

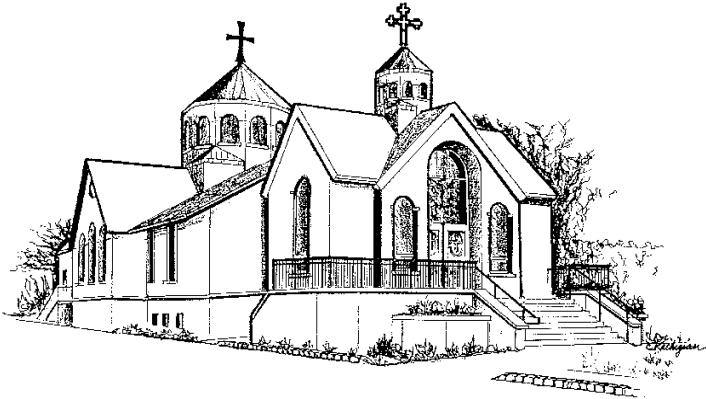
# ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

Pentecost-Vocation Day

May 19, 2024

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



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## Readings from the Holy Scripture

**Acts 2:1-21**  
**John 14:25-31**

*"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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**After Der Diran's homily, Sunday School  
Graduation Commencement will begin  
followed by Hokehankisd Service.**  
(Refer to page 10 for graduate's names.)



## PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

# HOKEHANKISD

✝ Nisan & Diruhi Cakir, Harut & Talin Purut & family request

Hokehankisd for the souls of **Aret Cakir**, *beloved son, brother, uncle*, on the occasion of *the 6<sup>th</sup> year* of passing into eternal rest. And also, for the souls of all the **deceased members of the Cakir, Salciyan & Purut families**. The family has donated towards the altar flowers & requests that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.

✝ Harry & Beverly Hajinlian, Noreen Hajinlian, David & Norita Rehrig & families request Hokehankisd for the souls of

**Harry, May, & Robert Hajinlian**, *loving father, mother, husband, brother, grandparents*, on the *30<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, & 15<sup>th</sup>* anniversary respectively, of their passing into eternal rest. The family has donated towards the altar flowers & requests that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.

✝ Rose Najarian Kedeshian, Gregg, Arpie, Jonathan, Therese and their children Levon, Raffi, Sylvie, Nicholas, and Jack request

Hokehankisd for the soul of **Dr. Abraham (Sarkis) Kedeshian**, *loving husband, stepfather, grandfather* on the occasion of the *5<sup>th</sup> year* of passing into eternal rest. The family has donated toward altar flowers and has requested that the altar candles be lit in memory of their beloved one.

✝ Edward & Barbara Boghosian request Hokehankisd for the soul of

**Dr. Sarkis Kedeshian**, *beloved friend* on the *5<sup>th</sup> year* 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 beloved one.

✝ Nazareth & Alice Nazarian, Lucine & Jirar Shirikjian, Siran

Darakjian, Vazken Nazarian & their families request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Mary Kradjian Nazarian**, *beloved mother, grandmother & great grandmother*, on the occasion of her *1<sup>st</sup> year* of passing into eternal rest. Also, for the souls of **Alice Assadourian, Arousing, Efronia, Kevork & Hagop Kradjian**, on passing into eternal rest. The family has donated

towards the altar flowers & requests that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.

✝ Armine Mahdasian, Shakeh, John, & Harout Khanjian request Hkehankisd for the soul of **Mary Nazarian**, on the occasion of the 1<sup>st</sup> year of passing into eternal rest. The family has donated towards the altar flowers & requests that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved one.

✝ The Kradjian, Tchorbajian, Haroutunian, and Stephans families would like to request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Hagop Kradjian**, *beloved husband, father, grandfather* on the occasion of the 7<sup>th</sup> year of passing into eternal rest and also for the soul of paternal aunt, **Mary Nazarian** on the occasion of the 1<sup>st</sup> year of passing into eternal rest. The family has donated towards the altar flowers & requests that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved ones.

✝ Nora Melkonyan, Haykanush Melkonyan, Irina Zargarian & family, Marianna Shisir & family, request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Razmik Melkonyan**, *beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather* on passing into eternal rest. The family has donated towards the altar flowers & requests that the altar candles be lit in memory of their loved one.

✝ Christine Tashjian & son Daniel request Hokehankisd for the soul of **David Christopher Tashjian**, *beloved son & brother* on the occasion of the 40<sup>th</sup> day (Karasonk) of passing into eternal rest. The family has donated towards the altar flowers & requests 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 Jinivzian, Robert John Karanfilian III, Brandon Katz, Annette Kucukshirin, Jim & Wendy Lathey, Sara Malajian, Carmelina Mancini, Bill Manoikian, 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.

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.



*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”)

# Pentecost / Hampartzum



“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.” (Acts 2:1-4)

Most enigmatic of the Holy Trinity, the Holy Spirit is the focal point of the feast day celebrated this Sunday.

Called Pentecost because it occurred fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus Christ (Easter), the feast of Pentecost is known in Armenia as Հոգեգալուստ/Hokekalusd, meaning “the coming of the Spirit.” Biblical in its origin, the original event celebrated on the feast day is recorded early in the Book of Acts, ten days after the Ascension (**Համբարձում/Hampartzum**) of Jesus. Christ Himself had told the apostles that they would “be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now” (Acts 1:5). Effectively, after Christ’s return to heaven, the Holy Spirit is the Person of the Trinity who strengthened the apostles, and by extension, Christians through the ages. Christians believe that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit all continue to act in the world. Yet the events of Pentecost suggest that the Holy Spirit is a powerful actor and source for everyday Christian life.

