

OUR ANCIENT CHRISTIAN HERITAGE

Our Inheritance is in Christ

Heb 1:10-12

SUNDAYS AND THE CHURCH LORDS DAY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

90 AD

On The Teaching of the Apostles

“Come together on the Lord’s day, break bread and give thanks, having first confessed your sin so that your sacrifice may be pure. Anyone who has a quarrel with a fellow Christian should not gather with you until the two are reconciled. Lest your sacrifice be profaned. For this is the sacrifice of which the LORD says: “In every place and at every time offer me a pure sacrifice, for I am a great king, says the LORD, and my name is marvelous among the nations.””

115 AD

Ignatius, Patriarch, Bishop and Martyr of Antioch

“Those who lived by old customs have now attained fresh new hope; they no longer observe Saturday, but Sunday, the LORD’S day, for on that day, through his death, life arose for us through Christ. Some deny this mystery, but through it we have received our faith and because of it we persevere, that we may prove to be disciples of our only teacher, JESUS Christ. Even the prophets awaited him as their teacher, since they were his disciples in spirit. That is why Christ, whom they rightly awaited, raised them from the dead when he appeared. How then can we live without him.!”

250 AD

On The Teaching of the Apostle

“Make not your worldly affairs of more account than the word of GOD; but on the LORD’S day leave everything, and run eagerly to your Church; for she is your glory. Otherwise, what excuse have they before GOD who do not assemble on the LORD’S day to hear the word of life and to be nourished with the divine food which abides for ever”?

285 AD Saint Gregory the Illuminator

He died for the dead! And on the first day of the week, He rose that by His resurrection He might be an example...Thereby fulfilling Holy Scripture; “I shall open your graves, says the Lord, I will raise you up from your tombs” Ezekial 37:12 and “The dead will rise and whoever are in their tombs will stand up, for this dew is their healing” Isaiah 26:19.

1100 AD

Saint Nerses Shnorali

In wisdom let us unfold and recognize the hidden mystery, on this, the first day of the week; the unseen intelligible light, visible only to pure souls, shines upon us with the holy radiance of the resurrection. Come you that are saved, sing with the angels, “Praise to Him the Risen One!”

March 30, 2008
Second Sunday of Easter

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THE FIFTY DAY FEAST CELEBRATING
THE MYSTERY OF THE RESURRECTION
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
THE SELECT PASSEVER LAMB OF GOD



St. Gerasim, manuscript cover. Christ appears to the women. Washington, First Gallery of Art, n° 3148, page 133

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NEW SUNDAY

CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD!
KRISDOS HARYAV E MERELOTZ!

BLESSED IS THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST!
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FOR ALL OF US AND FOR ALL OF YOU, GREAT TIDINGS!!
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UNDERSTANDING OUR FAITH

“In Christ are hid all the treasures of Wisdom and Knowledge”

Colossian 2:3

THE CHRISTIAN SUNDAY

THE LORDS DAY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

Today is called “New Sunday” or “Easter Renewed”, referring to each Sunday as being a “Another Easter;” The “Eighth Day” Jn 20:26-27, again; a day of gladness and of rejoicing, to commemorate God’s gift of resurrection and new life and freedom and re-creation through the saving grace of God’s Love and Jesus Christ ‘s resurrection and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Sunday is “The Lord’s Day” of the New testament (Rev 1:10); and is the fulfillment of all things in the resurrection of Christ, when the faithful believers gather prepared to meet the risen Christ now and forever.

Sunday is the “The First Day of the Week”, Matt 28:1; Mark 16:9; Luke 24:1, 35, 41-43; John 20:1, 21-23. It is when on “That very day”... He explained Himself in the Holy Scriptures...he made himself.....known to them in the breaking of bread” Luke 2:41-43

Sunday is “Day One-Miashapat” of each week of the Lord. It is Day One of Creation, Gen 1:1; the day One of Light. Gen 1:3; Rev 4:11; The day of Jesus Resurrection, Matt 28:1; Mark 16:9; Luke 24:1, 35, 41-43; John 20:1, 21-23. the day of the coming of the Holy Spirit, Jn 21:19. Acts 2:1; and “Day One” for “Gathering in the Spirit” and in “Truth” and in “Reverence and Awe”, to commemorate the Passover Feast of the resurrection of Jesus Christ the select lamb of God 1 Cor 5:7&8; to serve God and to offer, “With one heart”, a “Holy Badarak”- a Sacrifice of Thanksgiving, Praise, Honor and worship, to glorify our loving Creating Father, the Only Begotten Son Jesus Christ and ever renewing Holy Spirit.

