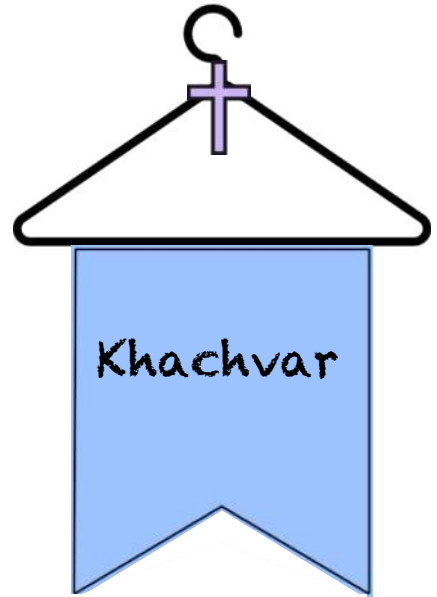


# Church Banner (Khachvar)

**Banners (Khachvar)** are used to lead processions when there is a festive occasion in the Armenian Church. At the tip of its staff there is a small cross and below it, ornamented fabric, usually of needlework.



## MATERIALS:

- Wire clothes hangers (from dry cleaners) - 1 for each student
- Large colored construction paper (12x17)
- Colored markers or crayons
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Banner Template

## DIRECTIONS:

1. Give each student a large piece of colored construction paper. Fold in  $\frac{1}{2}$  lengthwise.
2. Instruct them to TRACE the Banner Template onto their construction paper along the fold as shown to the right.
3. Keeping paper folded, cut out. (Your banner should now open up so that you can drape over the bottom of a hanger.)
4. Keeping paper folded, instruct students to decorate using markers or crayons:
  - On 1 side: Write, "Khachvar"
  - On the other side: Draw a symbol of an item we SEE on the altar, such as
    - 12 candles
    - Gospel
    - Chalice
    - Flowers
5. Drape the fold of the banner over the bottom of the hanger and glue together.
6. Using construction paper scraps, cut out a CROSS and attach to the top of hanger.

