

ON THE LEAVING THE SANCTUARY AFTER BADARAK

<p><u>Q. What do I say when approaching the Holy Gospel at the end of the Divine Liturgy?</u></p>	<p><u>You say:</u> Heeshestzeh Der zamenaym Badarakus koh. May the Lord remember all your offerings.</p> <p><u>The Priest answers:</u> Datseh Der usd srdee koom yev zamenayn khorhoortus koh na gadarsestseh. May the Lord grant you according to your own heart, and fulfill all your counsel. (Psalm 20:4)</p>
<p><u>THE KISS OF PEACE</u></p>	<p><u>The GIVER says:</u> Kreesdos ee mech mer haydnetsav Christ is revealed amongst us</p> <p><u>The RECEIVER says:</u> Orhnyal eh haydootyoonun Kreesdosee Blessed is the revelation of Christ</p>
<p><u>What do I say when I take Mahs?</u></p>	<p><u>The GIVER says:</u> Mahs yev pazheen yegheetsee kez ee Soorp Badarakes.</p> <p>May this be to you a share and portion of the Holy Sacrifice.</p> <p><u>The RECEIVER says:</u> Pahjeen eem Asdvadz haveedyan. God is my portion forever.</p>
<p><u>THE PSALM OF DISMISSAL</u> <u>PSALM 34</u></p>	<p>Orhnetseets uzDer hamenayn zham, hamenyn zhamorhnootyoon nora ee peran eem.</p> <p>I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall be at all times in my mouth.</p>

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Today's Scripture Readings

Acts 5:34-6:7, James 3:1-12, John 1:1-17

*Alleluia, Alleluia. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!
For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your sons within you.
He makes peace in your borders; he fills you with the finest of the wheat.
He sends forth his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly. He
gives snow like wool; he scatters hoarfrost like ashes. He casts
forth his ice like morsels; who can stand before his cold? He
sends forth his word, and melts them; he makes his wind
blow, and the waters flow. He declares his word to
Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel. He
has not dealt thus with any nation; they do
not know his ordinances. Praise the Lord!*

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

From the Father of Light:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light.

The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

OUR ARMENIAN CHURCH SHALL SURVIVE

by Joyce Mesrobian

When adults come to Sunday worship, our Church exists.

When children come to Sunday School, our Church survives.

Where are the children? Why are they not in Sunday School?

We parents know the beginning years of our children are the formative years, the foundation years. We spend so much time and effort to encourage their intellectual intelligence. We spend so much time and effort to encourage their emotional intelligence. But, what are we doing about their spiritual intelligence? How are we encouraging their ways of knowing God and the ways of living a Christian life?

Where are the children? Why are they not in Sunday School?

We parents say, "We are tired. We worked hard all week. Sunday is our day of rest." But, do we not remember? Our parents and grandparents also worked hard. Even harder. Long hours each and every day. Except Sunday. On that day, all of us – young and old – went to Church together. We prayed together. We praised God together. *Park kes Der!* We knew we were Armenian. We knew we were Christian. We knew Sunday was the Lord's day.

We say, "We are tired." Shame on us!

Where are the children? Why are they not in Sunday School?

We parents say, "We don't understand the service. We don't understand Armenian." But, do we not know our Church has English translations of the service? Do we not know we can follow the *Badarak* in English? Do we not know the priest speaks Armenian and English? Can we not make the effort to learn a few words of Armenian?

We say, "We don't understand the service." Shame on us!

Where are the children? Why are they not in Sunday School?

We parents say, "What difference does it make anyway where we worship? God is everywhere. Why not go to the neighborhood Methodist Church? It's closer. Why not worship in the Episcopal Church? My friends are there. Why must it always be the Armenian Church?"

But, do we not remember our history? Our remarkable, sacred history? Do we not recall our forefathers' steadfast resolve to preserve our Armenian Christian faith? Can we not hear the echoes of their unstilled voices in the hollowed ridges of the Musa Dagh. or in the sandy swirls of the desert of Der-Zor? "Keep the faith, *Dzakes*. Keep the faith, my child."

Announcements

Celebrant: This morning Rev. Fr. Hrach Sargsyan is the celebrant and preacher. Please join us in worship.

Lectors: Today's Holy Scripture will be read by the following:
Epistle – Oktyabrina Mollaeva; Gospel – Mesroubian Samuel

Fellowship: Today's fellowship is sponsored by the Dolokhanou and Zargarian families. If you wish to sponsor a fellowship please use the sign-up sheet to do so.

SIGN-UP SHEET: Dear Parishioners please use the sign-up sheet for Scripture readings on Sundays.

