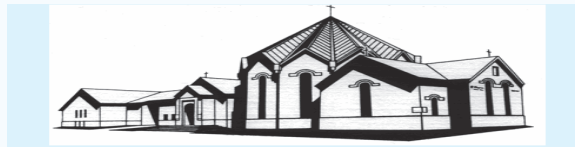


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**SAINT STEPANOS  
ARMENIAN  
APOSTOLIC  
CHURCH**

**8 Յունիս 2014**

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SUNDAY BULLETIN**

**ՀՈԳԵԳԱԼՈՒՍ - ՊԵՆՏԵԿՈՍՏԷ  
FEAST OF PENTECOST  
(Advent of the Holy Spirit)**

**June 8, 2014**

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

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## THE PENTECOST

Pentecost is one of the most important feasts on the Christian calendar that falls fifty days after Easter. We frequently identify this celebration, which falls on June 8th this year, as the “Birthday” of the Christian Church.

But why? What makes the Pentecost event such an important milestone for the Christian faith?

The feast marks the event of the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles of Jesus gathered in the Upper Room in Jerusalem, 50 days after Resurrection, in anticipation of the fulfillment of the Lord’s promise that altered their life.

The Holy Spirit came in the form of a tongues of fire, “as of a rushing wind,” rested upon the apostles and transformed them from a group of fearful and timid individuals into a force of bold and empowered leaders.

It was the Holy Spirit who filled the apostles and inspired them to move out into the world and preach the Good News of Christ’s Resurrection.

It was the coming of the Spirit of God, Hokekalusd, which gave birth to the fellowship of the Church. Therefore our Church celebrates Pentecost not just as a historical event but as the feast of empowerment of every believer who receives the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Holy Chrismation. Fulfilled with the Holy Spirit many of the followers of Jesus Christ became great preachers and apologists for the new faith. In similar way we also lead and direct our lives along the way of Jesus. Let us pray for our own personal renewal in the Holy Spirit, and rejoice in our spiritual birthday.

“The Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and make you remember all that I have told you.” (John 14:26).

The descent of the Holy Spirit is described in the Acts of the Apostles: (Acts 2:1-4).

## HOUSE BLESSINGS

After Easter, and according to the Armenian Christian tradition, Der Hayr will bless our homes. This blessed tradition occurs on the feasts of Christmas and Easter each year. It is also an opportunity for the priest as the spiritual father to visit his parishioners, and to acquaint himself with each family and their spiritual and material needs. Please contact Der Hayr at 732 229-3661 (church) and tell him what day and time it will be convenient to visit your homes. The visits will take approximately a half-hour. Der Hayr will need only a piece of bread, a cup of water, and salt to perform the house blessing.



### ՀՈԳԵԳԱԼՈՒՍՏԸ՝

Քրիստոնեական Եկեղեցւոյ սկզբնաւորութիւնն է: 33թ. Յ.Ք Երուսաղէմի մէջ, Յիսուսի Համբարձումէն 10 օրեր յետոյ, այսինքն ԶԱՏԻԿԻՆ 50րդ օրը, հրեական «ՊԵՆՏԵԿՈՍՏԷ» կոչուած սօնին յաշորդող Կիրակին տեղի ունեցաւ Հոգեգալուստը:

«Երբ Պենտեկոստէի սօնը հասաւ, բոլորն ալ միաբան՝ (հաւաքուած բազմութիւնը հարիւր քսան հոգիի չափ էր, մէկ տեղ էին (տես Գործք Ա.:15): Յանկարծ շտապ մը եղաւ երկինքէն՝ սաստկաշունչ հովի մը ձայնին պէս, ու լեցուց ամբողջ տունը՝ ուր նստած էին: Եւ բաժնուած լեզուներ երեւցան իրենց՝ որպէս թէ կրակէ, ու հանգչեցան անոնցմէ իւրաքանչիւրին վրայ: Բոլորն ալ լեցուեցան Սուրբ Հոգիով եւ սկսան խօսիլ ուրիշ լեզուներով, ինչպէս Հոգին իրենց խօսիլ կու տար»:

Պենտեկոստէի դէպքին արդիւնքները քրիստոնաբար երկուք են: Առաքեալներու կեանքին մէջ հիմնական փոփոխութիւններ յառաջ բերուեցան:

