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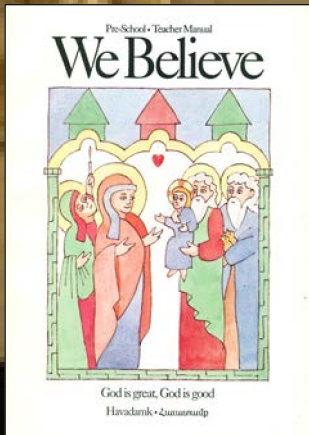
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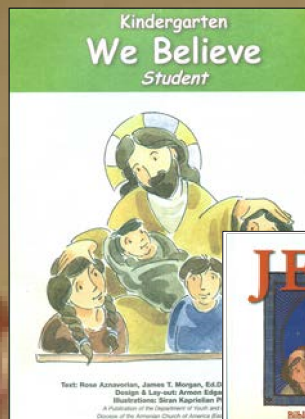
Pre-School (ages toddler-4)

This year, we suggest using the Pre-K for ages 2 through 4. This is effective when there is more than one teacher in the classroom, so that for occasional activities the older group may work separately.

The theme of *We Believe Pre-School* comes from our regular, simple children's prayer, which can be used regularly at home and in church. It is also the year's theme for Sunday, the church's littlest faith. We pray again about the wonder of God's creation and the glory of His gifts.

Parents, teachers and children's beautiful Holy Mass liturgies, God's word, worship, His presence, and their faith through the fun and laughter in the pre-school classroom. And parents will be well-informed with weekly journal reading.

We Believe Pre-School, God is good.
 Pre-School Teacher Manual CR069A \$7.00
 Parent and Child CR07A \$10.00

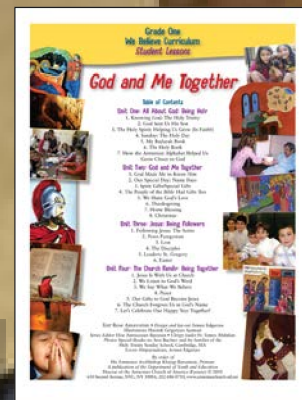


Kindergarten

The newly updated *Kindergarten We Believe Student Text* consists of twenty-eight full-color individual newsletter lessons, chockfull of stories, photos, illustrations, activities, and songs. An accompanying storybook, *Jesus: Bible Stories for Children*, relates the life and teachings of our Lord from His birth to Pentecost. Each story is paired with a full-color illustration, blending Biblical and contemporary styles with traditional Armenian motifs. Order one copy for the teacher to read aloud from; ideally, purchase a set for students to follow along with (this set remains permanently in the Sunday School library). A complimentary Teacher Manual makes it simple to provide children with a fun, fascinating 60-minute lesson.

Student Text CR068 \$7.00
Teacher Manual available online Free
Jesus: Bible Stories for Children CR067 \$15.00

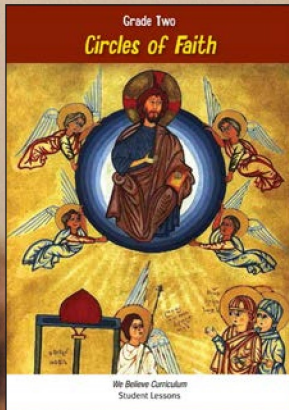
To access and download Teacher Manuals or review Students Texts, go to the new ministries website www.venmar.us. Click on Resources at top and then click on Faith Formation on the drop-down menu. Now scroll down to Teacher Manuals/Student Texts.



Grade One God and Me Together

God and Me Together focuses on the simple, happy facts of faith, the life and teachings of Jesus, the power of the Holy Spirit, the people of the Bible, the celebration of holy days and holidays, and the life of the community as it lives out its faith in worship and joy together. Grade One consists of twenty-eight full-color individual newsletter-style lessons, chockfull of stories, photos, illustrations, activities, and hymns. A special feature is *My Badarak Book*, a palm-sized booklet about our Divine Liturgy that the class will pray together. This year's curriculum uses the storybook *Jesus: Bible Stories for Children* from which children were read to last year. They now each get a copy of their own to follow along with and at the end of the year it is theirs to take home.

Student Text CR086 \$25.00
Teacher Manual CR087 \$8.00
Jesus: Bible Stories for Children CR067 \$15.00



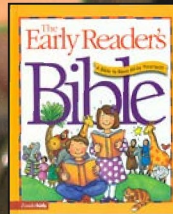
Grade Two Circles of Faith

Through story, song, puzzles, and lots of crafts “handmade with love,” Second Graders experience the “circles” of faith that connect them through Jesus to a loving God and a nurturing Church. Four Units anchor their journey. *Circles of Faith* explores the sophisticated concepts of the Holy Trinity and the Holy Church. *Jesus and Me* reviews prayer as the all-important path to knowing our Lord, whether at home or in church, in good times and bad, knowing that trust and thankfulness will prevail. *Being the Church* examines the joy of becoming together what we cannot be alone. Nourished with the forgiveness and love embodied in the Eucharist, Sunday extends into a week of Christ-centered living. *Celebrating Jesus: The Church Year* demonstrates that Jesus and all the events and people connected with his ongoing story are celebrated in the seasons of the Church. Children learn facts and meaning so that feast-day traditions might become vehicles to deeper faith. Formatted as twenty-eight full-color individual newsletter lessons.

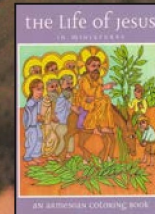
Student Text CR094 \$25.00
Teacher Manual available online Free

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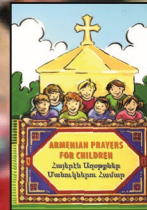
Recommended for use with Primary grades



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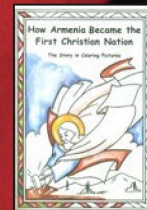
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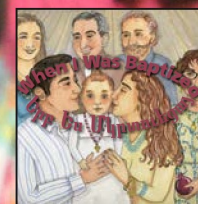
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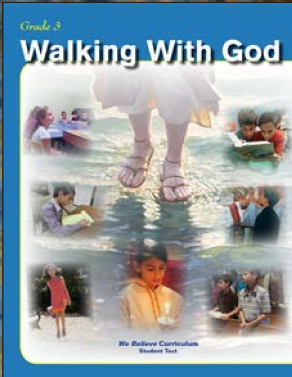
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Grade Three Walking With God

Grade Three We Believe emphasizes the lived discipleship of people of the Bible and church history. Twenty-eight lessons are organized in four units: *Walking With God: God's Light Shines Through Faithful Men and Women* explores well-known figures from the Armenian Christian story from Adam and Eve to St. Nersess Shnorhali; how did God touch their lives then and how does that inform our students' lives today? *Let Us Bow Down Before God* demonstrates God's love that leads inevitably to the cross, which praise a joyfulfulness of our forgiveness and salvation. *Let Us Celebrate* presents the joy of communion as a celebration of the work of the Holy Spirit in regeneration and restoration. *Let Us Live a Family of Faith: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow* introduces children of the transcendent church as members who are to witness, serve, and share the Gospel. Features include: prayer and Scripture in the "Daily Bread" context; prayer and Armenian tradition, liturgies, and activities, Bible memorization and Family Focus summaries for parents. Colorful lay-out and photographs drawn from our own community.

Student Text CR092 \$25.00

Teacher Manual available online Free

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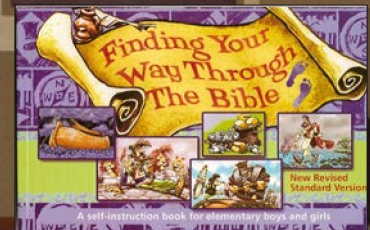
Grade Four Being a Disciple: It's Not Just a Fan Club

Christ is the central topic of *We Believe Grade four*, and it is his life that serves as foundation for all the units that evolve from that center. Twenty-eight lessons are organized in five units: *Jesus, Lord of My Life* takes students on a chronological and thematic journey through the events and teachings of our Lord; *Being a Disciple: It's Not Just a Fan Club!* focuses on the concrete ways discipleship and prayer, Scripture, and good works lead us to a deeper relationship with Jesus; *Sacraments: A Call to Holy Living* continues the study of that relationship in the milestone events that officially bind our lives to Christ; *The Church Celebrates* presents the five major feasts days as further opportunities for personal and communal spiritual growth; *We Worship God* reviews the Divine Liturgy as the annual "Sunday School": we attend liturgy as the "invitation" of faith and love. Features include: "From Our Hearts to God" opening prayers, real-life context in the "Real World" reading, Scripture and Armenian tradition, fun puzzles and activities, Bible memorization and trivia, and Family Corner summaries and activity ideas for parents. Colorful lay-out and photographs drawn from our own community.