Sunday is the true Christian “Set Day” of “Assembly”; of the “Breaking of Bread” with the risen Lord: “On the first day of the week...we were gathered together to break bread” Acts 20:7-12 “On the first day of every week, each of you is put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper” 1 Cor 16:2 “Begotten again...through the resurrection of Christ from the dead, unto a living hope” 1 Peter 1:3. and the day of the “New Creation”, 2 Cor 5:17; Gal 6:15; Gal 3:10; through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the coming of the Holy Spirit on Sunday, the New Testament Day of the Lord.

WELCOME

The Western Prelacy welcomes you!

Welcome to you, to all the family and to all your friends and neighbors. Welcome to the ancient Holy Armenian Church!

Welcome to the beauty of Holiness and the biblical and the historical vision of heavenly worship.

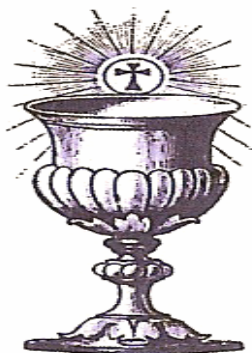
Welcome to our ongoing Song of Faith and of Love and of hope and almost two thousand years of ongoing and uninterrupted Christian witness and service.

Come and stay with us in the eternal celebration of the Mystery that is God and the Gospel Good News of God’s love and grace; given by God and Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit to the Holy Apostles and to the Church.

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HOLY BADARAK
THE NEW AND ETERNAL SPIRITUAL SACRIFICE OF
THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE AND HEAVENLY WORSHIP
AT THE FEAST OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD



HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

In holiness let us taste of the holy, holy and precious body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Who having come down from Heaven, is distributed here among us. This is life, hope of resurrection, propitiation and remission of sins.

AFTER COMMUNION

Hymn

We are filled with your goodness, O Lord, having tasted of your body and of your blood.

Glory be on high to you that has fed us.

You who daily feed us, send us to your spiritual blessings.

Glory be on high to you that has fed us.

Deacons Bidding

Again having partaken with faith of this divine holy heavenly immortal immaculate and incorruptible mystery, let us thank the Lord.

Hymn

We thank you O Lord, who has fed us at your immortal table, distributing your body and blood for the salvation of the world for our own selves.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Heavenly Liturgy

Celebrating the Mystery of Life in Union with God.

JESUS CHRIST

OUR ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST AND LITURGIST

SHEPHERD AND KING

TEACHER AND PROPHET



“You have come to Mont Zion and to the city of the living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem...” Hebrews 12:23—24 Let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe...Hb. 12:28 -29; Let things be done decently and in order 1 Cor 14:40.

HOLY BADARAK

Proclaiming and celebrating the mystery of God’s love and the new covenant and the new spiritual sacrifice of thanksgiving and of praise before the Holy Table of the Lord at the Feast in the Kingdom of God.

LITURGY OF PREPARATION

Preparing to celebrate in love, Spirit and Truth Jn 4:24

Come to the Feast, all things are ready. Mt 22:

He has clothed me with garments of salvation and robes of gladness, Is 61:10

MEDITATION MELODY OF TH RESURRECTION

MEGHETI-ANTHEMS

The immortal and heavenly bridegroom on this day is risen from the dead; rejoice and be glad, O thou bride from the earth, holy church. Bless your GOD with a joyful voice, O Zion. On this day the ineffable light of light did illumine your children; be thou illumined, O Jerusalem, for Christ, your light, is risen from the dead. Bless thy GOD with joyful voice, O Zion. On this day was the darkness of ignorance dispelled by the threefold light, and the light of knowledge was shed upon you. Bless your GOD with joyful voice, O Zion.

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LITURGY OF CENSING

Celebrating the glory of God's presence and our victory in Christ

But thanks be to God! For in union with Christ we are always led by God in a triumphant procession. God uses us to make the knowledge about Christ spread every where like a sweet fragrance. For we are like sweet smelling incense offered by Christ to God, which spread among those who are being saved and those who are being lost...but for those who are being saved, it is a fragrance that brings life. 2 Cor 2:15 ..Offer incense...where I present and reveal myself to you and meet with you...Exodus 29:42-30:1 The court was filled the cloud and full of the brightness of the glory of the Lord. Ezekial 10:1. "Incense which is the prayer of the Saints" Rev 5:8 &8:4 "Prayer set before you as incense" Psalm 141:2

PROCESSIONAL SONG OF CENSING

Today the dead with the living sing the tidings; Christ is risen. The Savior of the world is risen and has redeemed from death the human race. We celebrate thy resurrection (ascension, advent, etc.) From virgin rock he arose today, and the captives, He delivered from the hands of the captors. I declare with the voice of the lion, which thundered through the four-winged angel; he thundered through the four-winged angel and resounded in the infernal regions. The king of glory is risen: Rejoice! Why do you seek the immortal among the dead? Rejoice! Good news for you and for us! On this day the marvelous Sun (of righteousness) shone forth His light anew. On this day in the newly-planted flower-garden the lily bloomed.

