

St. Nersess Armenian Seminary and the Diocese of the Armenian Church [Eastern] present

# A Double Workshop for Altar Servers and Deacons

November 1-3, 2013

St. Stepanos Armenian Church • 1000 Ocean Avenue • Elberon, New Jersey

*Workshop #1*

## Censing/*Poorvar*

Offering incense during the Divine Liturgy is one of the deacon's primary responsibilities. Participants in this workshop will learn how to hold and swing the *poorvar* properly as they master the various censing patterns. By the end of the weekend participants will be able to offer incense with the *poorvar* during the *Badarak* competently and confidently.

*Workshop #2*

## Blessing of Water

The Blessing of Water is a beautiful and distinctive part of the Armenian Church's Christmas celebration, rich in rituals, symbols, and music. Participants in this intensive workshop will learn the deacon's parts of the ceremony including the litany, *Hamenayn Zham*, and the hymns *Ov Zarmanalee* and *Aysor Tsaynun Hayragan*.

*The program begins at 6pm on Friday, November 1 and concludes at 2pm on Sunday, November 3. Students will be housed under adult supervision at the Ocean Court Motel-by-the-Sea, 170 Ocean Avenue, Long Branch, New Jersey, near St. Stepanos. All meals, instruction and activities will take place the church. Fee for the workshop, triple-occupancy room, home-cooked meals and materials is \$100. Download a registration form at [www.stnersess.edu](http://www.stnersess.edu). Open to young men age 14 and older regardless of previous experience. Co-directors are V. Rev. Fr. Daniel Findikyan and Rev. Fr. Daniel Karadjian. Contact [frdaniel@armeniandiocese.org](mailto:frdaniel@armeniandiocese.org) for further information or questions.*