Student Text CR093 \$25.00

Teacher Manual available online Free

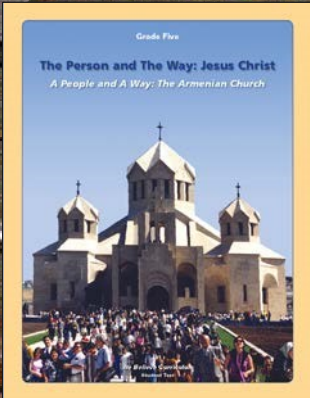
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Finding Your Way Through The Bible

Finding Your Way Through The Bible is the most popular book in the world. We need a book for our children that shows them how to use this one hundred year old little pages in a reduced-size format. This book will help middle and upper elementary school children do just that. Can be used over the course of the Third Grade school year or in two or three sessions. Designed to be used with The Children's Bible (NRSV).

Paperback, 169 pp, RE010, \$6.00

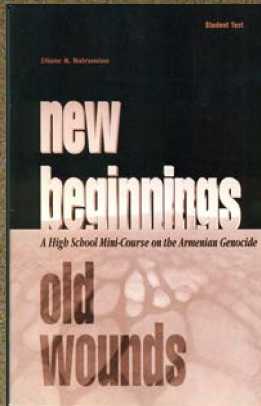


Grade Five
The Person and The Way: Jesus Christ: A People and A Way: The Armenian Church

By first exploring the age-appropriate faith experience and feelings of the learner, and then applying pertinent information (basic Armenian Christian literacy), the overall goal of *Grade Five We Believe* (and all new curriculum texts) is to “To bring the learner into a living relationship with Jesus Christ, within the Church - the Body of Christ - through the Holy Tradition of the Armenian Church.” (Revised Curriculum mission statement). Students will explore four fundamental questions: Who is God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)? How do we come to know God through the familiar and life-giving Tradition of the Armenian Church and through Her story? How are our lives transformed by that knowledge? How do we live in Christian community with that knowledge?

Twenty-eight lessons organized under four units: *The Person and the Way: Jesus Christ; A People and A Way: The Armenian Church; Growing in Christ: Reaching In; A Way of Life: Me, My Faith and the World*. Features include: Prayer starters, Scripture and Armenian tradition, fun quizzes and activities, Family Focus summaries for parents, ongoing vocabulary. Colorful lay-out, photographs and illustration, full color.

Student Text - CR083 \$20.00
Teacher Manual - CR084 \$4.00



New Beginnings/Old Wounds (Armenian Genocide)

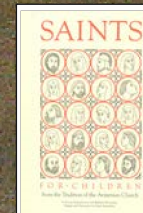
Diane Bairamian

There is no easy way to introduce students to one of the most brutal chapters in human history. But via the journals of a young girl who lived through and wrote about the Genocide, students can learn the historic events and the havoc they unleashed on young and old alike. Three sessions include:

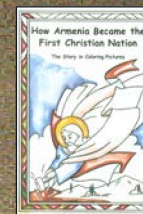
1. The Gathering Storm
2. The Road to Nowhere
3. New Beginnings/Old Wounds

Student Text CR047 \$8.00
Teacher Manual CR048 \$5.00

Recommended for use with
 Grades 3, 4 and 5



Saints for Children from the Armenian Church, p. 16



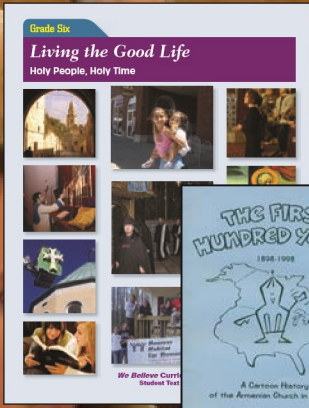
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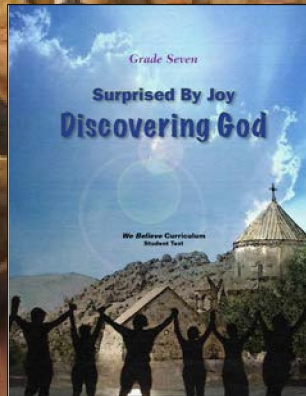
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Grade Six Living the Good Life Holy People, Holy Time

Living the Good Life begins to pull together what children already know to help them shape deeper, larger understandings. With a special focus on Holy Tradition and the foundations of our faith (Scripture, liturgy, canons, the lives of saints, the sacraments) moving through the seasons of the church year (holy times and the special centers of the Armenian Church (Holy Places)) students discover how they can take their faith from the classroom to “book learning” to everyday living. The curriculum also features a special look at the history of the Armenian Church in America. The student text for these two sessions is *The First Hundred Years: A Cartoon History of the Armenian Church in America*.

Student Text CR088 \$20.00
Teacher Manual CR089 \$6.00
The First Hundred Years RE268 \$5.00
(special curriculum price)

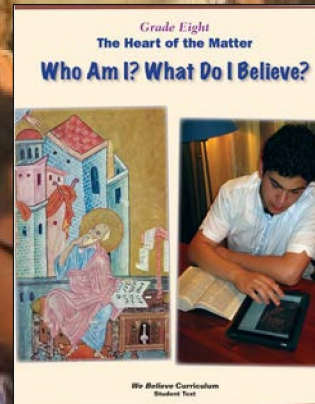


Grade Seven Surprised By Joy Discovering God

Middle schoolers have developed questions and a need to experience faith in the context of real life. Organized in four of the seventh grade curriculum sessions of discovery that both answer and pose questions along the way. *Look for Joy* begins the conversation, discovering the heart-felt emotion of the Psalms, making connections between experience and belief, and understanding spiritual gifts. *Gift of Promise: His Word and My Body* examines the foundations of Christ's faith – the life and teaching of Jesus and the Holy Spirit revelation in Scripture. *The Faith Journey* traces the path from the 1st century church through Armenia's conversion, to our own experience as an ancient church in a new world. Finally, *Plugged In* surveys the worship, prayer and sacrament that keep us connected in Spirit-filled community. Featured in all lessons are themes relevant to today's young teens along with traditions and faith vocabulary drawn from the life of the Armenian Church.

Student Text CR093 \$25.00
Teacher Manual available online Free

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Grade Eight The Heart of the Matter Who Am I? What Do I Believe?

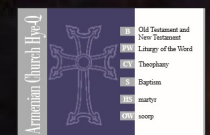
The core of the new *Grade Eight* is an experiential study of the Bible, and which is carefully packed with Scripture and each page provides an opportunity for students to learn some pertinent Scripture, and then delve into personal issues of faith, challenging them to answer the deeper questions: What does it mean to me that God created the world? How did Jesus “save” me and why do I need saving? What is the church? What is life about and what happens next? A beginning unit on comparative religion surveys the three major Christian families as well as Judaism, Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism. Finally, students engage in a “summing up” of thought and content as well as plan and participate in a service project.

Student Text CR090 \$20.00
Teacher Manual CR091 \$5.00
Here I Am, Lord RE285

Recommended for use with Middle School/Junior High grades. To avoid repetition, teachers of these grades must work together as they select materials to supplement their texts. Notice that *New Beginnings*, *Old Wounds* and *Holy Week in the Armenian Church* are also recommended for High School so if you choose to use it in Middle School, be sure it is not repeated in an upper grade).



New Beginnings and Old Wounds



Armenian Church Lived!

GRADE TEN



Breathed by God

Valerie Goekjian Zahirsky

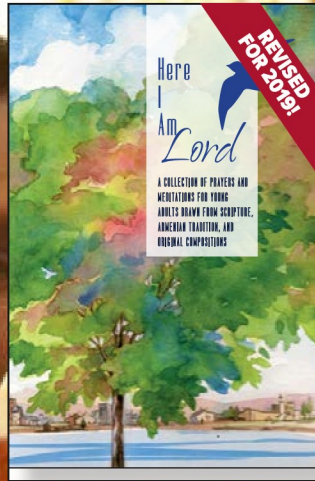
A comprehensive, 16-session course on Scripture designed for high schoolers (and suitable for adults). In a "Dummies Guide" format of sidebars, vocabulary, and points of distinctly Armenian interest, the textbook is designed to be used within the tradition of the Armenian Church. Excellent for completion of Bible classes and very applicable for use in Sunday school. In addition to chapters on various biblical and important themes in all the books of the Bible, the course also includes sections on what the Bible teaches about prayer, and how Christians and Armenians pray in particular, and how to apply the Bible to students' lives.

