

Proper Etiquette

in the Armenian Church



Armenian Church Manners

- Proper dress and etiquette are followed to show **respect** and to **honor** our ancient traditions and Divine Liturgy. Church is the house of God and a place of worship.
- Please respect God and your fellow worshippers by being quiet and prayerful.



Which child is showing good behavior?



PROPER DRESS

Be happy you get to “dress up” in your best clothing!

- **Boys:** No shorts; nice slacks preferred; suits and ties optional
- **Girls:** No shorts; shoulders are to be covered, (bring a sweater if wearing a top where shoulders are exposed); dresses/skirts preferred (*please be modest*); head coverings must be worn for Communion (*optional to bring one from home*)



When we enter . . .

- Walk slowly (never run inside church).
- Say a prayer and light a candle.
- Before sitting, bow your head, say a prayer, and cross yourself.
- Sit quietly.
- Turn off cell phone.



No No's . . .



- No chewing gum
- No crossing leg
- No crossing arms
- No looking around for friends
- No talking
- No stretching



Yes Yes' s . . .

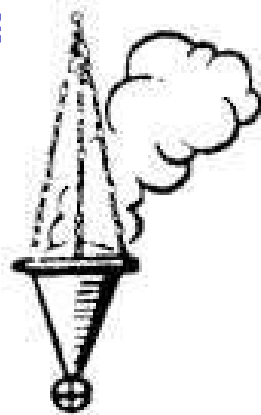
- Pray – use this time to think about all the blessings God has brought into your life
- Enjoy the beautiful church music
- Sit and stand as indicated in the Divine Liturgy Book (or follow the choir members and others in church)



Actively participate in church!

When to *make the sign of the cross*:

- When the priest turns toward you and says, “*Khaghaghootiun amenetsoon*” (Peace unto all), *make the sign of the cross*.
- When the censer swings toward you, bow your head, *make the sign of the cross*.
- When crossing in front of the altar, always *make the sign of the cross*.
- Before and after receiving Holy Communion, *make the sign of the cross*.





Divine Liturgy is a
Celebration!

**Celebrate our
religion!**