

LESSON X - BAPTISM

GETTING STARTED

- 1.) Read the following Scripture: "Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." (Matthew 28:20)
Here, it is our Lord who is speaking. He is addressing His Apostles and all those who are His.
Keeping His above comment in mind, discuss **HOW** Jesus is ALWAYS with us. He is with us is and through the sacraments.
- 2.) Tell your class that the Armenian term for sacrament is *khorkoot* = *mystery*. Of course, each sacrament is proclaiming the great mystery that:
 - a.) Jesus is always with us.
 - b.) Jesus is the Lord of all of life.
- 3.) Tell your students that it is through baptism that we enter the Church, the living body of Christ. Through baptism, we become members of the Body of Christ. In this regard be sure to read 1 Corinthians 12:12-13.
- 4.) Have the students read Titus 3:4-7. Point out the following regarding this passage:
 - a.) God's goodness and loving kindness toward us is manifested in Jesus Christ.
 - b.) Jesus Christ saved us.
 - c.) He saved us because of His mercy.
 - d.) Baptism - *the washing* - regenerates and renews us in the Holy Spirit. We are *born again* through baptism.
 - e.) As a result, we become justified by His grace and heirs of eternal life.

FINISHING-UP

Completion: Fill-in the answer which best completes each of the following statements.

- 1.) A sacrament is _____.
- 2.) The first sacrament we receive is _____.
- 3.) It makes us _____.
- 4.) The sacrament of baptism is conferred by the action of _____.

- 5.) The sacrament of Baptism is _____
for all.
- 6.) The Church baptizes infants because _____

- 7.) The Armenian word for godfather is _____
- 8.) The duty of the godfather is to _____

- 9.) Some of the requirements for being a godfather are _____

- 10.) When should children be baptized ? _____

- 11.) The usual minister of baptism is _____

ADDITIONAL

- 1.) Read John 3:1-6.
Discuss what our Lord Jesus Christ has to say about baptism in this scriptural passage.