

When children and parents have faith discussions regularly, faith multiplies.



# Faith at Home

**Theme of the Sunday:** Sunday of EXPULSION (Expulsion from the Garden of Eden)

**Verse of the Sunday:** "... Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. He drove out the man; and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim, and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life." Genesis 3:23-24

**Message/Moral of the day:** Prehistory is the following. The human being, listening to the deceitful words of Satan, disobeyed the divine commandments and ate the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden. As punishment the human being, of course, didn't die at once, but was deprived of the comfortable life and eternity granted by God.

Did you know that Satan even tempted Jesus to do things that were wrong? When he did, Jesus answered him with Scripture. That is a good way to defeat Satan, isn't it? Read the Bible, strengthen your faith, pray, and when Satan comes around, just say, "No" to temptation.

**Faith at Home:**

- Talk with your child/ren about temptation. Define it.
- Share a personal story of how you've dealt with a temptation and what had helped you.
- Describe possible consequences of temptation.
- Brainstorm ways to overcome temptation (prayer, asking an advice from someone trustful or the Priest, strengthen faith, etc.)

**Prayer & Worship:** Dear Heavenly Father, we want to be like Your Son Jesus, our Lord. Help us to say, "No" to Satan when he tempts us to do wrong. Amen.

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**Liturgical Calendar:** This week the Armenian Church commemorates the life of Theodore the Warrior, a captain in the Roman army during the reign of emperor Licinius. Theodore was born into a Christian family and was educated in the teaching of Christianity. He was noted for his bravery, and was noted for killing a serpent that was terrorizing people and animals. Theodore armed himself with a sword, and with a prayer to the Lord vanquished the serpent and became a heroic figure. He was appointed commander of Heraclea where he combined his military duties with the preaching of the Gospel. Soon nearly all of Heraclea had accepted Christianity. Emperor Licinius began a campaign against the Christians. Theodore was a main target. He was arrested and given an opportunity to renounce his Christian religion, which he refused to do. He was martyred in 319 A.D. in Heraclea, Thrace.