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**SAINT STEPANOS  
ARMENIAN  
APOSTOLIC  
CHURCH**

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SUNDAY BULLETIN**

April 27, 2014

**ԿՐԿՆԱԶԱՏԻԿ - ՆՈՐ ԿԻՐԱԿԻ  
NEW OR WHITE SUNDAY**

Join us in worship this Sunday  
Morning Service 9:30 AM  
Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM

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**The season of Easter**

The season of Easter in the Armenian Church lasts for forty days to the Feast of Ascension, which this year is observed on May 29. It is not one day, but forty, filled with joy and gladness, with Alleluias for the Risen Lord who is with us now.

The faithful of the Armenian Church greet each other with Քրիստոս Յարեալ ի Մեռելոց Օրհնեալ է Յարութիւնն Քրիստոսի - Krisdos Haryav ee Merelotz Ohrnyal eh Haroutiunun Krisdosee.

When you say, or hear someone say, the sweet words "Christ is Risen!" "Truly He is Risen!" you feel particularly happy. Thus, one might say that another reason for [those words of greeting] to have come into general practice is that they produce joy in the soul. They produce joy because they contain that sweet hope in our own coming resurrection. The Apostle Paul states, "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept..."

(I Corinthians 15: 20). It follows that, if Jesus Christ was resurrected, we shall be as well. This is something of great comfort to all of us, especially to those whose path in this life is sown with weeds and tares. Indeed, it is terrible to live a life of want, and then become a victim of death for all eternity. But to live in want here, and then to finally move into a blessed eternity, and together with your resurrected body to enjoy blessed happiness.... Can anything be more longed for than this? That is the reason both for our pleasure in hearing the words "Christ is Risen!" "Truly He is Risen!"

May these words, coming from our lips, also radiate in our hearts.

Moreover, in greeting one another in this way, we also exchange a kiss. What is the meaning of that kiss?

In ordinary life, a kiss is considered a sign of sincere mutual love. It has the same meaning in this Paschal rite. As St. John Chrysostom said, "The Feast of Pascha is a pledge of peace, a fountain of reconciliation, the destruction of death, the devil's ruin. Today people have become one with the angels..."

**Church Website: [www.ststepanos.org](http://www.ststepanos.org)**

We are very happy to introduce you to our updated Website [www.ststepanos.org](http://www.ststepanos.org).

We hope you will enjoy its new format as we continue to give you information for the church's events and chronicle life within our Saint Stepanos Armenian Church's community in Long Branch, NJ.

Please feel free to share your comments, suggestions and ideas regarding our updated Website.

Enjoy !

**Pastor's Office and Church Office Hours Tuesday - Friday: 10AM - 2PM.  
After hours in an emergency, please contact: Pastor's Cell: (732) 312-8661**



**Mothers Day Celebration  
Dinner**

**MAY 17, 2014 AT 6:30PM**

**FEATURING SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER**

**Dr. Roberta Ervine Professor of Armenian Studies**  
*"Armenian's Mothers of Faith"*



***Honoring Mother's & Woman of the 2013***

***Aida Leon Kado***

*Come and celebrate this special occasion with us and  
enjoy the evening in our Church Hall.*

***This is a family event and tickets are limited.***

***Adults \$25 and children \$10***

***✚ So get your tickets before its too late.***

***For more info call: Church Office at 732-229-3661***

***or [stepanoschurch@aol.com](mailto:stepanoschurch@aol.com)***

**St. Stepanos Sunday Armenian School  
Saturday, April 26th - The Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt**





## 99th ANNUAL COMMEMORATION OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

On Tuesday, April 22, 2014, the Center for Holocaust, Human Rights & Genocide Education held the Annual Armenian Genocide Remembrance Program at Brookdale Community College. Armenian Scholar Khatchig Mouradian who has crisscrossed Turkey more than a dozen times, delivered a lecture entitled "Hearing the Footsteps of Dawn:

Turkey and the Armenian Genocide. His lecture summarized his visits to historic Armenian cities and villages to conduct research and interview the children and grandchildren of witnesses to and victims of the Armenian Genocide. Through a combination of images of historic Armenian centers and his interviews with local residents, he painted a picture of the relentless struggle against destruction and hope for truth and justice. Rather than just viewing the stones, ruined structures and monuments, he spoke with families that invariably have Armenian connections. Most importantly, many Turkish family members not only were told of the Genocide by their parents and grandparents, but they were free to acknowledge the truth of the Genocide. The Program was sponsored by Adrienne H. McOmber in honor of her father Arsen B. Haroutunian.



Richard D. McOmber



**St. Stepanos Armenian Church** of Elberon, NJ commemorated the 99th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide on Thursday, April 24th.

