

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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FEAST OF APPERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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Today's Scripture Readings

Acts 17:1-15, I John 1:1-10, John 7:14-23

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:

About the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught. The Jews marveled at it, saying, "How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?" So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me; if any man's will is to do his will, he shall know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority. He who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but he who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood. Did not Moses give you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why do you seek to kill me?" The people answered, "You have a demon! Who is seeking to kill you?" Jesus answered them, "I did one deed, and you all marvel at it. Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man upon the sabbath. If on the sabbath a man receives circumcision, so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because on the sabbath I made a man's whole body

REFLECTION

OUR ARMENIAN CHURCH SHALL SURVIVE

by Joyce Mesrobian

We say, "What difference does it make, anyway, where we worship?" Shame on us!

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

There is a new day dawning. It's Sunday mom. We parents shall go with our children to our Armenian Church. We shall pass through the hallowed portals together. We shall gaze at the altar and sense the majesty together. We shall inhale the incense and experience the mystery together.

Our children shall be in Sunday School.

They shall learn to pray, "*Hayr mer vor hergins yes.*"

They shall learn to sing, "Jesus loves me, this I know."

Where are the children? They are in Sunday School.

Our Armenian Church shall survive.

Park kes Der! Praise be to God!

When Entering Church

Your entrance into the church should be quiet and gentle.

Please shut off cell phone, and refrain from any conversations.

If entering, the church during the following parts of the Divine Liturgy (Soorp Badarak), please stay in the back of the church:

- Chanting of the Gospel-reading
- Presentation of the Gifts [when the deacon proceeds with the chalice up to the Holy Altar]
- Elevation of the chalice [just prior to *Der Voghormya*]

One of the most valued devotional practices in the Armenian Church (as well as all Eastern Churches) is the beautiful custom of burning candles while we say prayer. The faithful are encouraged to obtain candle and proceed to the special place designated for candle, make the sign of the cross, say a short prayer for you and your dear ones, and then quietly take your place.

When you take your place, you should bow your head down, make the sign of the cross, and inaudibly recite "The Lords Prayer." You are now ready to participate in the service.

Please refrain from any unnecessary conversations

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 – **Ashley Asaad**; Gospel – **Steve Merjanian**

Fellowship: Today's fellowship is sponsored by the **Parish Council**. 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.

YARD and BUILDING Notes: The building committee is planning a Spring Yard clean-up for Saturday May 17th. Time 10am - 2pm. Many hand make light work. There will be some yard tools available at the Church but feel free to bring your own. Tasks will be raking, pruning, flower bed cultivation, general debris pick-up and some major bush trimming on the west side of the building. Light refreshments will be provided.

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. 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 Constant 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.

SAINTS AND FEASTS OF THE WEEK

May 2 Red Sunday. Visit:

<http://www.araratian-tem.am/holdetails.php?id=1837>

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

<i>May 2 Sunday</i>	10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: Feast of Apparition of the Holy Cross.
<i>May 6 Thursday</i>	7:00 p.m. Evening Service and Bible Studies
<i>May 9 Sunday</i>	10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 12:00 noon: Fellowship Hour dedicated to Mother's Day
<i>May 13 Thursday</i>	7:00 p.m. Evening Service, Feast of Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ.
<i>May 16 Sunday</i>	10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: Second Palm Sunday 12:00 noon: Fellowship Hour
<i>May 19 Wednesday</i>	Around noon, "Feed my striving Children", ACYOA project
<i>May 20 Thursday</i>	7:00 p.m. Evening Service and Bible Studies
<i>May 21 Friday</i>	Around noon, Champion's Lihue Finale. ACYOA
<i>May 23 Sunday</i>	10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: Feast of Pentecost 12:00 noon: Fellowship Hour
<i>May 30 Sunday</i>	10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: Commemoration of the Prophet Elijah. 12:00 noon: Fellowship Hour