# *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.





# BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday, May 29, 2024.  
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

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

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## Synoptic Gospels

“The Healing of the Paralytic” No. 43

“The Call of Levi” No. 44

“The Question about Fasting” No. 45

“The Miraculous Draught of Fish”

In this passage we see how Jesus calls the first disciples which is unique among the synoptic Gospels.

While Mark and Matthew speak of Jesus walking along the Sea of Galilee and quickly calling Simon, Andrew, James, and John to follow him (Matt. 4:18, Mark 1:16-20).

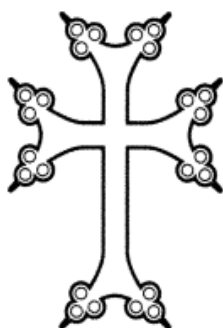
Only Luke tells the story of the miraculous catch of fish preceding the call. Jesus offers an unsolicited fishing advice which at first didn't make sense to the disciples but because they heard Jesus' teaching, they cast their nets out again.

Peter at first addresses Jesus as Master.

After Jesus' performs the miracle and the net of the fisherman were full of fish, Peter address Jesus as Lord. The disciples start learning and growing in the relationship with Jesus.

In the Passage of the “Cleansing of the Leper”, the man in humility approaches Jesus who is full of Leprosy to be healed. Jesus doesn't hesitate and touches and heals the leper out of love and compassion and made him clean, even though he was seen as unclean by the Pharisees.

*Sunday School Graduation*  
*May 19th, 2024*



*Ara G. Asoyan*  
*Abigail Diaz*  
*Nickolas Ara Regas*  
*Brendan Ross*  
*Jacqueline Takvorian*  
*Charles Tartaglione*



*Thank you*  
*Teacher Hagop Cilingiryan*  
*and*  
*Parents of the Graduates*

# 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:**

There is **NO HOSPITALITY** today. Please join us next week, *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*.

# 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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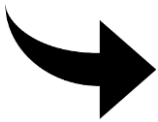


*Holy Name Medical Center* provides  
**COMPLIMENTARY BLOOD PRESSURE  
SCREENING at St. Leon**

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-



**June 19th, 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!*



# Men's Fellowship



## MEDICAL MISSION TRIPS AROUND THE WORLD

St. Leon Men's Fellowship is pleased to host a presentation by world traveler Susan Ketigian, RN BSN. Since 2008, Sue has completed 31 medical mission trips across Asia, Africa, South America, and Europe through the organization Healing the Children.

This April and May she has volunteered in Peru and Tanzania and will be heading back to Ukraine for the 4<sup>th</sup> time in October. Sue has successfully combined her love of travel with a desire to help people and utilize her incredible nursing skills.

Susan is on the Board of Directors of Healing the Children Northeast and is the recipient of their Humanitarian Award in 2022 and 2023. She was also inducted into the Immaculate Heart Academy Hall of Fame in honor of her mission work.

The medical mission world is Sue's passion, and we are fortunate that she will be sharing her experiences and insights with us. Don't miss this special opportunity to hear about her work and to ask questions. Many of you may know Sue and her husband George, who were long-time members of the Armenian Church of the Holy Martyrs before moving to PA. Join us in welcoming them on June 21.

Where: Abajian Hall, St. Leon Armenian Church

When: Friday, June 21, 2024

Time: 7:00 – Wine and Cheese Reception

7:30 – Presentation

8:45 – Coffee & Dessert

There is no fee for this event, and everyone is welcome.

# St Leon Women's Guild presents:



  **You're Invited!**  

Join us for a Dinks and Drinks Pickleball Social!

**Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024**

**Time: 6:00PM**

**Location: St. Leon Armenian Church**

**Charge: \$15**

**Attire: Athletic wear, sneakers, and paddle  
(please bring extra paddles)**

Come enjoy an evening of fun, fitness, and friendly competition at our pickleball social!  
Whether you're a seasoned pro or a beginner, all ages are welcome!

What to Expect:

- Light refreshments will be served.
- BYOB (Bring Your Own Beverage)
- Quick lessons available for beginners.
- Organized play for all skill levels.

Don't miss out on the chance to mingle, play, and have a blast with fellow pickleball enthusiasts!  
**Sign up on sign up genius by June 15, 2024**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4AAFAA2AA1FCCE9-49313070-dinks>

If you have any questions, please text Diane Zoraian, 201.788.2924.  
We look forward to seeing you on the courts!



## **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**

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|-------------------|--|
| 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–<br>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

|                     |         |  |
|---------------------|---------|--|
| Sun<br><b>TODAY</b> | May 19  | Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School<br><b>12<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Ceremony</b> refer to pg.10<br>Private reception to follow, after badarak, in Abajian Hall |
| Wed                 | May 22  | Senior Social Club 11-3pm  |
| Fri                 | May 24  | <b>No Armenian School</b>  |
| Sun                 | May 26  | Morning Service, Divine Liturgy,<br><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,<br>Sunday School, <b>EOY awards &amp; recognition</b><br><b>Annual Church Picnic</b> see flyer  |
| 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>   |
| Wed                 | June 12 | Senior Social Club 11-3pm  |
| Sun                 | June 16 | Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, <b>Father's Day</b>   |
| Wed                 | June 19 | Senior Social Club 11-3pm <b>HNH nurse visit</b>   |
| Fri                 | June 21 | <b>Men's Fellowship Guest Speaker</b> see flyer  |
| Sat                 | June 22 | <b>Pickleball Social</b> see flyer   |
| Sun                 | June 23 | Morning Service, Divine Liturgy  |



Church Picnic

## Last Gospel is Luke 12:32-40

*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**