Package includes Student Text, Teacher Manual, and DVD. **CR055 \$6.00** **CR056 \$3.00**

Student Text **CR055 \$6.00**
Teacher Manual **CR056 \$3.00**

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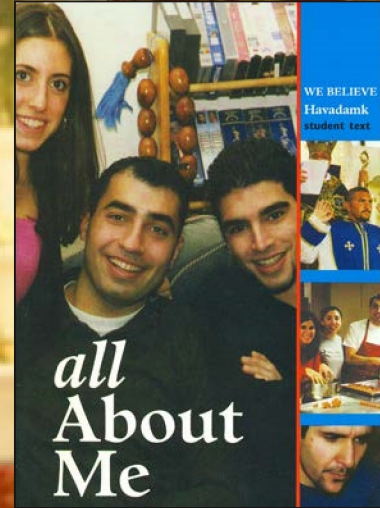


Here I Am, Lord

Newly revised and illustrated!

A collection of prayers and meditations from the Bible, Armenian Church and general Christian tradition, as well as original compositions for 21st century living. This pocket-size prayer book designed for ages young adult through adult—features brief notes on saints and sources, including Scripture citations, a place to record your own prayers, and reflection questions throughout. Prayers are easy to understand and use and are the perfect "icebreakers" for the most important Relationship in life!

Package, 120 pp., RE285 \$7.00



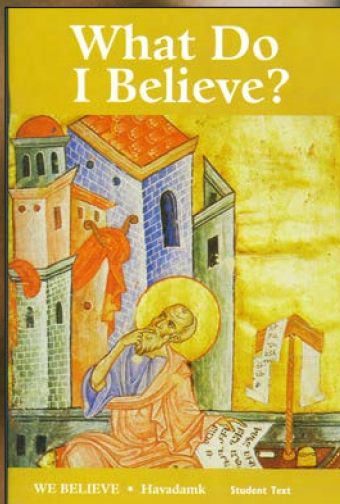
All About Me (Identity)

Valerie Goekjian Zahirsky

We all know that the "Who Am I?" question is a crucial one asked by all adolescents on the road to self-awareness; this course will help them examine that question from a Christian perspective. The six sessions are:

1. I Am Unique
2. Problems, Problems
3. What's a "Value?" What Are Mine?
4. My Yesterday: A Personal History
5. My Tomorrow
6. My Life Today

Student Text **CR055 \$6.00**
Teacher Manual **CR056 \$3.00**



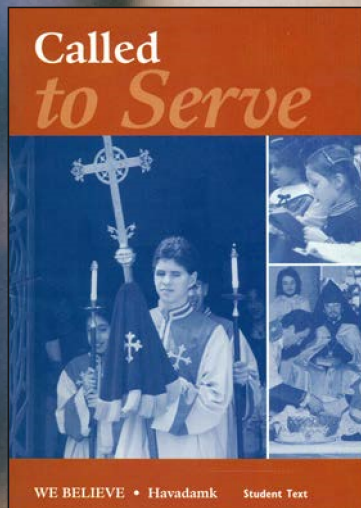
What Do I Believe? (Doctrine)

Valerie Goekjian Zahirsky

A course on the “basics” of our faith, from Holy Tradition to the concept of Hope. Includes lots of small group work, Bible study and discussion. The six sessions are:

1. Holy Tradition
2. The Old Testament
3. The New Testament
4. The Trinity
5. Sickness, Suffering, Death
6. Christian Hope

Student Text CR063 \$6.00
Teacher Manual CR064 \$3.00



Called to Serve (Christian Outreach)

Lucine Baronian

This mini-course gives students an opportunity to plan and execute their own service projects—in the community, the parish, and at home. It is easily adaptable to any parish setting. Includes ideas, planning forms, Bible study, and stories about Armenian Church role models. The five sessions are:

1. Christian Service
2. Money—It’s An Attitude
3. The Poor and Needy
4. Stewards of God’s World
5. Serving the Church

Student Text CR057 \$6.00
Teacher Manual CR058 \$3.00



Having it all (Success)

Fr. Tavit Boyajian and Valerie Goekjian Zahirsky

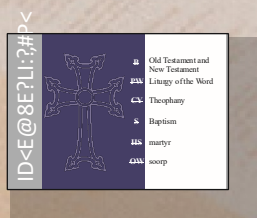
Whether it’s money, career, love, sex or sports, our society tells us we must succeed. We must have it all! But what does our faith have to say about success? Do we compromise our faith if we pursue worldly success? Students are challenged to look within themselves for some answers. Sessions include:

1. Wealth and Power
2. Competition and Winning
3. Love and Commitment
4. Chastity is a Part of Love
5. My Vocation is Love
6. Visioning: The American Dream/The Christian Dream

Student Text CR059 \$6.00
Teacher Manual CR060 \$3.00

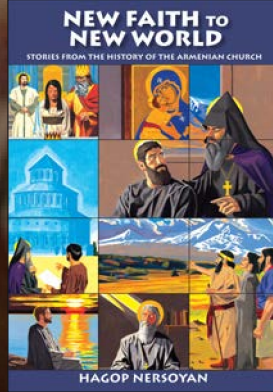
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GRADE ELEVEN



Sunday School Graduate Exam Review Course

A Sunday School Graduate's Guide to the Universe and Everything in It or ... How I Learned to Study for the Final Exam and Appreciate All I've Learned

The Review Course is designed to prepare graduating students to take their Sunday School final exam and give them time to not only review the facts but discuss how their faith impacts on daily decisions, ethical behavior, endurance in times of trouble, and all of life's choices. Reading this exam is an effective way to be assured of basic Armenian Christian literacy and is a requirement for a diploma from the Primate.

This course should be offered to those in their last year of Sunday School. It is divided into 10 one-hour sessions which can easily be adapted to every School's morning schedule. The 9th and 10th sessions comprise the exam and is two parts: short answer and then essays. You should allot two hours to each, even if it takes students less time. Available by contacting Department of Christian Education sea@armenianchurch.org

**New Faith to New World
Stories From the History of the
Armenian Church**

Hagop Nersoyan

A work of both scholarship and imagination, New Faith features 35 lives of saints and fathers of the Armenian Church. From Tigran the Great to St. Vartan Mamigonian and St. Gregory of Datev to Archbishop Hovsep Sarajian who was the first priest and then first Primate of the Armenian Church in the U.S., these extraordinary individuals may be considered icons of the equally extraordinary times during which they lived.

Originally written in 1963 as an upper grade Sunday School textbook, the popular volume was revised by the late Dr. Nersoyan. Some stories were completely rewritten, while others meticulously re-edited to make them more accessible to a new generation of readers. The new edition features full-color illustrations by Kyle Harabedian and abbreviated versions of the scholarly introductions that opened each chapter.

Paperback, 266 pp, RE296, \$20.00

New! 16-session Teacher Guide available October 1

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PW	Liturgy of the Word
CY	Theophany
S	Baptism
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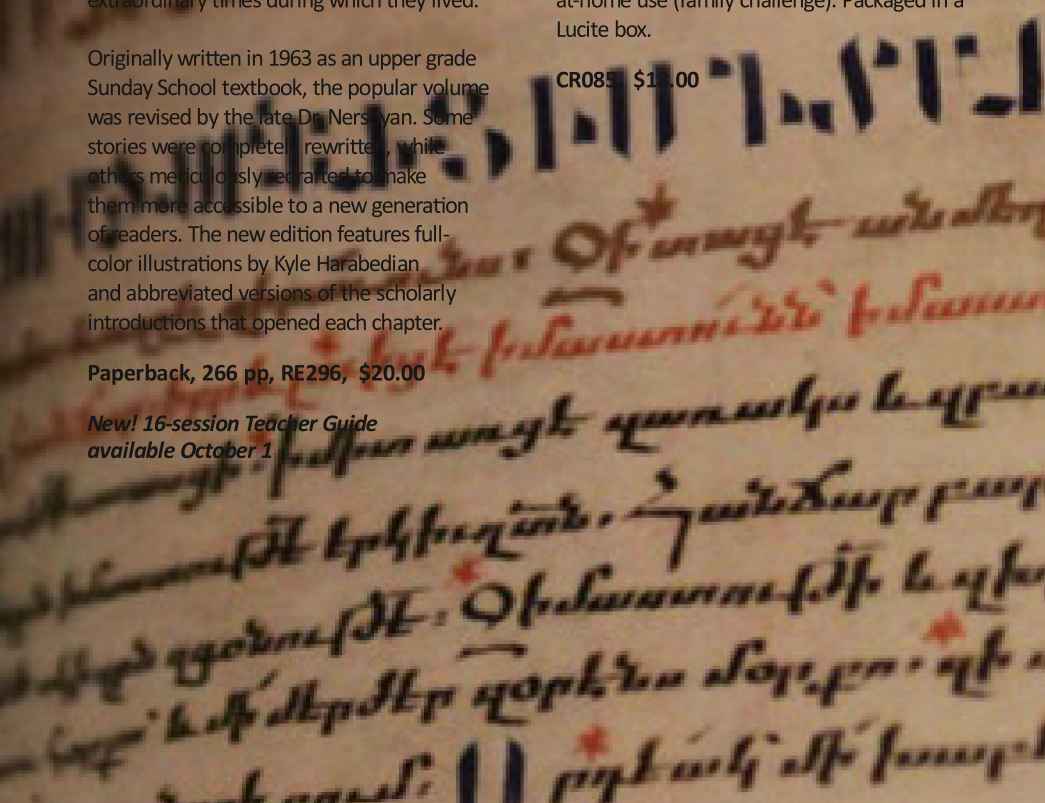
Bible?

