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**SAINT STEPANOS
ARMENIAN
APOSTOLIC
CHURCH**

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SUNDAY BULLETIN**

May 4, 2014

**ԱՇԽԱՐԱՄԱՏՐԱՆ ԿԻՐԱԿԻ
(Green Sunday)**

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

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THE SUNDAY OF THE WORLD CHURCH refers generally to the historical establishment of the Universal Church, which embraces all who believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, Savior and have been baptized in His name. The Armenian Church has never considered itself separated from the Universal Church and Christian faithfuls. With all Christians, we share our faith, hope, love, and one Lord.

Today's Feast also refers specifically to the Upper Room where Christ shared His Last Supper with His disciples and where the disciples gathered together twice after the Resurrection of Christ, saw their resurrected Lord and became the First Christian Church.

« Քանզի ահա ձմեռը անցաւ անձրեւները անցան գազին, գետնին վրայ ծաղիկները կ'երեւնան եւ մեր երկիրն վրայ տատարակին ձայնը կը լսուի» Երգ երգոց 21:11-13

Մեր եկեղեցին անուանակոչած է Զատիկուայ երկրորդ կիրակին Աշխարամատրան կամ Կանանչ Կիրակի անուններով:

«Աշխարամատուռ» բառը կը նշանակէ համաաշխարհային մատուռ մը որ ունի համաքրիստոնէական հանգամանք: Մոյն կոչումը, Երուսաղէմի Վերնատան կը պատկանի ուր մեր Տէրը հաստատեց Սուրբ Հաղորդութեան Խորհուրդը եւ երկու անգամ երեւեցաւ Իր աշակերտներուն առջեւ:

Առաջինը՝ պատահեցաւ Զատիկուան օրը եւ ներկայ առաքեալները տեսան յարուցեալ Քրիստոսը: Թովմաս առաքեալը հոն չէր: Ասոր համար ինք չհաւատաց Յիսուսի յարութեան աւետիսին: Յաջորդ Կիրակին մեր Տէրը կրկին երեւեցաւ Վերնատան մէջ: Թովմաս առաքեալը հոն էր, տեսաւ յարուցեալ Փրկիչը եւ երջանկութեամբ երկրպագելով զինք ըսաւ

« Տէր իմ, Աստուած իմ»:

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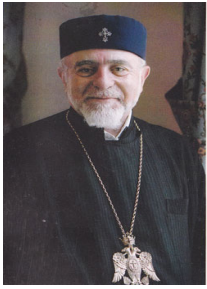
We are very happy to introduce you to our updated Website www.ststepanos.org.

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**



A thought for this week . . .

Essays for a New Era in the Armenian Church by His Holiness, Kareki I

There is no need to quote here any specific definition of the church. We all know that the church is that society of men and women who are called by God through his Son, Jesus Christ, to live according to His will, in unity with Him and with each other, and to fulfill the ultimate purpose of his creation in the establishment of His Kingdom.

Of course there are important nuances in our understanding of the actual manifestation of this unity in God and among men which constitutes the fundamental reality of the church.

Whether we stress the Catholic-Orthodox understanding of the sacramental and institutional character of the church or the Protestant understanding with its emphasis on a charismatic nature, we all agree that the church is not a multitude of individual Christians. The social-communal characters of the church is well expressed in the image of the body, which is used in describing the nation. In the case of the church, we use the expression "Mystical Body of Christ," while in referring to a nation we use the term "social body."

MIDDAY READINGS ASCRIBED FOR THIS SUNDAY:

ACTS 9:23-31:

Saul (St. Paul) is rejected by the Apostles who knew how he once persecuted the followers of Christ. Saul, however, boldly preaches the Good News of the Risen Christ throughout Jerusalem.

I PETER 2:1-10:

A new birth means new life. To love one another as Christians requires the elimination of characteristics of the old life. They must be stripped off with relentless severity. As Jesus is the Messiah, King of the New Kingdom, His subjects are priesthood. The function of the Church (laity) is to declare the wonderful deeds of God's redeeming love by offering ourselves as spiritual sacrifices through Jesus Christ.

JOHN 2:23-3:12

Jesus speaks of the necessity of baptism, which is the mystery of rebirth in faith. When we were baptized as children, the Church proclaimed the fact that God reaches out in love to all men, adopting them as His own. Our parents and sponsors acknowledged this adoption and promised to ensure our growth as God's children.

As adults, we are called upon to affirm in our lives this rebirth. Our lives should be new lives, full of love, joy, understanding and peace, reflecting the reality of our baptism.



St. Stepanos Sunday / Armenian School

On Saturday April 26, 2014 the St. Stepanos Armenian Church Sunday/Armenian School had its Easter Breakfast, Egg Hunt and Egg Cracking Contest. Prior to the breakfast Der Daniel had a short service in the sanctuary. Since the majority of our children are in the Pre-K to the third grade he has that great ability to talk to them at their level and to their delight make them smile and laugh.

After the service it was up to the hall and a breakfast of eggs, bacon, pancakes and other delights. The children then were ready for the dash to the plastic eggs filled with candy and special prizes on the outside front and side lawn of the church. Their faces full of smiles is well worth all of the effort. After the children checked their bounty and for some receiving the special prizes (Carvel Ice Cream Gift Cards) we were ready to have the egg cracking contest. True to their heritage, they eagerly gabbled an egg and began the contest. It is so funny to hear their screams and joy when they their egg is not cracked. It was a wonderful time for all. All of the food, candy and colored hard boiled eggs were donated by the parents with many helping in the set-up, kitchen, and clean up. Also, other than parents there were some of our younger parishioners who helped. We are blessed with wonderful parents, children and young parishioners.

John Haytaian



Mother's 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



Manhattan's Diocesan Center and St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral hosted the 112 Assembly, which brought together several hundred Armenian Church leaders from throughout the Eastern Diocese. Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Diocesan Primate, preside over all the gatherings and events and was reelected as the Primate of our Diocese.

We congratulate our Surpazan's reelection and wish him strength and success in his important ministry.

In addition to the regular business sessions and reports from Diocesan organizations, the Assembly included presentations on the Diocesan theme for the year: "Living the Gospel of Christ."

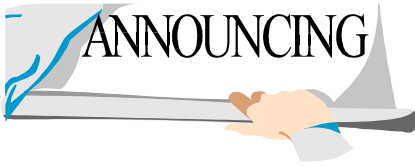


Apply for a Diocesan Scholarship Online

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/>

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. **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.


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.


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.

DER VOGHORMYA / A SPECIAL PRAYER at the altar today is for the healing and health of **Trudy Takakjian, Annette Serabian, Seroun Wang and Joan Yates**. *Please offer your prayers for our brothers and sisters in Kessab. In this hour of need, please remember them in your prayers.*

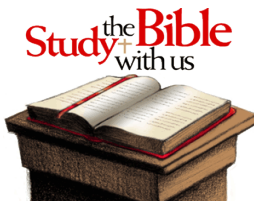
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Requested by:
Ofig & Sedrak Jidarian
Anoush Jidarian
Aren Jidarian

 **Requested in loving memory of:**
† Varsenik Cholakian
Requested by:
Maral Karakashian and family

 **Requested in loving memory of:**
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Requested by:
Azad, Maurice Sr. Maurice Jr. Lahham and family

Fellowship hour: will be hosted by Ofig & Sedrak Jidarian and their family. Please contact Mary Ann Tutunjian at 732-776- 8333, if you would like to sponsor a fellowship hour.



The Bible study that will be held on Monday, May 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the Church, will review John, Chapter 7, 8 and 9.