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SUNDAY BULLETIN**

April 6, 2014

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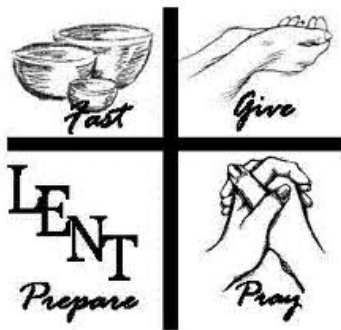
Join us in worship this Sunday
Morning Service 9:30 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM

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Sixth Sunday of Great Lent – Advent

Christ returns to Earth to judge the living and the dead. How can we be prepared? What responsibilities do we have? Have we understood Christ's first coming?

The Sixth Sunday of Great Lent is called the Sunday of Advent. This Sunday teaches us about the first Advent of Christ – His Incarnation: His Holy Birth when God became Man. This proved the Truth found in the Scriptures that by the coming of the Savior, a second chance was given to mankind to be guided on the path leading

towards salvation.

This Sunday also symbolizes the Second Advent. In the Gospels and Apostolic Letters there are many references dedicated to the Second Advent, where our Lord warns us about His return.

In the Gospel of St. Matthew, Christ says, "...Watch out and do not let anyone fool you. Many men, claiming to speak for me, will come and say, "I am the Messiah!" and they will fool many people. You are going to hear the noise of battles close by and the news of battles far away... Countries will fight each other; kingdoms will attack one another. There will be famines and earthquakes everywhere... And you will be hated by all nations for my Name's sake... Many false prophets will appear and fool many people. Such will be the spread of evil that many people's love will grow cold. But whoever holds out to the end will be saved" (Mt 24:4-13).

The message of this Sunday is a call for endurance, piety and modesty. Through these we can patiently wait for the Glorious Resurrection of Christ, the purification of our souls and the triumph of the True Faith.

The Second Coming of our Lord will open a new era, a new heaven and a new earth, when there will be neither "Lent" nor the necessities that make Lent indispensable.

"Joy, gladness and justice" will then dwell there. The inhabitants of that place will be only "the conquerors", that is, the conquerors over evil.

Church Website: www.ststepanos.org

We are very happy to introduce you to our updated Website 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**

HOLY WEEK

The Holy Week contains a series of events in the life of Christ the Savior linking prophecy with its fulfillment. For those who would like to participate in the services during the Holy Week, please mark your calendar as follows:

SUNDAY, April 13 PALM SUNDAY

Morning Service 9:30a.m. - Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

At the conclusion of Service the "Opening of the Doors" ceremony and procession.

April 17, GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY

7:30 PM Ceremony of the Washing of the Feet (Vodunluva)

The Priest will kneel and will wash the feet of 12 men, as Christ did to his disciples as an example to us of loving service.

8:30 PM Great Vigil [Khavarum]

Passion Gospels and Extinguishing of Candles and the beautiful hymn

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April 18, GOOD FRIDAY

7:30 PM - Burial Service.

Commemoration of the Crucifixion and Burial of our Lord Jesus Christ. Bible readings from the Old and New Testaments show how the Prophets foretold the death of Christ.

Saturday, April 19 GREAT SATURDAY

6:30 p.m. Vigil of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ - JRAKALOOYTS.

Reading of Sacred Prophecies

7:00 p.m. Easter Eve's Divine Liturgy

Sunday April 20, - EASTER CELEBRATION

Morning Service at 9:30 - Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM

**12:30 PM Women's Guild Egg Cracking and Choreg Sale,
Coffee and Fellowship.**

Let us share Easter joy with our special greeting of the season:

**KRISDOS HARYAV EE MERELÖTZ. ÖRHNYAL EH HARÖÖTIUNUN KRISDÖSEE.
CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD. BLESSED IS THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST.**

LENTEN SUNDAYS

- April 6 – Advent – Christ returns to Earth to judge the living and the dead. How can we be prepared? What responsibilities do we have? Have we understood Christ's first coming? (Matthew 25)
- April 13 – Palm Sunday – We enter Holy Week. The triumphant entry into Jerusalem by our Lord also signals the beginning of the holiest days of Christianity. (Matthew 20:29-21:17)

SAVE THE DATE

LENTEN CHURCH SERVICE AND DINNERS

According to our Armenian Church traditions during Lent, every Wednesday and Friday we hold an evening prayer service which is called the Hour of Rest. During this year's Lenten period in our church, we will hold these service every Friday evening.

