

IV. LAST BLESSING

1. Conclusion of the Divine Liturgy: Prayer and Gospel

The Badarak concludes with the Word of God in the Gospel according to St. John [1:1-14]. This custom came to the Armenian Divine Liturgy from the medieval Roman Mass, which the Armenians came to know when the Crusaders passed through Cilician Armenia on their way to the Holy Land in the Middle Ages. After the final blessing the faithful come forward to kiss the Gospel book, saying,

“Heeshestseh Der zamenayn Badarakus ko.”
(May the Lord remember all your sacrifices.)