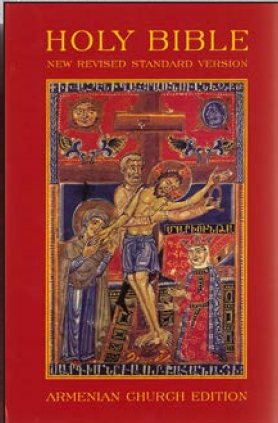
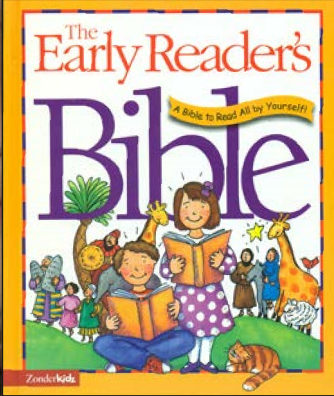
PW	In what part of the Liturgy is the Gospel read?
CY	On what feast do we celebrate the birth and baptism of our Lord?
S	In which sacrament are we "reborn"?
HS	What do we call a saint who died for the faith?
OW	What is the Armenian word for holy?

Armenian Church Hye-Q

A game of 200 cards in six categories (1200 questions and answers in all!) designed to help Sunday School students (and everyone else) achieve basic Armenian Christian literacy. Exhaustive review of basic curriculum categories: Bible, worship, the life of Christ, prayer, saints, history, feasts, sacraments, church vocabulary (Armenian and English). Required for exam review; recommended as a youth group activity, assembly game, parish fellowship (Sunday School vs. parish), gifts for staff, self-study, or at-home use (family challenge). Packaged in a Lucite box.

CR085 \$11.00





Early Reader's Bible
...the feeling of accomplishment
the joy of doing things by themselves:
getting dressed, tying their shoes... and
especially reading! That's why boys and girls
get so excited about this particular Bible—the
Bible that beginning readers can read all on
their own. Features include: 64 easy-to-read
Bible stories, colorful illustrations, stimulating
questions, and real-life applications to increase
children's understanding of God's Word; a list
of 250 basic words used in public school early
reader books; a list of over 200 new words
including Bible vocabulary, with fewer than five
new words introduced in each story.

**Holy Bible
(Armenian Church Edition)**

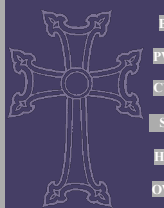
The second edition, now with improved
New Revised Standard Version, features
includes the New Testaments (including
deuterocanonical books) arranged in the proper
sequence according to the Armenian Church
canon, an introduction to the Bible in the
Armenian Church, a glossary of English
and Armenian words, a topical guide to Bible
verses for everyday life, a list of readings, and
single column format (except for the books of
poetry).

Hardcover, RB476, \$17.00

Grades 1-2, Hardcover, 525 pp., RE211, \$17.00

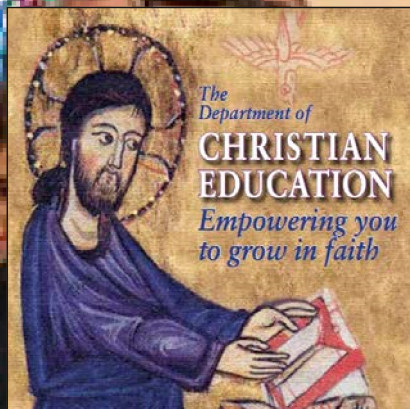


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- B** Old Testament and New Testament
- PW** Liturgy of the Word
- CV** Theophany
- S** Baptism
- HS** martyr
- OW** soop

- CV** On what feast do we celebrate the birth and baptism of our Lord?
- S** In which sacrament are we "reborn"?
- HS** What do we call a saint who died for the faith?
- OW** What is the Armenian word for holy?



Armenian Church Hye-Q

A game of 200 cards in six categories (1200 questions and answers in all!) designed to help Sunday School students (and everyone else) achieve basic Armenian Christian literacy. Exhaustive review of basic curriculum categories: Bible, worship, the life of Christ, prayer, saints, history, feasts, sacraments, church vocabulary (Armenian and English). Recommended for upper grade review, ongoing homework, youth group activity, assembly games, parish fellowship (Sunday School vs. parish), gifts for staff, self-study, or at-home use (family challenge). Comes packaged in a Lucite box.

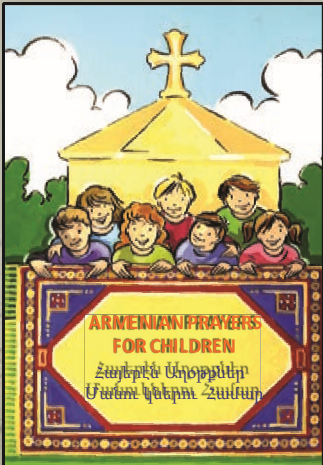
CR085 \$18.00

Department of Christian Education Empowering you to grow in faith

What is Christian Education? This informative brochure offers the bigger picture of Christian Education as a total ministry. It can be used for personal reading, parish discussion, or to facilitate training with superintendents, teachers, and parish leaders. A summary of programs and resources offered by the Department of Christian Education is included.

(2015) 14 pp, CR096, Free



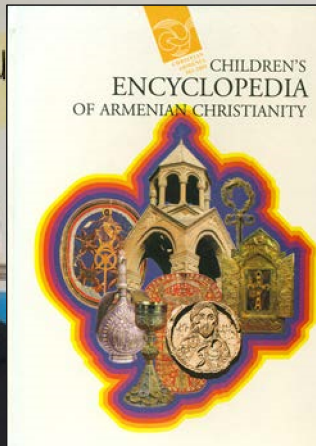


Armenian Prayers for Children

Louise Kalemkerian and Barbara Hovsepian
Illustrated by Siran Kaprielian Ghazarian

Currently in its third printing, this sturdy, full-color paperback contains traditional Armenian prayers and prayers from the Bible in English, Armenian, and transliteration. A favorite of children and people of all ages who will treasure the prayers and the extraordinary illustrations.

Elementary grades, Paperback, 4 1/2" x 6 1/2", 52 pp., RE133, \$6.00

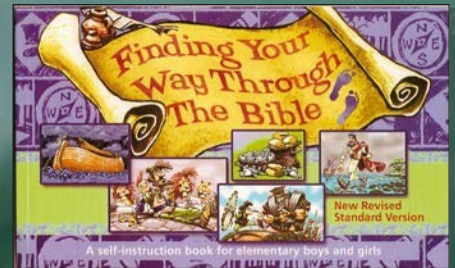


Children's Encyclopedia of Armenian Christianity

Translated and edited by Natche Ghazarian

Published in Armenia and translated by the author in celebration of the 1700th anniversary of the Christianization of Armenia, this attractive hard-bound volume is an excellent reference tool to spark anyone's interest in the Church. In a series of alphabetic entries, the encyclopedia features information about the Christian faith as well as historic information on people and events in the Old and New Testaments and Armenian Church history. Full color photos from ancient Armenian manuscripts accompany the text. Don't be misled by the title; it is best used by young adults and adults.