The Armenian community, assembled at our church to commemorate the tragic events of 1914-1918 during which approximately 1,5 million Armenians were violently exterminated in Ottoman Turkey. There were approximately 35 people in attendance.

A requiem service was held by our pastor Fr. Daniel Karadjian and our Deacons. Then, encouraging words on the recognition of the Armenian Genocide were given by our Pastor. The commemoration finished at the church hall where we watched the movie "The Lark Farm". It was an Italian-French-Bulgarian-Spanish co-production that shook and wept our hearts.

### MIDDAY READINGS ASCRIBED FOR THIS SUNDAY:

**ACTS 6:1-7:** Seven men are chosen to act as Deacons of the church, to serve the Eucharistic Meal, to take care of the widows and poor of the community and to assist the Apostles in the mission of the Gospel

**JAMES 3:1-12:** The writer speaks on the evils of the tongue, man's worst enemy. The tongue is used to praise God and curse man; used to utter words of truth and of deceit; used to pierce hardness with love and to wound with abhorrence. It is similar to a dirty utensil or vessel used to feed oneself. Unless there is a complete cleaning of the items before using them to eat from and with, the filth that remains and can infect the whole body.

**JOHN 1:1-17:** A summary of the basic Christian Faith in the divinity of Christ. The St. John records how the Word of God came to his own and yet his own received him not. A flower lives from the abundance of rain it receives and without water it dies. Unless we receive the grace of God, we will not live. Life is God's gift, not His curse, yet to try to live without Him, without His presence, often results in life being something mean and hateful. A flower cannot refuse the rain it needs to grow and flourish. Neither can mankind live without God.

**HOSPITAL VISITATIONS BY THE PASTOR:** If you, a member of your family or a friend are hospitalized, please contact the Church Office so that the Pastor may visit, to pray for the recovery and spiritual well being of the patient/parishioner.





## The True Body and Blood of Christ

Last week, the instructional message of St. Basil on the reception of Holy Communion was read in all of our Churches during the Divine Liturgy of Holy Thursday. It contained the following instruction for us all: *“But do not you look on it as bread, and do not you contemplate it as wine, for this is the true Body and Blood of Christ. No one should dare to draw near to it with familiarity or contempt, as to a slight thing, for this is a flaming fire which will burn and consume sinners, therefore it is a necessity first to purify oneself by repentance, that we may not with our many sins be burned by this fire. For the souls of those who will not quit their sins, and are nailed to them, shall by it be consumed. And at the same time let no one despairingly turn aside from this, or entertain vain fear in his heart, because such is not fear, but contempt of God. For this is the gate of kingdom of heaven, and the very kingdom of heaven itself, which is Christ the Son of God, and our God, and they who approach it with purity shall become the adopted children of the Heavenly Father”.*

So it is for us. We may pray as we attend the Badarak, we may listen to the words spoken by the priest or those sung by the choir. Those words and thoughts indeed are important, but, we do not know Christ then. It is in the Eucharist, the Holy Communion, that like those disciples, we come to know him with the shock of recognition. It is in that blessing and the "breaking of bread." Amen. Der Tateos



### CITY OF LONG BRUNCH POLICE DEPARTMENT

This Sunday the NJ Marathon will be taking place within our city.

**The event will start at 06:00am and will end at 2:00pm.**

The Ocean Ave.

(between Brighton Ave-Deal boarder and Brighton Ave-Joline Ave)

will be affected. **Please follow all detours and directions given by traffic controls**

**On Sunday April 27, 2014**

**Immediately after Badarak - Madagh Luncheon prepared by Maurice and Azad Lahham**

**Stewardship Donations for 2014** are desperately needed to keep our beautiful church well.

We are currently very short of the amount that need to meet the first quarter of the Church Budget . Remember we have bills to pay and depend on each of you to do so to keep the doors of our spiritual home open.



### Apply for a Diocesan Scholarship Online

The Eastern Diocese is now accepting applications for its annual scholarship program. Applications must be completed and submitted online no later than May 9, 2014. Each year the Diocese awards scholarships to promising undergraduate students. The Diocese seeks candidates who are active in their local parishes and have assumed leadership roles in their communities. To be eligible, applicants must be U.S. citizens enrolled in four-year undergraduate programs. <http://www.armenianchurch-ed.net/programming/scholarships/>

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**The John M. Azarian Memorial Armenian Youth Scholarship Fund** is now accepting applications for the 2014-15 academic year. To download an application and all other necessary forms please visit:

**[www.azariangroup.com/scholarship.html](http://www.azariangroup.com/scholarship.html)**. Complete applications must be submitted **by May 31, 2014**.

### EASTER HOME BLESSINGS

*Father Daniel would like to visit your home and bring to you the blessings of God. Please contact him at 732-312-8661 to schedule a convenient for you time for your home blessing.*