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ST. JAMES ARMENIAN CHURCH (EVANSTON, IL)

**Sunday, December 28, 2014**

**DEACONS' DEDICATION SERVICE  
ON THE DAY OF COMMEMORATION OF ST. STEPHEN  
PROTODEACON AND PROTOMARTYR**



Morning Service – 9:15 AM  
Divine Liturgy - 10:00 AM  
Deacons' Dedication Service

Saint Stephen (*Soorb Stepanos* in Armenian) was the first of seven deacons to be ordained by the twelve apostles and the first Christian martyr. The responsibility of these seven deacons was to take care of the secular needs of the Hellenic (Greek Speaking) Jewish Christian community in Jerusalem.

Saint Stephen is Christianity's protomartyr and protodeacon. His feast day holds much meaning for us as Armenian Christians. Saint Stephen is the model of Christian living. We honor him on his feast day and honor those who have followed his path.

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