High school and up, Hardcover, 10 1/2" x 13 1/2", AR162, \$76.00

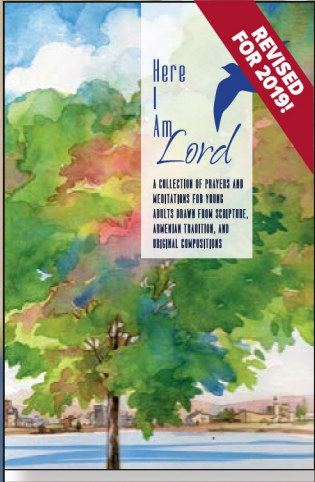


Finding Your Way Through The Bible

Paul and Mary Maves

If the Bible is the most important book in the world, then we need to teach our children how to use it. These one hundred sixty-nine little pages in a reduced-size workbook (to sit comfortably on top of a Bible) will help middle and upper elementary school children do just that. Can be used slowly over the course of the Third Grade school year or in two or three sessions. Designed to be used with The Children's Bible (NRSV).

(2006) Paperback, 169 pp, RE010 \$6.00

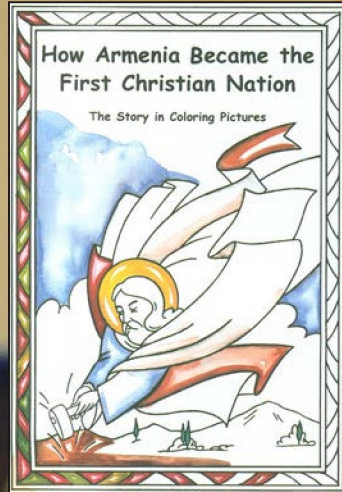


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Paperback, 120 pp., RE285 \$7.00

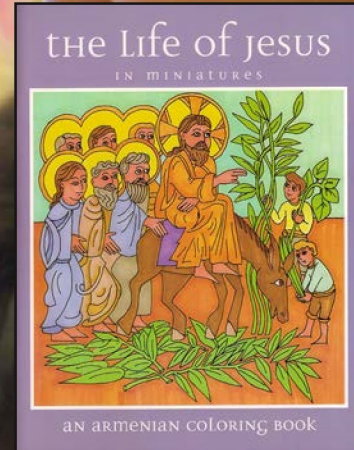


How Armenia Became The First Christian Nation: *The Story in Coloring Pictures*

Illustrations by Siran Kaprielian Pirani

A saint trapped in a pit of vipers and spiders, a king who falls to the ground in an animal frenzy, a princess who steals through the night to keep a holy man alive—the stuff of fairy tales? No, just some of the scenes from the sacred story of Armenia’s rebirth. Bi-lingual text and the marvelous line drawings of Armenian artist Siran Kaprielian Pirani will tell young and old alike the fascinating story of Armenia’s conversion to Christianity.

Elementary grades, Paperback, 30 pp., RE247, \$10.00



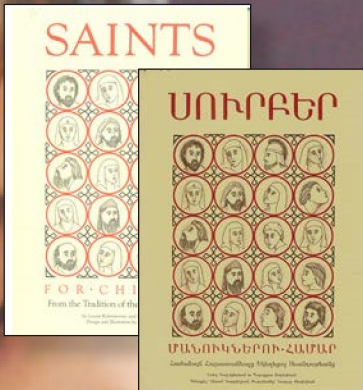
The Life of Jesus in Miniatures *An Armenian Coloring Book*

Illustrations by Suzanne Anoushian Froundjian

Twenty-five magnificent line drawings to color, inspired by the rich legacy of Armenian illuminated manuscripts, tracing the life of our Lord from Annunciation to Ascension and Pentecost. Includes Armenian and English Bible verses and an index of sources.

Recommended for: all elementary grades; upper grade use in Scripture, Bulletin Board, and class projects; school-wide art projects.

CR071 \$10.00



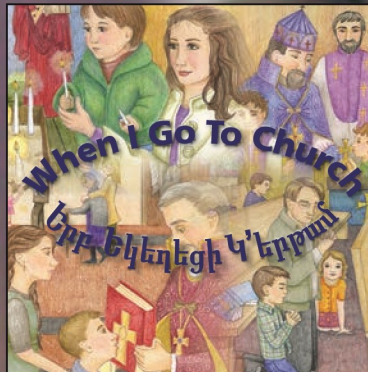
Saints For Children: *From the Tradition of the Armenian Church*

Louise Kalemkerian and Barbara Hovsepian

The stories of twenty biblical and Armenian saints especially written for elementary school-age children, illustrated with verve and imagination by Siran Kaprielian. A wonderful resource and story-book for Armenian children, not to mention young people and adults!

Also available in an Armenian language version, translated by Nubar Kupelian.

Elementary grades, Paperback, 80 pp., RE102, (English) RE103 (Armenian) \$5.00

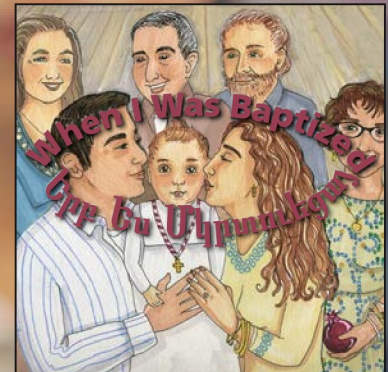


When I Go To Church

Illustrations by Anush Movsesian Avejic

Sized for a child's small hands and made of thick, coated cardboard, this sturdy little book features 16 pages of beautiful illustrations and bi-lingual text describing in a few words what children experience in church – praying, lighting candles, receiving Holy Communion, and more. Ideal for church pews, Sunday School classrooms, and baptismal, name day, birthday, and Christmas gifts.

Primary grades, palm-size toddler board book, 16 pp, 2013, RE 304, \$12.00



When I Was Baptized

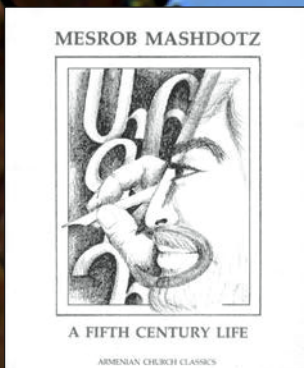
Illustrations by Anush Movsesian Avejic

An all new child-sized board book, with bilingual text and full page illustrations, describes in a few words what children experience when they are baptized: the joy they bring to their families just by being born, being immersed in water and blessed with holy oil; receiving Holy Communion; the celebration afterwards. The book makes an ideal baptismal gift, but is also again perfect for church pews, Sunday School classrooms, name days, birthdays, and Christmas.

Primary Grades, palm-size toddler board book. 16 pp, 2014, RE 305, \$12.00

Armenian Church Classics Series

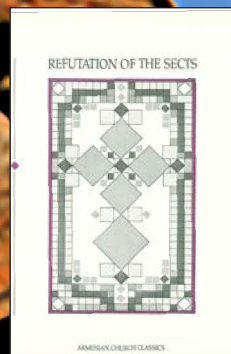
The history of the Armenian Church, the oldest national church in Christendom, is long and complex. Much of this rich church tradition derives from the writings of Armenian clerics from the Golden Age of Armenian literature to the present. These works contain the authentic voice of the Armenian Church; they have formed the popular memory of an entire people. As such, they should be read if the tradition they support is to be understood. Armenian Church Classics is the title of a series of publications that retells the great stories from the Armenian Christian past based on the actual works and writers of the early church.



Mesrob Mashdotz: A Fifth Century Life

The biography of Saint Mesrob by his student, Koriun Vartabed, retold for today's readers.

Paperback, 37 pp., RB061, \$4.00



Refutation Of The Sects

Translated and edited by Thomas Samuelian

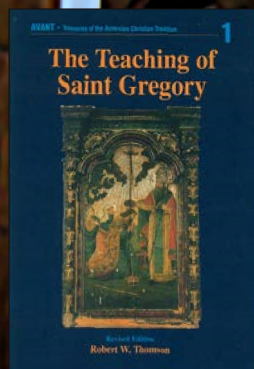
The masterpiece of Yeznik of Koghb, the 5th century philosopher-theologian. In four extraordinary books, the great Christian apologist dismantles the premises of other Christian and non-Christian sects point by point.

Paperback, 68 pp., RB042, \$8.00

Avant Series

Treasures of the Armenian Christian Tradition

The AVANT series, an undertaking of St. Nersess Armenian Seminary, aims to bring to light the riches of the Armenian Christian heritage by providing annotated English translations of Armenian patristic, dogmatic, liturgical and other early religious literature with a view toward revealing the distinct Christian witness of Armenian Christianity and its significance today.

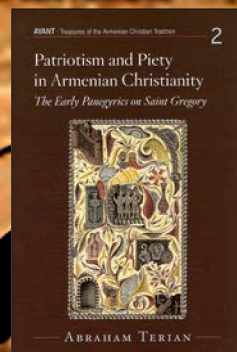


The Teaching of Saint Gregory

Translation and commentary by Robert W. Thomson

The Teaching of Saint Gregory is part of the Armenian History by the unknown author known as Agat'angelos. The Teaching is presented as a sermon to the Armenian about giving the essential content of the Christian gospel. In its present form, however, it is a literary composition of the late-fifth century. Its great importance is that it was recognized by later generations as the core of Armenian Christian teaching. Professor Thomson has thoroughly revised his translation and commentary from its first publication in 1970.

