

Remembering Him



Pray Together

Hanoon Hor, yev Vortvo, yev Hlokvooyn Surpo, Amen. Heavenly Father, as we study the Armenian Church, please open our eyes so we see how it is a privilege to worship you. Help us to be thankful we live in a country where we are free to go to our church, and remember all those who are not allowed to worship your Son. Amen.

Chapter Checkup

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. After Jesus' arrest, people nearby accused Peter of
 - a. betraying Jesus to the soldiers.
 - b. stealing gold from the synagogue.
 - c. being one of Jesus' followers.
 - d. starting a riot.

2. Jesus told Peter he would deny he knew him three times before
 - a. there was a thunderstorm.
 - b. the rooster crowed.
 - c. the Last Supper.
 - d. Peter went to Damascus.

3. The disciples lost their fear of death because
 - a. God sent an angel to tell them not to worry.
 - b. they saw a special star.
 - c. they decided to leave Israel.
 - d. they saw Jesus alive after his Crucifixion.

4. _____ and _____ brought Christianity to Armenia.
 - a. Moses and Elijah
 - b. David and Jonathan
 - c. Thaddeus and Bartholomew
 - d. Herod and Pilate

5. A martyr is someone who

- voluntarily gives up his or her life for a belief.
- gives a lot of money to the church.
- burns incense on the altar in church.
- collected taxes for the government in ancient times.

A Little Bit of Heaven

If you are like most people your age, you may have mixed feelings about coming to Sunday School and church. Yes, it's fun to see your friends, but maybe you'd rather be sleeping or watching TV.

List three things that you *do* like about coming to Sunday School and church.

- _____
- _____
- _____

Why are you really there? When you go into church with your Sunday School class, do you know what it all means? Does your mind wander? Do you fight the urge to yawn or kick the seats in front of you? Are you constantly looking at your watch?

Our church service, known as the *Soorp Badarak* in Armenian and the "Divine Liturgy" in English, deserves the best attention you can give. It is the most important time of your week. Centuries ago, the Armenian Church Father Khosrov Antsevatsi compared it to a "great medicine." Long before cell phones, IMs, the Internet, 24/7 news, and other things came along to make our lives frenzied and complicated, Khosrov Antsevatsi knew we needed time to worship God with our church family, to find spiritual food in communion, and be healthy in body, spirit, and mind.

Food for the Soul

The books of I and II Corinthians in the Bible are letters that St. Paul wrote to the Christians who were living in the city of Corinth, Greece.

Read I Corinthians 11:23-26. Pretend that you are writing an e-mail to friends in a faraway country to tell them about the Lord's Supper. Tell them what Jesus did to begin the tradition, and why it is important, as well as any other things you wish to say about Holy Communion.

New Message

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List five things you do that make you relaxed and at peace.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



We are always in God's care, but our *Badarak* is a special time to gather with other believers to enjoy being especially close to him. In church, we accomplish this by reading the Holy Gospel, and participating in the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion). We rejoice about God's wonderful plan for our salvation, and we feel peace and relief as we take communion and know that our sins are forgiven. We can face another week in the busy world!

Faith Word

Sacrifice

The giving up of something highly valued, an offering

Our Armenian Way



Have you ever admired the beautiful clothing and crown worn by your pastor during the Badarak? Did you know that before the pastor appears before the congregation he has prayed special prayers while putting on these items?

Before the Badarak begins, the priest says a short prayer as the deacon hands him each item. The priest also prays, "Clothe me with a radiant garment and fortify me against the influence of the evil one, that I may be worthy to glorify your glorious name."

FAMILY FOCUS: *For Parents*



Lesson Roundup

Today your child learned about the Badarak. The students looked at things they enjoy about church and Sunday School. They read that our service brings peace and spiritual nourishment to people.

The children read about the Lord's Supper in I Corinthians 11:23-26 and wrote an imaginary e-mail telling someone about it. The class also studied the priest's vestments.

Family Faith Activity

1. Recite the "Havadamk" as a family.
2. Read Exodus 28 and see the inspiration for the priestly vestments of the Armenian Church.
3. Take Holy Communion as a family.

A Parent's Promise

Yes, I read the Lesson Roundup ____ and tried at least one activity as a family ____.

Signed _____