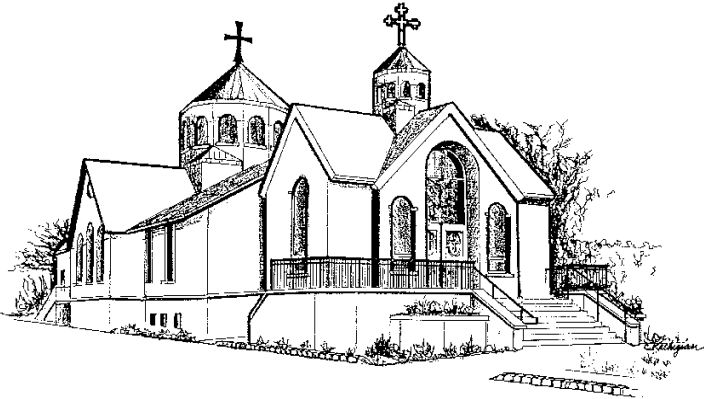


ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

**Remembrance of the Prophet Elijah
May 26, 2024**

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM



Readings from the Holy Scripture

2 Kings 2:1-15

James 5:16-20

Luke 4:25-30

“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

Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian
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Please remember our motherland Armenia & our
refugee brothers & sisters of Artsakh in your prayers



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

HOKEHANKISD

✝ Zvart, Garineh, Arthur Dovletian & grandson Micky request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Vahakn Dovletian**, *beloved husband, father* on the occasion of the 40th day (Karasoonk) 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.

✝ John & Eileen Marelic & family and Edward Messikian request Hokehankisd for the soul of **Roger Messikian**, beloved father, grandfather on the occasion of the 40th day (Karasoonk) of passing into eternal rest and also for the soul of **Ankin Messikian**, beloved mother, grandmother 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.

✝ Toros & Silvia Papagian & family request Hokehankisd for the souls of **Ovanes & Nazan Sahatelian** and **Ovanes Papagian** 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.

✝ Renee Yekhpairian requests Hokehankisd for the soul of **Meridjan Yekhpairian**, *beloved husband* on the 7th yr of passing into eternal rest and for the souls of **Carmen & Jannette Belen**, *beloved sister & niece*, on the 3rd yr. 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.

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.”



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**Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը
հանդիպում ունեցավ Մայր Աթոռում
վերապատրաստման
դասընթացներին մասնակից
եկեղեցականների հետ**

Մայիսի 22-ինՆ.Ս.Օ.Տ.Տ. Գաբեզին Երկրորդ Ծայրագույն Պատրիարք և Ամենայն Հայոց Կաթողիկոսը Մայր Աթոռ Սուրբ Էջմիածնում ընդունեց վերապատրաստման դասընթացներին մասնակցող Հայաստանի և Սփյուռքի տարբեր թեմերից ժամանած եկեղեցականներին:

Վեհափառ Հայրապետը, իր օրհնությունը փոխանցելով հոգևորականներին, ընդգծեց Մայր Աթոռում կազմակերպվող վերապատրաստման դասընթացների կարևորությունն իրենց հոգևոր սպասավորության առավել արդյունավորման գործում:

Ամենայն Հայոց Հայրապետը հորդորեց եկեղեցականներին լավագույնս օգտվել այս հնարավորությունից և ամբարելով նոր գիտելիքներ, գորանալով միմյանց փորձառությամբ՝ առավել մեծ նախանձախնդրությամբ շարունակեն իրենց հովվական ծառայությունը:

Վերջում Նորին Սրբությունը պատասխանեց քահանաներին հուզող հարցերին, որոնք վերաբերում էին հովվական ծառայությանը և հայրողիների հոգևոր կյանքի կազմակերպմանը:

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 izmeemeyanis, zee Asdvadz ser e")



BIBLE STUDIES

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

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

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.

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...

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

Sunday School:

SS 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 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 our Men’s Fellowship. We invite you, *after* badarak, to 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 or doors permitted. And *sorry*, no personal business promotions. Consider instead, inquiring about advertisement opportunities in our *Eradoo*.

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

**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



Sponsor



Volunteer



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!



Class of 2024

**We would like to congratulate
all our new graduates!**

**Please submit a photo & pertinent
information to churchoffice@stleon.org
by June 21st, so we can post
acknowledgements in our next Lradoo.**



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 4th 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 signup genius by June 15, 2024

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

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



27th St. Leon Armenian Church Golf & Tennis Outing **Monday Sept 9th, 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!



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: hycnom@optonline.net

201-666-5735

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

All donations are tax deductible.



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**

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 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 TODAY	May 26	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, No Sunday School
Mon	May 27	Church Office/Campus Closed
Wed	May 29	Senior Social Club 11-3pm
Fri	May 31	Armenian School
Sun	June 2	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Sunday School, EOY awards & recognition Annual Church Picnic see flyer
Mon	June 3	Walking Group 10-11am- Join us! see flyer
Wed	June 4	Senior Social Club 11-3pm
Fri	June 7	Armenian School EOY Hantes
Sun	June 9	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy
Mon	June 10	Walking Group 10-11am- Join us! see flyer
Tues	June 11	WG/ Men's Fellowship Barbecue
Wed	June 12	Senior Social Club 11-3pm
Sun	June 16	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy, Father's Day
Mon	June 17	Walking Group 10-11am- Join us! See flyer
Wed	June 19	Senior Social Club 11-3pm HNH nurse visit
Fri	June 21	Men's Fellowship Guest Speaker see flyer
Sat	June 22	Pickleball Social see flyer
Sun	June 23	Morning Service, Divine Liturgy



Last Gospel is John 12:24-26

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