(2001) Hardcover, 267pp, EB617, \$42.00



Patriotism and Piety in Armenian Christianity The Early Panegyrics on Saint Gregory

Abraham Terian

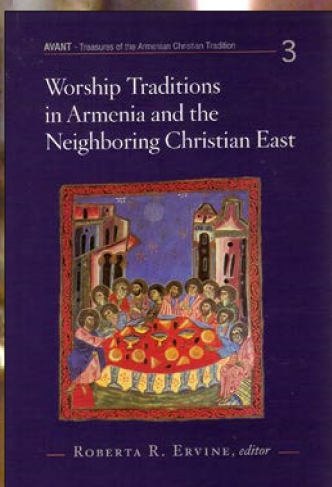
Armenian Christianity manifests a unique blend of patriotism and piety. Beginning from the inception of Armenian letters at the turn of the fifth century, Professor Terian surveys that blend in ancient Armenian sources spanning a thousand years. He shows how the theme finds its fullest manifestation as a literary motif in the medieval panegyrics (praise literature) dedicated to St. Gregory the Illuminator. Also included are translations of selections of thirteen of these odes and panegyrics, as well as a complete translation of the long Panegyric of Yovhannes Erznkats'i.

(2005) Hardcover, 223 pp, EB748, \$25.00

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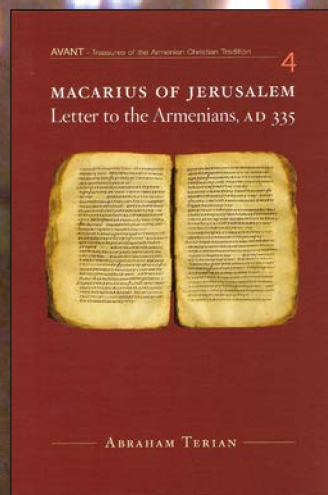


Worship Traditions in Armenia and the Neighboring Christian East

Roberta Ervine, editor

The worship of the Armenians and their Christian neighbors—Byzantine, and East and West Syriac—conserved and transmitted through liturgy, remains a vital link to their heritage, and this collection provides the key to the heart of the Christian East. The voices captured in the pages of this book originate from a symposium held in honor of St Nersess Seminary's 40th anniversary, where scholars of Eastern liturgy shared the fruits of their work.

(2006) Hardcover, 346 pp, EB768, \$39.00

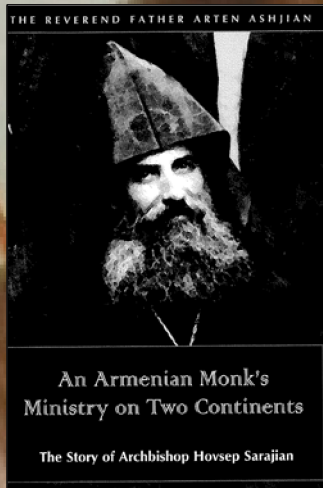


Macarius of Jerusalem Letter to the Armenians, AD 335

Abraham Terian, translator and commentary

Macarius, bishop of Jerusalem in the early fourth century, was commissioned by Emperor Constantine to oversee the construction of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. While host to a large gathering of bishops (presumably for the dedication of the Constantinian edifice), Macarius draws on local tradition in his response to queries by the nascent Armenian Church regarding baptism and the Eucharist. His Letter to the Armenians, addressed to Vrtigines, elder son and second successor to St. Gregory the Illuminator as head of the Armenian Church, reveals much about the nature of pre-Nicene Armenian Christianity and its affinities with East Syrian baptismal and eucharistic traditions thought to stand in need of reform. Surviving only in Armenian, Macarius' Letter is of great importance for the history of the early church in Armenia, when ritual observances had not yet been codified.

(2006) Hardcover, 104 pp, EB514, \$30.00

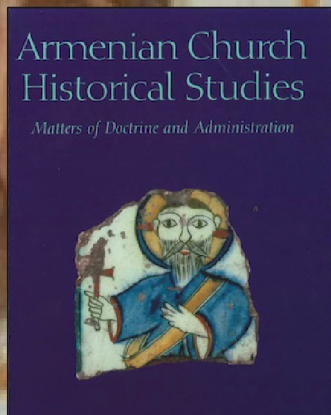


An Armenian Monk's Ministry on Two Continents: *The Story of Archbishop Hovsep Sarajian*

Fr. Arten Ashjian

Today's three Armenian Dioceses and over 100 parishes functioning in North America testify to the legacy of Fr. Hovsep, the first pastor and, later, the Primate of the Armenian Church of America. The author collected archival materials and testimonies from three continents to tell the story of Sarajian's life and ministry, illuminating a critical period in the modern history of the Armenian Church and bringing to life one of its truly indispensable figures.

Paperback, 136 pp., EB763, \$12

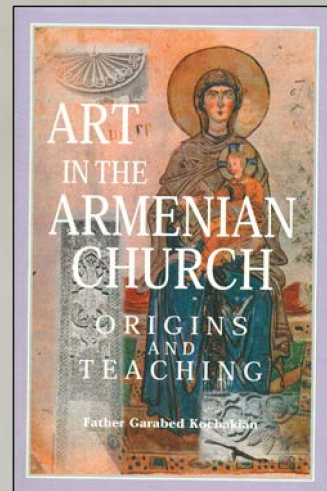


Armenian Church Historical Studies: *Matters of Doctrine and Administration*

Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan

Edited and with an introduction by Rev. Nerses Vrej Nersessian. Collected writings of the late Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan. Topics include church history from the early church to the modern day; Christology and the position of the Armenian Church; Canon law governing lay people as well as priests; and liturgy in its many forms. The book concludes with a detailed biography and bibliography of Archbishop Tiran with select translations of his many works.

Hard Cover, 459 pp., RB167, \$40.00

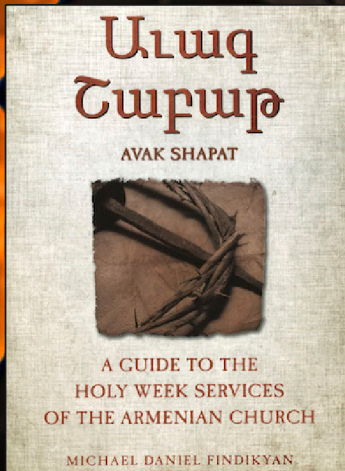


Art in the Armenian Church *Origins and Teaching*

Fr. Garabed Kochakian

An introduction to the place of sacred art in Armenian Church tradition, this study highlights early Christian art, theology of the Church Fathers, distinctive Armenian Christian art forms, and a brief history of the iconoclast movement. In this work, the lay person finds a comprehensive survey of why our church looks the way it does and how and why it differs from other Christian churches.

Paperback, 72 pp., RB157, \$10.00

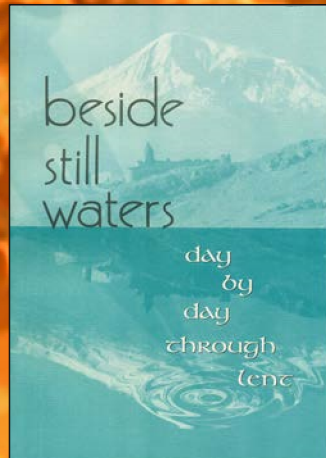


Avak Shapat: A Guide to the Holy Week Services of The Armenian Church

Fr. Daniel Findikyan

A textbook for clergy, seminarians, deacons, choir members and others charged with conducting the Holy Week services, the guide will be helpful for all interested in the worship of the Armenian Church, from faithful practitioners to students and scholars of other traditions. The book outlines each Holy Week service, presenting the sequence of prayers, hymns, Scripture readings and rituals, describing them in detail. The book also contains valuable glossaries of liturgical terms in Armenian and English, as well as separate indexes of liturgical and Biblical references.

