

## Unit Four: A World Church

### Lesson 3

# The Armenian Church in America I



### Pray Together

Hanoon Hor, yev Vortvo, yev Hokvooyn Surpo, Amen.

“We thank you, Father Almighty, who prepared for us the holy Church as a haven, a temple of holiness, where the Holy Trinity is glorified. We thank you, Christ the King, who granted us life through your life-giving and holy body and blood. And we thank you, Spirit of Truth, who has renewed the holy Church. Keep her without blemish through faith in the Holy Trinity for evermore, Amen.

*Priest's prayer from the Armenian Divine Liturgy*

## Your Own Cartoon History

In the boxes provided, sketch cartoons of your family's story. It could start from when your “clan” first arrived in America. Feel free to add captions in bubbles or outside the boxes.

### My Family: The Beginnings

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Words to Live By

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

*John 13:35*



# Quick Quiz

Mark the correct answer.

- 1. All of the following religions call Jerusalem their spiritual center except**  
a  Islam                      b  Buddhism                      c  Judaism                      d  Christianity
- 2. After the Genocide, Armenians began \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem.**  
a  training priests                      b  training soldiers  
c  setting up a government                      d  translating Scripture
- 3. Isaiah 65:19 states that the sounds of \_\_\_\_\_ will no longer be heard in Jerusalem when the Lord rejoices over the city.**  
a  trumpets and cymbals                      b  horses and chariots  
c  weeping and crying                      d  thunder and earthquakes
- 4. Armenians began to visit and settle in Jerusalem**  
a  shortly after the Battle of Avarayr    b  during the persecutions in Turkey  
c  in the 12th century  
d  even before the Armenian kingdom officially converted to Christianity in 301
- 5. The Armenian Church of Jerusalem officially has a role in overseeing these holy sites:**  
a  The grotto in Bethlehem where Jesus was born                      b  the tomb where Mary was buried  
c  The Church of the Holy Sepulchre where Jesus was crucified and buried and rose from the dead  
d  all of the above                      e  a and c only

## Our Armenian Way

The letters of our youth organization, ACYOA, stand for "Armenian Church Youth Organization of America." It is a great way for our young people to get together for reflection and service and make new friends in the Armenian community. The ACYOA pledge is as follows:

"I solemnly promise and declare upon my honor, that as a member of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America, I shall, to the best of my ability, be a faithful son or daughter of the Armenian Church; shall be a devoted upholder of the Armenian cultural heritage; shall be a loyal citizen of the United States; and I shall diligently abide by the objectives, policies, and decisions of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America. I shall not strive for personal recognition and pleasure, but will serve our Church, our community, and our country, for the greater glory of God."

- As you read in the cartoon history, one of our great Diocesan Primates, Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan, was instrumental in founding the ACYOA. Do you think it is important to have a national youth organization? Why or why not?
- Look at the pledge, what values does it ask members to uphold?