LITURGY OF THE WORD
JASHOU

CELEBRATION OF TODAY'S FEAST OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

He, who hears my word and believes Him Who sent Me, has eternal life John 5:24 Eat these written words, that I give you and be filled. I heard it and I tasted it as sweet honey. Ezk 2:1-3:3; If any one hears Me, I will eat with Him Rv. 3:20-22 He explained Himself in all the scriptures Luke24:22; Let them who have ears to hear, Listen! Mark 4:9 I recite your marvels one by one, I rejoice and exult in you I sing praise to your name most High Psalm 9:1

ENTRANCE HYMN at EASTER TIME

Christ is risen from the dead! By his death he trampled death, and by his resurrection he granted us life; glory be to him for ever Amen.

Sublime and wonderful is the mystery of our salvation. He, who was begotten of the Father before all time, ineffably took human body from the holy Virgin, endured the suffering of the cross, and by his death granted us the grace of life.

OUT LINE OF THE WHOLE HOLY BADARAK

The Mystery of the Heavenly Liturgy of the New Covenant and the Eternal spiritual Sacrifice of Thanksgiving and Praise and Worship at the Feast of the Kingdom of God

ORDER of PREPARATION—Purification

1. Vesting
2. Purification
3. Accession—Entrance up into Worship
4. Prayers to the Holy Spirit
5. Preparation of the Gifts of Bread and Wine

ORDER OF PROCESSION AND CENSING

2. JASHOU—ORDER OF HOLY SCRIPTURE—Illumination

1. Entrance psalms and hymns
And Entry procession of the Gospel

1. Prayer of the Faithful—litany
3. Scripture
Reading from the Old Testament
Middle psalm
Reading from the New Testament Apostle
Alleluia Psalm
Gospel Reading
4. The Creed
5. Prayer and Blessing after the Scriptures

3. HOLY BADARAK—ORDER OF THE SPIRITUAL SACRIFICE OF THANKSGIVING PRAISE AND WORSHIP

He Took Bread and Wine. Entry Procession and presentation of the gifts of bread wine

Holy Apostolic kiss of peace
Great Prayer of the Sacrifice of Thanksgiving
Prologue

Remembrance of the Lord's meal

Remembrance of the Lord's sacrifice for all

He blessed Bread and Wine Prayer of the Holy Spirit to come upon us and the gifts

Remembrances for all before the Holy Table of the Lord Holy Communion—

The Lord's Prayer

Worship with body mind and spirit

Praise to the all Holy Trinity

Invitation to communion

Prayers before communion

He broke the bread Breaking and of the Bread and intinction of the cup
Communion

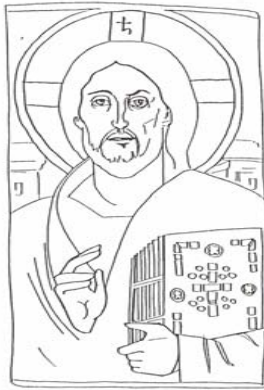
He Gave them to eat, the Bread and Wine to eat and drink and said Perfect Union "This is my Body, This is my Blood" Prayers after communion

4. ORDER OF DISMISSAL

Prayers amid Church
The Last Gospel
Blessing and departure
Portions Bread

**LITURGY OF THE WORD
JASHOU**

Celebrating Today's Feast of Holy Scripture



**THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO JOHN**

John 1:1-17

*JESUS CHRIST THE ETERNAL WORD OF GOD
IS GLORIFIED WITH THE FATHER*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with GOD, and the Word was GOD. 2. He was in the beginning with GOD. 3. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being. 4. In him was life, and the life was the light of all people. 5. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. 6. There was a man sent from GOD, whose name was John. 7. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. 9. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. 10. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. 11. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. 12. But to all who received him who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of GOD. 13. Who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of GOD. 14. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. 15. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") 16. From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through JESUS CHRIST.

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JASHOU HYMN AT Easter Time

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem. Christ is risen from the dead; Alleluia. Come, O you people, let us sing unto the LORD: Alleluia. To him who is risen from the dead: Alleluia; who has enlightened the world: Alleluia.