Paperback, RB482, 92 pp., \$12.00

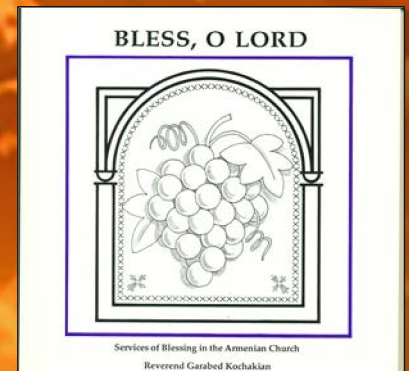


Beside Still Waters: Day by Day Through Lent

Albert A. Keshgegian

Using Scripture, prayers and hymns from the Sunrise (*Arevakal*) and Peace (*Khaghaghagan*) services of the Armenian Church and the beautiful prayers of St. Nerses Shnorhali and St. Gregory of Narek, author Albert Keshgegian provides fifty days of meaningful Lenten reflection. Wonderful for parish auxiliaries or guilds, teachers, Bible study groups and all parishioners.

Paperback, 120 pp., RE267, \$10.00

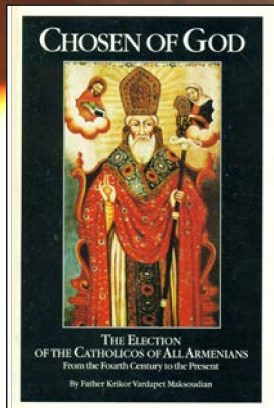


Bless, O Lord

Fr. Garabed Kochakian

Commentary and text of fifteen of the most meaningful and popular services of blessing in the Armenian Church. Includes the blessing of water, grapes, the home, *madagh*, the four corners (*Antasdan*) and engagement rings.

Paperback, 96 pp., RB063, \$9.00

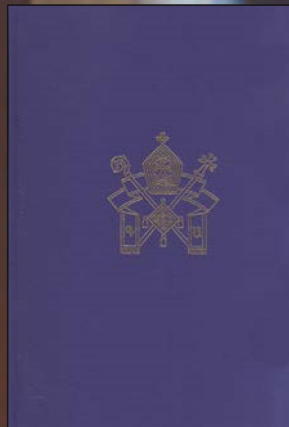


Chosen Of God

Fr. Krikor Maksoudian

Drawing upon original sources for the traditions, rules and procedures governing the election of the Catholicos, this work charts the history of that office from St. Gregory the Illuminator through the complex medieval period up to the present day. Includes a separate update on the most recent election.

Paperback, 144 pp., RB153, \$15.00

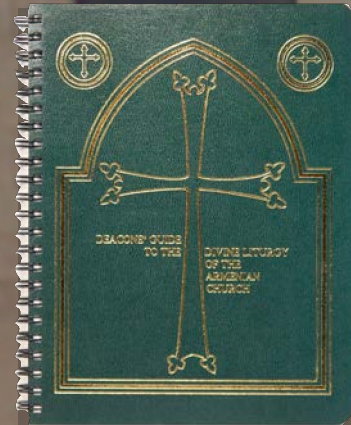


The Council of Chalcedon and The Armenian Church

Catholicos Karekin Sarkissian

A very informative survey of the Christological controversies of the early Church. With his own insightful analysis as well as primary sources, His Holiness charts the evolution of the two main Christological traditions known as the Antiochene and Alexandrian Schools. This development ultimately led to the Council of Chalcedon and the division of Orthodoxy into the Greater and Lesser Orthodox families (in the latter of which falls the Armenian Church). The Council had a huge impact on Armenian Church history particularly in the 5th through 12th centuries but well into the present. This volume is a 2006 reprint of the 1964 classic study of the same name and is one in the Karekin I Series which makes available the theological work of the late Catholicos.

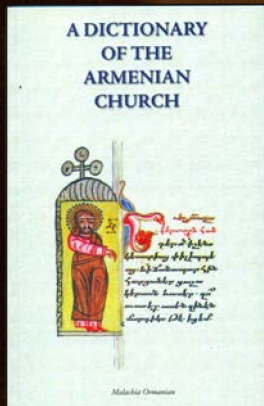
Hardcover, RE287, \$25.00



Deacon's Guide to The Divine Liturgy of The Armenian Church

Intended for altar servers and deacons, the Guide focuses on liturgical texts and rituals specific to their part in the Divine Liturgy. Deacons' litanies and chants have been set to music using a modified chant notation easy to read. Detailed rubrics, instructions, and diagrams make the book user friendly both for training and practical use.

Paperback, 82 pp, 2013, RB481, \$20.00

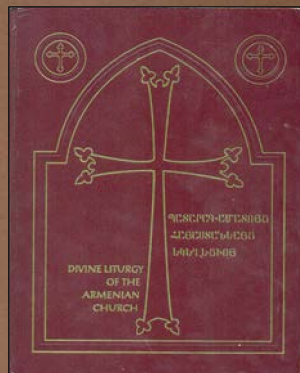


A Dictionary of The Armenian Church

Translated by *Abraham Norehan*

The compilation of Patriarch Melchior Ormanian's dictionary of church terms is a treasure chest of information on feasts, vessels and vestments, and elements of the liturgical service. It is considered a classic resource book on the Armenian Church.

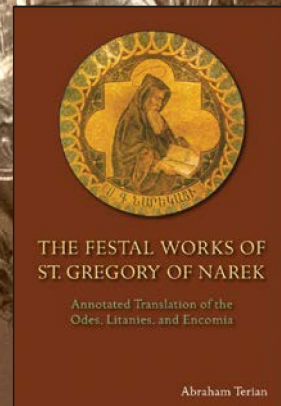
Paperback, 142 pp., RE284, \$12.00



The Divine Liturgy of The Armenian Church (second edition)

The service book for use in church. With modern Armenian and English translations, transliteration, musical notation, introduction and notes.

Hardcover, RB037, \$25.00

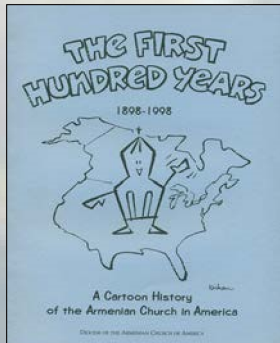


The Festal Works of St. Gregory of Narek *Annotated Translation of the Odes, Litanies, and Encomia*

Abraham Terian

The debut translation from classical Armenian of all the odes (songs of praise), litanies (petitionary prayers), and encomia (expressions of praise) composed by one of our most beloved saints, St. Gregory of Narek. Highly accessible to the general reader, these formerly little known works are liturgical pieces composed for various feasts of the Armenian Church. Dr. Terian is Professor Emeritus of Armenian Theology and Patristics at St. Nersess Armenian Seminary.

(2015) 407 pp, EB927, \$40.00

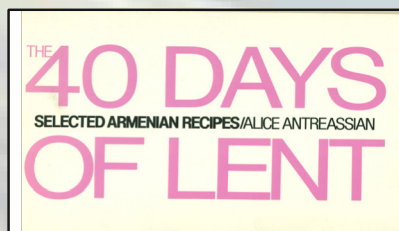


**The First Hundred Years
A Cartoon History of the
Armenian Church in America**

*Cartoons and illustrations
by Nishan Akgulian*

A hilarious review of the first hundred years of the Armenian Church in America. Yes, we can laugh at ourselves as we enjoy the accomplishments and miracle of growth. From the strange history of Rupen Minasian who delivered mail in Idaho in the 1870's to the consecration of St. Vartan Cathedral in NYC in 1968 and beyond, there's plenty to chuckle about, wonder at, and rejoice over.

Paperback, 40 pp., RE268, \$8.00

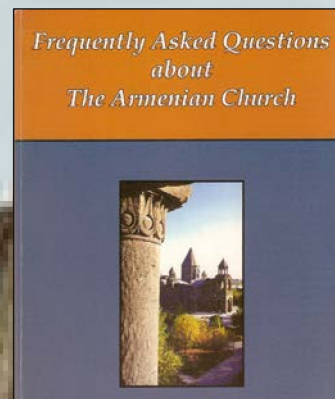


**Forty Days of Lent: Selected
Armenian Recipes**

Alice Antreassian

A cookbook of close to 70 Armenian recipes of Lenten character—with no animal or dairy products whatever, but with a diversity and tastefulness that recommend them for year-round use. A unique feature is a listing of a menu on each of the forty days; Armenian Church laws & customs are amply provided.

Paperback, 130 pp., CB007, \$15.00

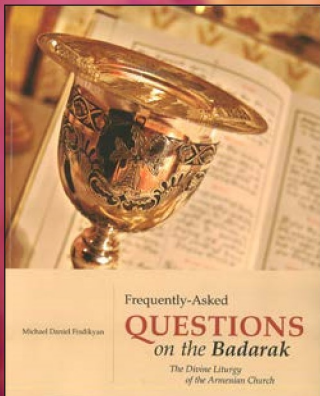


**Frequently Asked Questions
about the Armenian Church**

Topic headings include Bible, sacraments, worship, and Armenian Church history and address some of the basic questions concerning our church. Is the Armenian Church Apostolic or Orthodox? Why do we have more than one Catholicos? Why are married priests not elevated to higher ranks? Can women be ordained in the Armenian Church? How do we remember saints? How do we view Mary, the Mother of God? How did the Armenian liturgy evolve? What is the Armenian position regarding divorce? Read and add your own questions!

