

## LESSON XI - CONFIRMATION

### GETTING STARTED

- 1.) Draw the students' attention to the fact that the Armenian word for confirmation (chrismation) is *gunounk* = *sealing*.
- 2.) Read Acts 2:1-14. This selection describes Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Armenian word for this feast is *Hokekalcowst* = *Coming of the Spirit*. Note that confirmation (chrismation) is a *personal coming of the Holy Spirit*.
- 3.) Read the following Scriptural passages:  
Exodus 28:40-41 - instructions to Moses  
1 Kings 19-15-16 - instructions to the prophet Elijah  
In both cases the anointing is indicative of a receiving of God's grace and being chosen for special service.  
Note that in the Armenian Church, *anything* or *anyone* being set aside for special service to Almighty God is anointed: buildings, pictures, crosses, priests at their ordination, and the newly baptized.
- 4.) Note that in baptism we are *born again*. With the sacrament of confirmation (chrismation) our new life is dedicated/given to Almighty God.
- 5.) Tell the students that *Christ* and *Messiah* mean *the anointed one*.

### FINISHING-UP

Matching: Match the terms on the right with the best answer on the left.

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| _____ gunounk                         | 1.) completion of Baptism |
| _____ chief act                       | 2.) "laying on of hands"  |
| _____ used in conferring Confirmation | 3.) sealing               |
| _____ Biblical expression             | 4.) anointing             |
| _____ confirmation                    | 5.) Miuron                |

### ADDITIONAL

- 1.) Review the following Prayers for Anointing which are said by the priest during the conferring of Confirmation (Chrismation).

for the forehead

This sweet oil in the name of Jesus Christ is poured upon you as the seal of the heavenly incorruptible gifts.

for the eyes

This seal in the name of Jesus Christ enlighten your eyes, that you may never sleep in death.

for the ears

This holy anointing be for you for the hearing of the divine commandments.

for the nostrils

This seal in the name of Jesus Christ be for you a sweet savor of life unto life.

for the mouth

This seal in the name of Jesus Christ be for you as a guard for your mouth, and a strong door for your lips.

for the palms of the hands

This seal in the name of Jesus Christ be for you a cause for good deeds and all virtuous works and conduct.

for the heart

This divine seal establish a clean heart in you and renew a right spirit in your inward parts.

for the back

This seal in the name of Jesus Christ be for you a strong shield whereby you may be able to quench all the firey darts of the evil one.

for the feet

This divine seal direct your steps into eternal life so that you may not be shaken.

According to the prayers, why is each part of the body anointed ?