

# SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATION EXAM

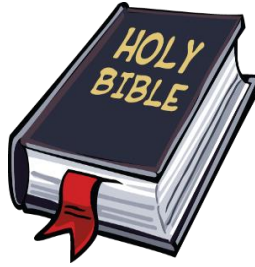
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## PART I: Short Answer

### THE BIBLE

Where would you find these books? Write **O** for Old Testament or **N** for New Testament.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Exodus
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Luke
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Isaiah
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Psalms
6. \_\_\_\_\_ I Corinthians
7. \_\_\_\_\_ James
8. \_\_\_\_\_ 1 & 2 Kings



9. In what language were the Old Testament books primarily written? \_\_\_\_\_

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11. Which of the following books records a history of the early Christian Church?

\_\_\_\_\_ Acts          \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrews          \_\_\_\_\_ Romans

12-13. Which of the following books are writings of prophets? (2 answers)

\_\_\_\_\_ Peter          \_\_\_\_\_ Jeremiah          \_\_\_\_\_ Timothy          \_\_\_\_\_ Isaiah

14. The beautiful book of prayers called the Psalms, and the wise sayings in the book of Proverbs are part of what major division of Old Testament writing? \_\_\_\_\_

15. Which statement best describes how the Bible came to be?

\_\_\_\_\_ a. God dictated the Bible word for word and gave it to the disciples for their missionary work.

\_\_\_\_\_ b. The apostles wrote the four gospels. The letters came into the canon later.

\_\_\_\_\_ c. Jesus read from the gospels as He taught. They were eventually accepted as the New Testament.

\_\_\_\_\_ d. Books and letters circulating for many years were accepted by the world Church, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

True or False? Write **T** for true and **F** for false.



The Bible...

16. \_\_\_\_\_ should be read often and prayerfully by all Christians.
17. \_\_\_\_\_ is the foundation of our Divine Liturgy (Soorp Badarak).
18. \_\_\_\_\_ is the most important element of Holy Tradition.
19. \_\_\_\_\_ needs to be understood literally, every word.
20. \_\_\_\_\_ is best understood in the fullness of the Church, through whose divinely-inspired wisdom the Biblical canon came to be.
21. \_\_\_\_\_ can't be read without a dictionary and concordance close at hand.

## PRAYER

True or False? Write **T** for true and **F** for false.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ It would be a good spiritual habit to make a list of things you ask God for and see when and if they are answered.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Prayer is about talking with and listening to God.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Intercession in prayer means that God forgives your sins.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus was too busy teaching and healing to pray, but he taught its importance at every opportunity.

Provide the missing word(s) in the following:

5-8. St. Nersess Shnorhali was a great 12<sup>th</sup> century Catholicos known for many accomplishments, including beautiful hymns and prayers. *Jesus, wisdom of the Father* is one of the 24 prayer stanzas from *I Confess with Faith*. It begins, "O Jesus, Wisdom of the Father, grant me \_\_\_\_\_ that I may always \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ that which is good in your sight."

9. \_\_\_\_\_ was the 10<sup>th</sup> century monk who wrote a prayer book that Armenians loved so much they considered it to have healing powers.

10. The greatest collection of prayers in the Bible appears in the Old Testament and is called the Book of \_\_\_\_\_.

11. Hayr Mer literally means \_\_\_\_\_.

## THE FEASTS

To which Church feast do these quotes refer? Look up the first four in your Bible.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Acts 2:6
2. \_\_\_\_\_ John 20:1
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Mark 9:3
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Luke 2:7
5. \_\_\_\_\_ “Blessed and sanctified be these clusters of grapes and all the fruits of this year with the sign of the Holy Cross and with this Holy Gospel.” Mashdotz

6-9. Which of the following are associated with Great Lent? (4 answers)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Ash Wednesday
- \_\_\_\_\_ Poon Paregentan
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Sunday of the Prodigal Son
- \_\_\_\_\_ 50 days
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fasting
- \_\_\_\_\_ Closed curtain during Badarak

10. The Armenian Church calendar is organized around its most important feast day which is

- \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas
- \_\_\_\_\_ Easter
- \_\_\_\_\_ Armenian New Year
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pentecost

## THE SACRAMENTS

To which sacrament do these Bible passages refer? Look up 2 and 4.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ “They are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” Matthew 19:6
2. \_\_\_\_\_ John 3:3
3. \_\_\_\_\_ “Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.” James 5:14
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 26:26-27
5. \_\_\_\_\_ “If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” John 20:23

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6. \_\_\_\_ The sacrament of Penance involves confession and forgiveness.
7. \_\_\_\_ Chrismation takes place during the marriage ceremony.
8. \_\_\_\_ A person must be a deacon before being ordained a priest.
9. \_\_\_\_ Communion is a remembrance of the Lord's Supper.
10. \_\_\_\_ The green garment of baptism symbolizes spiritual growth.



Matching: Draw a line to the correct answer.

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| 11. Water          | Communion |
| 12. Wine           |           |
| 13. Crowns         | Baptism   |
| 14. Holy Muron     |           |
| 15. Godparents     | Matrimony |
| 16. White Garments |           |

## SPECIAL PEOPLE OF THE CHURCH/HISTORY

1-5 Put the following events in Armenian Church history in chronological order, 1 to 5:

- \_\_\_\_ The Armenian alphabet is invented.
  - \_\_\_\_ St. Santookht is martyred.
  - \_\_\_\_ The Battle of Avarayr takes place.
  - \_\_\_\_ St. Gregory the Enlightener baptizes King Drtad and Armenia become the first Christian nation.
  - \_\_\_\_ St. Nersess Shnorhali writes “Jesus, wisdom of the Father.”
6. In what year were the men, women and children who died for their faith in 1915 canonized as saints by the Armenian Church? \_\_\_\_\_

Choose answers for 7-12 from the pairs of saints listed below. Write the letter on the line.