JASHOU PSALMS

Psalm 23, in full, then "Alleluia"

Psalm 24, in full, then "Alleluia"

Psalm 25, in full, then "Alleluia"

THIS COURSE IS FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 5:34-6:7

TROUBLE FOR THE APOSTLES

But one of the members was the Pharisee Gamaliel, a highly respected teacher. He ordered the apostles to be taken out of the room for a little while. 35. Then he said to the council: Be careful what you do with these men. 36. Not long ago Theudas claimed to be someone important, and about four hundred men joined him. But he was killed. All his followers were scattered, and that was the end of that. 37. Later, when the people of our nation were being counted, Judas from Galilee showed up. A lot of people followed him, but he was killed, and all his followers were scattered. 38. So I advise you to stay away from these men. Leave them alone. If what they are planning is something of their own doing, it will fail. 39. But if GOD is behind it you cannot stop it anyway, unless you want to fight against GOD. The Council members agreed with what he said. 40. And they called the apostles back in. They had them beaten with a whip and warned them not to speak in the name of JESUS. Then they let them go. 41. The apostles left the council and were happy, because GOD had considered them worthy to suffer for the sake of JESUS. 42. Every day they spent time in the temple and in one home after another. They never stopped teaching and telling the good news that JESUS is the Messiah.

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THE APOSTLES CHOOSE

THE FIRST SEVEN DEACONS OF THE CHURCH

A lot of people were now becoming followers of the LORD. But some of the ones who spoke Greek started complaining about the ones who spoke Aramaic. They complained that the Greek-speaking widows were not given their share when the food supplies were handed out each day. 2. The twelve apostles called the whole group of followers together and said, "We should not give up preaching GOD'S message in order to serve at tables. 3. My friends, choose seven men who are respected and wise and filled with GOD'S Spirit. We will put them in charge of these things. 4. We can spend our time praying and serving GOD by preaching." 5. This suggestion pleased everyone, and they began by choosing Stephen. He had great faith and was filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they chose Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and also Nicolaus, who worshiped with the Jewish people in Antioch. 6. These men were brought to the apostles. Then the apostles prayed and placed their hands on the men to show that they had been chosen to do this work. 7. GOD'S message spread, and many more people in Jerusalem became followers. Even a large number of priests put their faith in the LORD.

JASHOU "MEGHETT" PSALM

Psalm 65:1, then in full

GOD ANSWERS PRAYERS

Our GOD, you deserve praise in Zion, where we keep our promises to you. 2. Everyone will come to you because you answer prayer. 3. Our terrible sins get us down, but you forgive us. 4. You bless your chosen ones, and you invite them to live near you in your temple. We will enjoy your house, the sacred temple. 5. Our GOD, you save us, and your fearsome deeds answer our prayers for justice! You give hope to people everywhere on earth, even those across the sea. 6. You are strong, and your mighty power put the mountains in place. 7. You silence the roaring waves and the noisy shouts of the nations. 8. People far away marvel at your fearsome deeds, and all who live under the sun celebrate and sing because of you. 9. You take care of the earth and send rain to help the soil grow all kinds of crops. Your rivers never run dry, and you prepare the earth to produce much grain. 10. You water all of its fields and level the lumpy ground. You send showers of rain to soften the soil and help the plants sprout. 11. Wherever your footsteps touch the earth, a rich harvest is gathered. 12. Desert pastures blossom, and mountains celebrate. 13. Meadows are filled with sheep and goats; valleys overflow with grain and echo with joyful songs.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD
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THIS COURSE IS FROM THE APOSTLE JAMES

James 3:1-12

THE TONGUE

My friends, we should not all try to become teachers. In fact, teachers will be judged more strictly than others. 2. All of us do many wrong things. But if you can control your tongue, you are mature and able to control your whole body. 3. By putting a bit into the mouth of a horse, we can turn the horse in different directions. 4. It takes strong winds to move a large sailing ship, but the captain uses only a small rudder to make it go in any direction. 5. Our tongues are small too, and yet they brag about big things. It takes only a spark to start a forest fire! 6. The tongue is like a spark. It is an evil power that dirties the rest of the body and sets a person's entire life on fire with flames that come from hell itself. 7. All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and sea creatures can be tamed and have been tamed. 8. But our tongues get out of control. They are restless and evil, and always spreading deadly poison. 9. My dear friends, with our tongues we speak both praises and curses. 10. We praise our LORD and FATHER, and we curse people who were created to be like GOD, and this isn't right. 11. Can clean water and dirty water both flow from the same spring? 12. Can a fig tree produce olives or a grapevine produce figs? Does fresh water come from a well full of salt water?

ALLELUIA PSALM

Psalm 147:12-20

A SONG OF PRAISE TO THE LORD

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Commend the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your GOD, O Sion! 13. For He strengthened the bars of your gates, he blessed your children within you; 14. He who makes your borders peaceful; and keeps filling you with the abundance of wheat; 15. He who sends out his oracle to the earth; his word will run swiftly. 16. The word of him who gives snow like wool; the word of him who scatters fog like ashes; 17. The word of him who hurls down his ice like crumbs. Who can stand against his cold? 18. He will send out his word, and He will melt them; he will blow his breath, and the waters will flow. 19. Being one who declares his word to Jakob his statutes and judgments to Israel. 20. He did not deal

Alleluia!