Women's Guild: Dear Women, we are very much looking for volunteers to take responsibilities and leadership roles within the Women's Guild. There are many functions in the Women's Guild where you can have an important and helpful role. WG upcoming events:

1. April 30th – May 2nd 24th Annual Women's Guild Assembly
2. November 14th Children's Fair

For all other details and additional information, feel free to contact Dana Nyholm by email, or by phone: dana_nyholm@hotmail.com, phone: 612-816-0255.

Prayers for the sick: Please remember in your prayers all those who are ill or recovering from illness. May God strengthen their souls so that they may overcome this difficult time of their lives.

If you know anyone that needs our special prayers, please contact Rev. Fr. Hrach by Thursday so that their names are included in the bulletin the following Sunday.

Christian Studies: Every Thursday from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. join us for evening worship and Christian Studies with Fr. Hrach.

ACOM Armenian Language Classes: Eastern Armenian language classes are scheduled on the last two Sundays of every month. Classes are held upstairs after lunch, at 1:00 p.m. with Mariam Khachatryan. Any further changes regarding day and time will be announced ahead of time.

EDUCATIONAL

Eastertide (Sacred Period that Follows Easter) From Easter to the Sunday of Pentecost is a 50-day period called **Eastertide (also known as Quinquagesima)**. The first 40 days of Eastertide culminate with the **Feast of the Ascension**, celebrated on the Thursday of the sixth week. This entire period is dedicated solely to the mystery of the resurrected Savior's encounters with His Apostles and followers, with the exception of four special remembrances that do not detract from the preeminence of the Resurrection. The first of these special remembrances is the **Decapitation of St. John the Baptist**, which occurs on the first Saturday of Eastertide. It is remembered by the lection (during the Morning Service) of the Gospel of St. Mark, which describes the episode.

The second is **New Sunday**, which is the first Sunday after Easter. Its purpose is to emphasize the wondrous Resurrection, with only minor variables in the hours services. The next is the **Sunday of the World Church**, which follows New Sunday and commemorates the establishment in Jerusalem of the first Christian Church. According to some, it was founded in the Chapel on Zion, where the Upper Room was and where our Lord established the Sacrament of Holy Communion. (According to others it is the Cathedral of the Holy Sepulcher.)

The last is the fifth Sunday of Quinquagesima, when the **Feast of the Apparition of the Holy Cross** over Jerusalem is celebrated. This event took place during the time of Emperor Constants of Byzantium and Patriarch Cyril of Jerusalem.

After the Feast of the Ascension, which commemorates our Lord's ascent into heaven, the ensuing nine days until Pentecost celebrate Christ's Resurrection and Ascension. The **Seventh Sunday of Eastertide**, which falls within this 10-day period, combines an ecclesiastical and national tradition, which is recalled in the *sharagan* of the day.

According to tradition, an angel visited St. Gregory the Illuminator daily during his imprisonment in Khor Virab; yet on one day the angel did not appear. On the following day when the saint asked the angel about his absence, the angel explained that each day a rank of heavenly hosts celebrated Christ's Ascension and since it was the fourth day and he belonged to the fourth rank he took part in the celestial celebration. This Sunday is also known as the **Second Palm Sunday** because the gospel readings of Sunday recall Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem (on Palm Sunday).

Saint Sahag School of Music: Professional instruction in piano and flute. Anyone interested in taking lessons may contact Maestro Stepan Khachatryan or the Church Office for more information.

Diocesan Programs: The Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America is offering a number of programs to the faithful in the Armenian Church. Please contact Fr. Hrach Sargsyan for more information about any of these programs.

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Fr. Hrach is available at all hours for spiritual guidance and support.

The Divine Liturgy begins promptly at 10:30 a.m.

Please feel free to contact Fr. Hrach Sargsyan with any additional community activities so they may be included in the calendar of events.

The final feast of the Resurrection series is the **Advent of the Holy Spirit**, which takes place on the 50th day of Quinquagesima (a Sunday 10 days after the Ascension). It commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles in the Upper Room in tongues of fire, granting power and grace to them for the establishment of the Christian Church. In ancient times this feast was celebrated only one day, since the next day the Fast of Elijah commenced. In the 12th century, St. Nersess the Graceful established the 7-day celebration of **Pentecost** retaining the fast.

Calendar of Events: Please make note of the following activities and mark your calendars accordingly.

<i>April 18 Sunday Today</i>	10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: Sunday of the World Church (Green Sunday) 12:00 noon: Fellowship Hour 1:00 p.m. ACYOA meeting
<i>April 22 Thursday</i>	6:30 p.m. Evening Service and Bible Studies
<i>April 24 Saturday</i>	7:00 p.m. 95th Anniversary Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide.
<i>April 25 Sunday</i>	10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: Red Sunday

SAINTS AND FEASTS OF THE WEEK

April 18 Sunday of the World Church. Visit:
<http://www.araratian-tem.am/holdetails.php?id=1825>