Փոխուեցան անոնց զգացումները, խորհուրդները, կեանքի հանդէպ անոնց գաղափարները: Փոխուեցան նաեւ անոնց շարժումները, որովհետեւ Աստուծոյ Սուրբ Հոգին ցոյց տուաւ իրենց որ աշխարհը ուրիշ կերպարանք մը եւ նոր իմաստ մը ունի եւ իրենք ալ աշխարհի համար նորոգուած անձեր եղան: Առաջ վախկոտ էին, բայց ահա հիմա քաջութեամբ լեցուած են եւ պատրաստ են դարձնելու իրենց կեանքը իբր միջոց նուիրուելու եւ ծառայելու համար: Առաքեալները ընդունելէ յետոյ Սուրբ Հոգիի շնորհները անմիջապէս դուրս ելան վերնատունէն ու սկսան իրենց քարոզութիւնը կատարել:

Անոնք կը խօսէին հրապարակներու մէջ հաւաքուած զանազան մարդոց հետ տարբեր լեզուներով: Ունկնդրողներէն շատեր որոնք գիտէին Յիսուսի աշակերտներուն ունեցած կարողութիւնները, ափ ի բերան կը մնային՝ լսելով անոնց ոգեւորիչ ու հոնտորական բանախօսութիւնները: Անոնք որպէս ականատեսներ կը վկայէին իրենց Վարդապետին կատարած հրաշագործութիւնները՝ կը մեկնաբանէին Քրիստոսի խօսքերը ու քրիստոնեայ կը դարձնէին շատեր Սուրբ մկրտութեամբ:

Պենտեկոստէի միս գլխաւոր արդիւնքն էր որ երեւան բերաւ՝ Քրիստոնեական Եկեղեցւոյ հրաշալի հաստատութիւնը՝ այսինքն ծնաւ քրիստոնեական Եկեղեցին:

Քրիստոնեաներուն թիւը Սուրբ Հոգիի իջած օրը 120 էր բայց Պետրոս առաքեալի քարոզութեամբ (քարոզողը՝ Սուրբ Հոգին էր) 3000 հոգիներ մէկ անգամէն դարձի եկան եւ իրենց թիւը անելով դարե ի դար այսօր 800 միլիոնը անցաւ: Հրաշալի ու յարատեւ այս աճումը Եկեղեցին կը պարտի՝ Ս.Հոգիի ներգործութեան, առաքեալներու եւ առաջին քրիստոնեաներու աղօթքին, հաւատքին, գործին եւ նուիրումին:



## CHURCH ETIQUETTE

### Sunday Altar Flowers

In the Armenian Church the flower fund is a beautiful way to remember, honor or give thanks for loved ones. The gift of flowers not only provides the adornment of our altars and proclamation of resurrection, it also serves as a pastoral blessing to those who receive the flowers delivered to them after our worship – typically those who are shut-in by virtue of illness or crisis or those with some milestone celebration.

St. Stepanos invites you to make a gift to our church towards Sunday flowers in memory of, in thanksgiving for, in celebration of or in honor of a person or event. You may give once or on a recurring annual basis. The donor's name and appropriate dedication will be printed in our Sunday Bulletin and Datev.

St. Stepanos Flower Committee will be responsible for ordering the flowers. Donations will be made directly to St. Stepanos Flower Fund and will be tax deductible. Donations for the **flowers are \$ 50.**

At Christmas and Easter there is a separate sign up; we do not have flowers during Advent or Lent.

We must receive your donation four (4) weeks in advance of the Sunday you are requesting.

## MIDDAY READINGS ASCRIBED FOR THIS SUNDAY:

ACTS 2:1-21; JOHN 14:25-31:

### ACTS 2:1-21:

The coming of the Holy Spirit is the event commemorated on Pentecost. One basic result of the presence of the Holy Spirit is that persons were able to communicate with one another. The Holy Spirit creates community, a gathering together of people who can, in the spirit understand and relate to one another. The tragedy of our time is that there is so much isolation and separation among men that there is very little real communication. Over-specialization, compartmentalization, ego, ethnic, racial, social and political barriers isolate people in our society, as well as within parish communities. Pentecost reminds us that the Church, filled with the Spirit, is called to break down barriers, reconciling mankind to each other and to God. Each one of us is asked to help break those barriers.