7. \_\_\_\_ Which pair of saints are known as the first enlighteners of Armenia?
8. \_\_\_\_ Which two are credited with the invention of the Armenian alphabet?
9. \_\_\_\_ Which two renowned churchmen – distinct for their contributions to the Armenian Church and people – are forever linked by the power and influence of the prayers they wrote.
10. \_\_\_\_ These two are the major players in the Battle of Avarayr – one, a clergyman; the other, a nobleman.
11. \_\_\_\_ This king and queen led the newly-Christian Armenian nation.
12. \_\_\_\_ The 1<sup>st</sup> century Armenian princess (and first Armenian martyr) and the apostle who mentored her.

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| a. Sts. Santookht & Thaddeus   | d. Sts. Drtad & Ashken                       |
| b. Sts. Sahag & Mesrob         | e. Sts. Vartan & Ghevont                     |
| c. Sts. Thaddeus & Bartholomew | f. Sts. Nersess Shnorhali & Gregory of Narek |

## THE DIVINE LITURGY

Identify the part of the Divine Liturgy in which the following take place. Write **S** for Synaxis or **E** for Eucharist.

1. \_\_\_\_ Communion is distributed.
2. \_\_\_\_ We recite the Nicene Creed.
3. \_\_\_\_ We exchange the Kiss of Peace.
4. \_\_\_\_ The Scriptures are read.
5. \_\_\_\_ We sing Hayr Mer.
6. \_\_\_\_ We sing Soorp Asdvadz.
7. \_\_\_\_ We confess our sins.
8. \_\_\_\_ The deacon lifts up the Gospel and proceeds around the altar.



Write the response for 9 and 10:

9. Peace to all \_\_\_\_\_
10. Let us bow down to God \_\_\_\_\_
11. The greeting during the Kiss of Peace means:  
\_\_\_\_ Christ is risen.      \_\_\_\_ Christ is crucified.      \_\_\_\_ Christ is revealed.

# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

True or False? Write **T** for true and **F** for false.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus was a carpenter by trade.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ We know a great deal about Jesus as a teenager.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ All of the disciples except Judas were with Jesus at the crucifixion.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ All of the disciples were fishermen.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Before his death, Jesus forgave his persecutors.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ All of the disciples were present at the Last Supper.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ After Jesus resisted the temptations in the wilderness, he was baptized.

Why are these places important in the life of Christ?

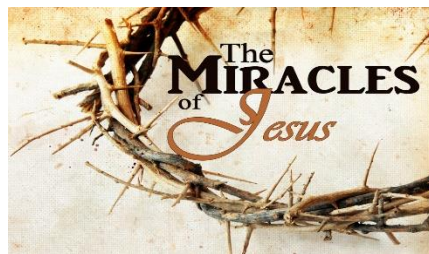
8. Nazareth \_\_\_\_\_
9. Bethlehem \_\_\_\_\_
10. Golgotha \_\_\_\_\_
11. Gethsemane \_\_\_\_\_
12. Jordan \_\_\_\_\_

Matching: draw a line connecting the parable to its basic lesson.

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| 13. Parable of the Prodigal Son                   | a. Never stop praying               |
| 14. Parable of the Good Samaritan                 | b. Pray with a humble heart         |
| 15. Parable of the Persistent Widow               | c. The nature of God's amazing love |
| 16. Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector | d. <i>Everyone</i> is our neighbor! |

17-19. Which of the following are linked to one of Jesus' miracles? (3 answers)

- \_\_\_\_\_ a basket of coins
- \_\_\_\_\_ a wedding in Cana
- \_\_\_\_\_ a lost sheep
- \_\_\_\_\_ ten young girls
- \_\_\_\_\_ a leper
- \_\_\_\_\_ a large catch of fish



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## PART II: Essay Questions

*Answer any five (5) of the following questions. Include as much detail as possible.*

1. What are the most important things you feel you need to know to consider yourself “Armenian Christian literate?” Name some as specifically as you can and tell why these are important.
2. The Holy Tradition of the Armenian Church consists of many elements, foremost the Bible but also our worship, prayers, doctrines, feast days, sacraments, and even our art and music. Which of these speaks to you the most? Why?
3. Define prayer (5-6 sentences) Write a four sentence prayer.
4. Define what it means to be a saint. St. Santookht, St. Nersess Shnorhali, St. Vartan are all saints of the Armenian Church. How do they fit this definition? (Feel free to look them up.) Do you know someone you would call saintly? Why?
5. List the five major feast days of the Armenian Church. Describe three in as much detail as you can. Include what we are remembering and what special customs might mark the day.
6. What did Jesus say were the two greatest commandments of all? Look this up in Matthew 22:34-40. How might this sum up all the commandments as listed in Exodus 20:1-17?
7. What are two important dates to you in the history of the Armenian Church? Why?
8. What difference did Jesus make in the life of the following people? Read the passage and then respond:
  - a. The Widow of Nain (Luke 7: 11-17)
  - b. The Disciples (Matthew 8:23-27)
  - c. Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)
9. Choose one of these parables and recap the story briefly. What question or moral dilemma does it address? How does it answer the question?
  - a. The Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)
  - b. The Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)
  - c. The Parable of the Persistent Widow (Luke 18:1-8)
10. What is one belief of the Church that you have struggled with?

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## PART III – Prayer Recitation / Bible Memorization

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*Students should show proficiency in reciting the following:*

1. The Lord's Prayer in English
2. The Lord's Prayer in Armenian
3. The Kiss of Peace (greeting / response) in English
4. The Kiss of Peace (greeting / response) in Armenian
5. John 3:16
6. Psalm 23