Recommended for class projects, self-study, and gifts.

Paperback, RE281, 172 pp, \$15.00

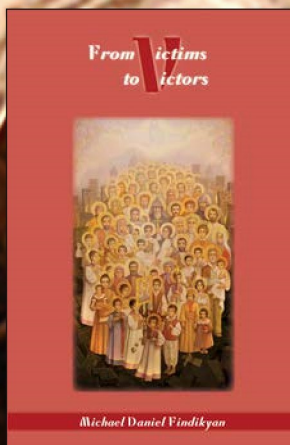


Frequently-Asked Questions on The Badarak

Fr Daniel Findikyan

A wonderful compendium of information on the Divine Liturgy of the Armenian Church based on questions posed by Sunday School students (not unsurprisingly, their questions are our questions). Additional topics were added to make this an excellent resource for anyone interested in a deeper understanding of the central worship service of our church. Questions range from historical (Who wrote our Badarak?), theological (Do the bread and wine really turn into the Body and Blood of Christ?), practical questions of ritual (Why do we kiss the cross and the Gospel? Is it wrong to chew Holy Communion? Why does the priest wear special vestments?) to matters of liturgical reform (Can the Badarak be shortened?). Includes a list of resources for further learning. Ideal Sunday School graduation gift.

Paperback, 75 pp, RE303, \$12.00
Returning soon (being reprinted)



From Victims to Victors

Fr. Daniel Findikyan

A study of the Church's age-old understanding of Christian martyrdom and the intercession of saints. The author explores the far-reaching implications of the canonization of the Genocide martyrs on April 23, 2015 and draws out the very real, very tangible benefits for every follower of Jesus Christ today, whether or not a member of the Armenian Church.

(2015) Paperback, 36 pp, EB929, \$2.00

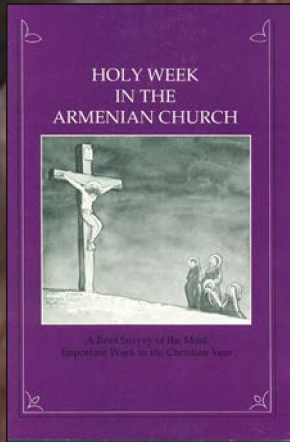


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Paperback, 120 pp., RE285 \$7.00

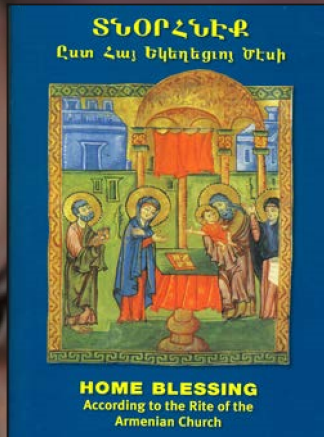


Holy Week in The Armenian Church

Paula Jurigian

A brief survey of the most important week in the Christian year. Available in separate English and Armenian editions, this attractive pamphlet, illustrated by Nishan Akgulian, outlines the historical derivation and meaning of each day of Holy Week. Ideal for every member of the parish.

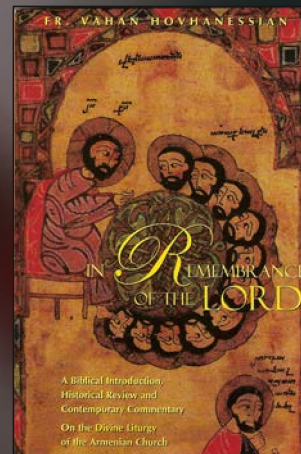
Paperback, 17pp, RE140, photocopy, \$2.00



Home Blessing

One of the efforts in the Diocese's 2002 "Year of the Holy Badarak," which aims to revitalize liturgical celebrations in the lives of every Armenian. This booklet is designed for use, not only by clergy, but by families having their homes blessed. It guides their participation in some of the prayers and Bible readings that are also a part of the brief service. The booklet features historical background, commentary and, of course, the text of the service in English, Armenian and Russian.

28 pp., RE252, \$4.00

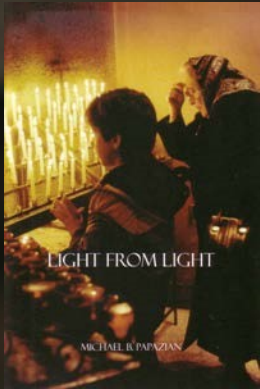


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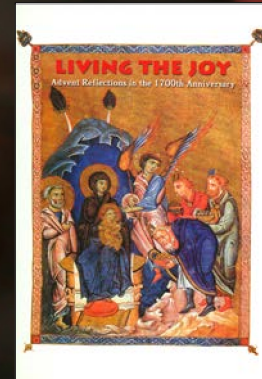


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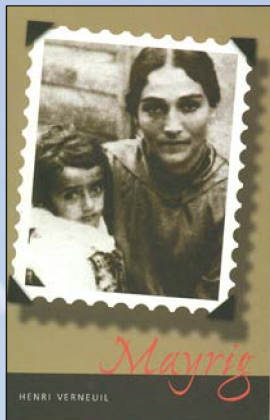


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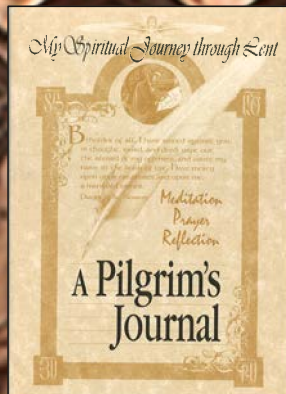
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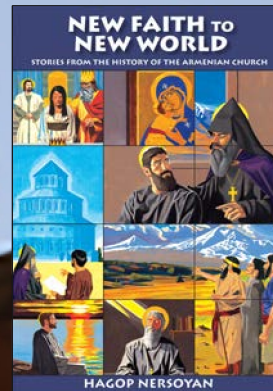


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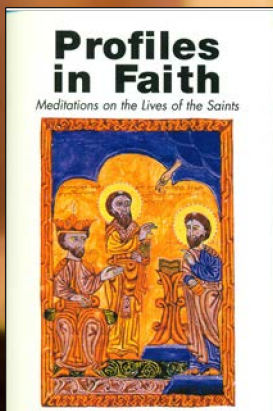
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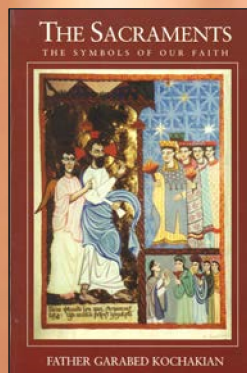


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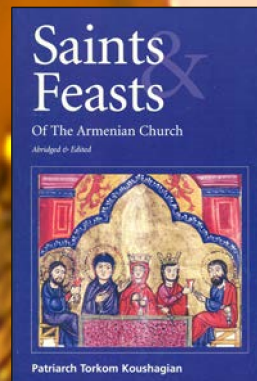


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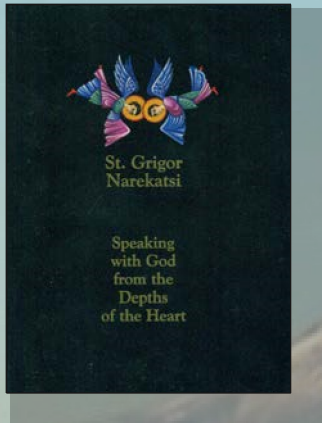


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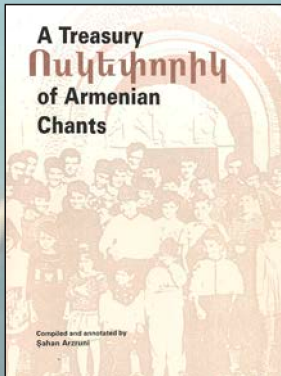


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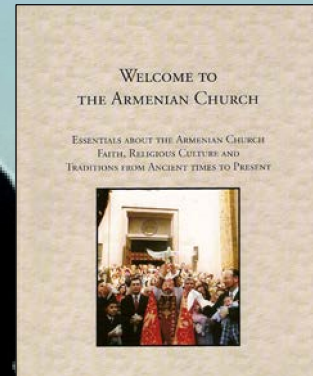
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