### JOHN 14:25-31:

The Gospel reading is a lengthy teaching and prayer from Jesus to and for his disciples before his passion and death. In this reading Jesus affirms that he and God are one, and therefore the words that Jesus speaks, and the works that he does, are those that God has chosen for him to speak, and do. Jesus enjoins his followers to keep his commandment of Love, and he tells them that whenever they are about the business of doing this; **the Comforter, Counselor, Helper promised by Jesus the Holy Spirit** of God will be with them to assist them. As Jesus has taught his followers by word and example, so the Holy Spirit will continue to teach and lead all who seek to follow Christ. Jesus knows that the world will change and that the challenges and questions his followers will face will be many. What He promises is that when there is a need for help and guidance, the Holy Spirit will be with us. The deepest danger we face as Christians is a disobedience of spirit that makes us un-teachable. Christ is crucified because men are not open to His indwelling. He gives, but we must receive. He comes, but we must welcome Him to live with us and to teach us.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to the following people on their Birthdays this month: Nayri Gueyikian - 06/05/; Berj Jarkezian-06/06/; Samantha McQueen-06/07/; Wanes Jarkezian-06/07/; Richard Pekmezian - 06/08/; Anna Arzumanyants - 06/14/; Hagop Bakhtiarian-06/17/; Maurice Lahham Jr. 06/17/; Monica Stahl - 06/17/; Zaneta Tukmanian- 06/18/; Ashkhen Tadevosyan- 06/19/; Shakeh Mardikian-06/19/; Christopher Koseyan-06/29/; Arlene Heitman - 06/30/; Lori Lombardi - 06/30/...

*On Pentecost the Holy Spirit blessed the holy Apostles with the ability to speak in various languages as part of His Divine plan. Today also, God may grant this special grace to us if we are receptive to His divine Will and ready to go out and preach His special message of salvation.*

### NAME DAYS Celebrated Today – Kaloust, Aghavni

*Armenians have the custom of honoring a person on their particular Feast Day or Name Day rather than on their birthday. Each week those names that are being celebrated will be listed and remembered. Celebration of one's Name Day is considered to be spiritually important, for the individual develops special spiritual ties with his Patron Saint and, consequently, with God. We honor the person by presenting them with a light candle and saying: "**anoonovut dzeranas**" "may you grow old with your name" which in turns means wishing the person a long life.*

**Church 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 !



The Bible study will be held on Monday June 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the Church. We will touch on John, Chapter 9 but we would like to concentrate on Chapters 10 and 11.

**Fellowship hour:** will be hosted by Manushag Vardmyan and Edgar&Narine Grigorian from Slice Patisserie. Please contact Mary Ann Tutunjian at 732-776- 8333, if you would like to sponsor a fellowship hour.



We are looking for clean like new clothing, vintage jewelry, bike, tools, stereo, DVD players, Kitchenware. Please contact Robina Lahham at 732-567-6460 \* 732-276-6964 or email

RobinaLahham@yahoo.com



**JUNE 22, FATHER'S DAY PICNIC AFTER BADARAK**

We will celebrate the Father and Man of the Year. Come join us!

Bring the family and friends and be part of the fun and merriment.

We will have Shish Kebob, Chicken Kebob, Lula Kebob and Delicious Armenian Delicacies and Desserts.



**Men of the St. Stepanos Parish Invited to Chicken BBQ**

All men and their girls of our parish, aged 21-121 are invited to attend a Chicken BBQ and Tavlou (Backgammon) tournament with the St. Stepanos Men's Club.

This event will be on **Saturday July 12** from 11:00pm- 4:30pm. Come meet fellow friends from our parish who join together for fellowship, service, recreation and networking. Please **RSVP to stepanoschurch@aol.com** so enough food is provided.

**GRADUATION**

Please call the church office or send us an email at [stepanoschurch@aol.com](mailto:stepanoschurch@aol.com) with the names (and picture) of graduates in your family (High School, College, Grad School) to be published in the upcoming issues of the Sunday Bulletin and Datev.



**Summer Bible Camp**

**July 26, 2014 - One Day Summer Camp Bible Adventure: "Jonah and The Big Fish".**

All our children at age 7 and more are invited.

Suggested Donations – \$10.00. Please sign up not later than July 14th.

More details to follow.

**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.

**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.



**DER VOGHORMYA / A SPECIAL PRAYER**

at the altar today is for the healing and health of **Trudy Takakjian, Annette Serabian, Dorlthy Othchy and Joan Yates**. Please offer your prayers for our Armenian brothers and sisters in Syria. In this hour of need, please remember them in your prayers.