Our Christian faith teaches us that we all are priests, and the Lord Jesus is our High Priest. Therefore, in His Church, we all pray together, because the faithful church united in one body prays together, and this is the purpose of the Friday evening services during the Lenten period.

We hope that our congregation will be inspired and motivated by the Holy Spirit to come and attend our Lenten church services. "By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding, it is established" /Proverbs 24:3/

On Friday, March 21 Lenten Dinner was hosted by Manoushak Vardumyan.

We would like to express our deep gratitude for their generous support and good will to be a part of our ministry.

Each Friday of the month Lenten Dinners start at 6:30p.m followed by Church service at 8:00p.m.

April 11, Friday - Lenten Dinner will be hosted by the Lahham and Garabedian families.

Donation: \$10.00 Adults / Children ages 6-10 \$5.00.

Sunday April 6, 2014 - Initiation Service for our revived chapter of the Women's Guild who after Badarak will hold their general meeting with election of the WG Officers.

April 13 - On Palm Sunday Women's Guild Choreg Sale and we will be celebrating ACYOA DAY with our Annual Lahmajoun Luncheon. Please come and support our young adults and enjoy some delicious lahmajoun and tasty delights.

Donations: Adults -\$12; Children -\$5

April 22, Tuesday - 7:00 P.M. Armenian Genocide Remembrance Program sponsored by CHHANGE featuring guest lecturer KHATCHIG MOURADIAN at the Warner Student Life Center, Navesink Rooms, Brookdale Community College in Lincroft (Parking Lot 7).



MEMORIAL SERVICE DEVOTED TO 99th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

Our Church will be open from 5:00PM until 7:00 PM.

Our parishioners may come and light candles for the Genocide victims.

The Requiem Service will be held at 7:00 PM, followed by the movie "The Lark Farm" . It is an Italian-French-Bulgarian-Spanish co-production and takes a close look at Turkey's most sensitive taboo — the 1915 genocide against our Armenian nation.



Fellowship hour: will be hosted by the WG, Linda Patruno and family. Please contact Mary Ann Tutunjian at 732-776- 8333, if you would like to sponsor a fellowship hour.

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.

MIDDAY READINGS ASCRIBED FOR THIS SUNDAY:

COLOSSIANS 3:1-17:

St. Paul tells his listeners to live according to the true faith which is in Christ, for He alone is the true head of men and of angels. As part of God's creation, we ought to celebrate life much more readily and thankfully than we do. We have received much and our response of gratitude should be correspondingly generous and sustained.

MATTHEW 22:34-23:12:

Jesus enunciates the two great commandments, the two principles that should be our guide in life – Love for God and love for man. Man, created in the image and likeness of God, should respond in love toward God, as a child loves his father. In the same way, man should love his fellow man with brotherly love and compassion, for God is the Father of All.

DER VOGHORMYA / A SPECIAL PRAYER

at the altar today is for the healing and health of **Trudy Takakjian, Annette Serabian, Seroun Wang**. Our Primate asks our Diocesan parishes and families to offer prayers for our brothers and sisters in Kessab. In this hour of need, please remember them in your prayers, at home and in church.

FUNERAL

We are very sad to announce that **Gegham Tukmanyants** passed away after a long illness on Saturday April 5th, 2014 at his home.

A visitation will be held at St. Stepanos Armenian church **on Sunday, April 6, 2014** from 6:00PM-8:00p.m. at 8:00p.m. Service for the departed.

On Monday, April 7 the Funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. at St. Stepanos Armenian Church, Elberon NJ,

Burial 12:15 p.m. @ Holmdel Cemetery, 900 Holmdel Rd. Holmdel NJ 07733

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to St. Stepanos Armenian Church, Elberon NJ



REQUIEM SERVICE / ՀՈԳԵՏԱՆԳԻՍ



Requested in loving memory of:

† Martin Boyajian - first anniversary
† Arax Barmakian - 15 years

Requested by:

Trude Takakjian and Nancy



Requested in loving memory of:

† Shoushan & Khoren Barmakian
† Dikran & Manoushag Boyajian
† Dickie Boyajian

Requested by:

Linda and Paul Patruno & family