

ON THE LEAVING THE SANCTUARY AFTER BADARAK

<p><i>Q. What do I say when approaching the Holy Gospel at the end of the Divine Liturgy?</i></p>	<p><i>You say:</i> Heeshestzeh Der zamenaym Badarakus koh. May the Lord remember all your offerings.</p> <p><i>The Priest answers:</i> 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><i>THE KISS OF PEACE</i></p>	<p><i>The GIVER says:</i> Kreesdos ee mech mer haydnetsav Christ is revealed amongst us</p> <p><i>The RECEIVER says:</i> Orhnyal eh haydootyoonun Kreesdosee Blessed is the revelation of Christ</p>
<p><i>What do I say when I take Mahs?</i></p>	<p><i>The GIVER says:</i> 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><i>The RECEIVER says:</i> Pahjeen eem Asdvadz haveedyan. God is my portion forever.</p>
<p><i>THE PSALM OF DISMISSAL PSALM 34</i></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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SAINT SAHAG ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

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Today's Scripture Readings

Acts 13:16-43, I Peter 5:1-14, John 5:19-30

Psalm 147:12-20

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ:

Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever he does, that the Son does likewise. For the Father loves the Son, and shows him all that he himself is doing; and greater works than these will he show him, that you may marvel. For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears my word and believes him who sent me, has eternal life; he does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

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?

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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 – **Cynthia Erickson**; Gospel – **Bill Oyler**

Fellowship: Today's fellowship is sponsored by **Samuel and Silvia Mesroubian**. If you wish to sponsor a fellowship please use the sign-up sheet to do so.

BASHDON HOKEHANKSDYAN – REQUIEM SERVICE FOR THOSE WHO SLEEP IN CHRIST

Today during the Divine Liturgy we offer our prayers as the community of St. Sahag for the souls of the departed servants of Christ:

VICTIMS OF THE 1915 ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

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 phone: dana_nyholm@hotmail.com, phone: 612-816-0255.

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.

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.

EDUCATIONAL

Easter tide (Sacred Period that Follows Easter) From Easter to the Sunday of Pentecost is a 50-day period called **Easter tide (also known as Quinquagesima)**. The first 40 days of Easter tide 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 Easter tide. 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 Constantine 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 Easter tide**, 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).

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.

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.

Congratulations!: Andy Ylitalo, an Oak-Land Junior High School ninth-grader, scored the science equivalent of a "trifecta" by winning awards at local and state science competitions, and most recently an International science fair.

Last week Ylitalo earned a silver medal in the energy category of the I-SWEEEP (International Sustainable World in Energy, Engineering and Environment Project) science fair in Houston, Texas.

His science project, "Windows of the Future: Saving Energy Year-Round," competed against more than 500 projects from 40 states and 69 countries. Ylitalo's silver medal was the highest award received by a Minnesota student.

Not just science; Ylitalo also earns Math honors

Ylitalo was also recently selected as a member of the 2010 Minnesota All-State Math Team by the Minnesota State High School Mathematics League. The American Regions Mathematics League (ARML) competition will be held at the University of Iowa on June 4 and 5.

We are very proud of Ylitalo Andy, a young member of our church. We pray God to keep his strength and grant him new victories and successes. Please visit: http://www.stillwater.k12.mn.us/AndyYlitalo_earns_awards.html

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

April 24 Saturday	7:00 p.m. 95th Anniversary Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide.
April 25 Sunday	10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: Red Sunday 12:00 noon: Fellowship Hour 1:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting
April 29 Thursday	7:00 p.m. Evening Service and Bible Studies
May 2 Sunday	10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: Feast of Apparition of the Holy Cross.
May 6 Thursday	7:00 p.m. Evening Service and Bible Studies
May 9 Sunday	10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 12:00 noon: Fellowship Hour

SAINTS AND FEASTS OF THE WEEK

April 25 Red Sunday. Visit:
<http://www.araratian-tem.am/holdetails.php?id=1833>