



2012 Summer Application

- Deacons' Training Program**
June 25 – July 3 **\$450**
Directed by V. Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan
- High School Conference A**
July 6 – 14 **\$525**
Directed by Rev. Fr. Tavit Boyajian
- Junior High School Conference**
July 19 – 23 **\$325**
Directed by Rev. Fr. Diran Bohajian & Dn. Levon Altiparmakian
- High School Conference B**
July 30 – August 7 **\$525**
Directed by Rev. Fr. Hovnan Demerjian
- Post High School Conference**
August 10 – 17 **\$425**
Directed by Dn. Benjamin Rith-Najarian & V. Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan

Participant's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Grade Entering Fall of 2012: _____

Participant's Cell Phone: _____

Participant's E-mail: _____

Previous Conferences Attended: _____

Parish: _____

Parent's Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Parent's Cell Phone: _____

Parent's E-mail: _____

For further information, E-mail: info@stnersess.edu.
Please complete and return this application with your check made payable to: **St. Nersess Armenian Seminary**.

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*The Living Faith of the
Armenian Church
for Young
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Deacons' Training Program

The St. Nersess Deacons' Training Program is designed for young men who would like to learn to participate in the liturgical services of the Armenian Church as deacons and altar servers. Through personalized practical workshops and interactive classes, Seminary faculty, priests, deacons, and other specialists teach participants the deacons' chants of the Divine Liturgy and other services, while they take the mystery out of the rituals, the music, the symbols, and the chants. Students who complete the program return to their home churches with polished liturgical skills, a deeper understanding of the church's worship, stronger faith, and lots of new friends.

Beginners with little or no previous experience serving at the altar focus on the deacons' chants and rituals of the Divine Liturgy, while this year advanced students will learn the hymns, chants and rituals of the Service of the Oil-Bearing Women (*Yooghapereets*), which is conducted every Sunday during the Morning Service.

All participants benefit from daily study of the Bible and Liturgy, morning and evening worship, and Armenian language instruction. Sports, games, excursions, and the indescribable phenomenon of St. Nersess make the Deacons' Training Program unique, rewarding and fun. The program is open to young men at least 14 years old. No previous experience is necessary.



The Very Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan, Dean and Professor of Liturgical Studies, is the director of the Deacons' Training Program.

2012 Summer Conferences

St. Nersess Seminary's acclaimed youth conferences have attracted thousands of teenagers and college-aged students to explore their faith and the heritage of the Armenian Church with friends in a safe, fun and unique environment. Clergy and lay church leaders instruct the participants in the fundamentals of the Armenian Church's faith and traditions, and they encourage frank discussion about issues important to young people.

St. Nersess makes daily worship, Bible Study, and Armenian language instruction appealing and fun. In addition, sports, day-trips, home-cooked meals, and memorable St. Nersess traditions make for a well-rounded and innovative experience where young people make deep, lasting friendships and discover their place in the Armenian Church.

The High School Conferences are open to students entering 9-12th grades in September 2012. Older students are invited to attend the Post High-School Conference. Those beginning 7th or 8th grade in September 2012 are welcome to attend the Junior High School Conference.

A maximum of 25 students will be accepted for each conference. Participants with completed applications and full payment will be considered in the order received. **Due to space and logistical planning, half of the total tuition is non-refundable.** Please contact your local parish for available scholarships. The fee for the Summer Conference includes room and board.



THE QUESTION BOX. Back by popular demand, participants will be able to ask any question they have about the church, its teachings and traditions, Christian faith, the Bible, and issues of concern to them. Anonymously dropped into the Question Box, the questions will be addressed by a panel of clergy.

Participants in this summer's conferences will explore such issues as: How to Pray ♦ God's Plan for Us: Past, Present and Future ♦ Is Forgiveness Possible for Those Who Commit Genocide? ♦ Building Faith Through the *Badarak* ♦ Loving As Christ Loved ♦ How to Handle Temptations ♦ and more.

