ohnikian, Mike Ohnikian, Jess Ohnikian, Barbara Royland, Matt Royland, Tom Riedel, Nick Burdman, Jason Stephans, Lorraine Marootian (tennis), Vicken Jessourian and Linda Berenson.





## **27<sup>th</sup> St. Leon Armenian Church Golf & Tennis Outing** **Monday Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Rockland Country Club**

**380 Rt 9W, Sparkill, NY 07641 (845) 359-3440**

*Event Details and Golfer & Tennis player Registration Form*

*9:00 – 11:45 am Registration, Driving Range, Practice facility, Breakfast at 10-11:30 am Noon Golf*

*Shotgun start – Format: Four-person scramble, men's and ladies' tees.*

*12:30 - 2:30 and 2:30-4:30 Tennis Round Robin format*

*5:00 pm On the Lam Band, Hors D'oeuvres, Open bar beer and wine*

*6 pm Dinner, Door Prizes, Contest Awards, Raffles*

*Prizes for Top mens and ladies golfers, Long drive, Straight drive, Closest to the pin, top tennis players*

**Early bird golfer fee if paid by June 15th: \$310 per player. \$325 after June 15th. Includes breakfast ,lunch, dinner, cocktails and live music.**

**Special: Age 70+ golfer fee \$260 if paid by June 15th, \$275 after June 15th**

**Tennis and fee with cocktails, dinner and entertainment \$160**

**Dinner, beer, wine and live entertainment \$120 per person.**

- Register for the event at <https://birdease.com/stleon> or using our QR Code below. Make check payable to St. Leon Armenian Church. Note "golf/tennis" in the memo area. ● Mail to: Barbara Royland, 44 Benson Avenue, Westwood, NJ 07675 (201) 960-4623 Final registration deadline is August 10, 2024.



**A note about price increases:** We recognize that there is price sensitivity. Fees are rising at all golf clubs. We were facing a 23% price increase at Haworth CC and a similar increase the following year. So we decided to evaluate our options. We reviewed all the local clubs and determined that RCC offered us the best value of all available clubs. Its an even nicer club and we will have 3 full meals including lunch for 4 hours on the golf course. We are preserving the senior and early bird rates this year to defer costs. Thank you for your understanding!



*Join us on a spiritual journey to experience the thrilling, life-changing adventure of DANIEL, an epic story of a man's faith and character...*

**Sight and Sound Millennium Theatre  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania  
Saturday, November 2, 2024**

Sponsored by the St. Leon Parish Council  
**Subsidized cost for members of St. Leon includes the performance, transportation, and a lavish buffet lunch before the show.**

**ADULTS: \$95      AGES 3-12YRS: \$35**

**ONLY 49 TICKETS – FIRST COME – FIRST SERVED**

**Schedule of Day's Events**

9:00 a.m.	Bus departs from St. Leon Church
12 –12:30 p.m.	Bus arrives in Lancaster.
12:45 – 2:15 p.m.	Lavish buffet Lunch – Local Restaurant
2:45 p.m.	Performance
5:30 p.m.	Bus departs Lancaster, PA– please bring a sandwich/drink for the ride home.
9:00 p.m.	Bus arrives at St. Leon Church.

**Check payable to St. Leon Armenian Church; reservation deadline 9/29/24.  
Mail to: Berdjouhi Parseghian, 727 Chestnut Pl. Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417**

**(Write "Daniel" on check memo line; PROVIDE cell # – check confirms reservation)**

**For additional information please contact Berdjouhi Parseghian  
(201) 543-8028 or Berdjouhi1@gmail.com**

# 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.



\*Individuals (18+): \$175

\*Students (18-24): \$50

\*Seniors (65+): \$100

*\*Applications will be supplied upon request.*

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>TODAY</b>	Sun May 12	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, <b>NO Sunday School</b> <i>Happy Mother's Day</i>
	Tues May 14	WG Meeting 6:30pm in Abajian Hall... and at 7:45pm, <b>Aran Wines Presentation, ALL ARE WELCOME</b>
	Wed May 15	Senior Social Club 11-3pm HNH Nurse Visit
	Fri May 17	Armenian School
	Sun May 19	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School <b>12<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Ceremony</b>
	Wed May 22	Senior Social Club 11-3pm
	Fri May 24	<b>No Armenian School</b>
	Sun May 26	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, <b>No Sunday School</b>
	Mon May 27	<b>Church Office/Campus Closed</b>
	Wed May 29	Senior Social Club 11-3pm
	Fri May 31	Armenian School
	Sun June 2	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School, <b>EOY awards &amp; recognition</b> <b>Annual Church Picnic see flyer</b>
	Wed June 4	Senior Social Club 11-3pm
	Fri June 7	Armenian School <b>EOY Hantes</b>
	Sun June 9	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy
	Tues June 11	<b>WG/ Men's Fellowship Barbecue</b>

## Last Gospel is Mark 4:26-34

*There are no Wedding Sacraments or Hokehankisd permitted on Palm Sunday (April 13,2025) & on the five major feast days which are:*

**Armenian Christmas – January 6, 2025**

**Easter –April 20, 2025**

**Transfiguration – July 7, 2024**

**Assumption of the Virgin Mary – August 18, 2024**

**Exaltation of the Holy Cross – September 15, 2024**

