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## INTRODUCTION

In 1987, the first entirely original Armenian Church curriculum for Sunday Schools, Grades Pre-K through 12 was released in its entirety. A celebration for the artists, writers, and its primary benefactors, Helen and Edward Mardigian, was held at the Diocese, attended by hundreds who were treated to a special walk-through exhibit and presentation. The curriculum was designed in eight identical units throughout each grade: The Bible, Feasts, Prayer, Sacraments, Special People of the Church, History, Badarak and Special Services, and the Life of Christ. The books were illustrated by Armenian artists and drafted by Armenian writers in close collaboration with the Department of Christian Education (then called the Department of Religious Education, DRE). It was a miraculous intersection of talent, dedication, and persistence.

But as time passed, the foundational whys and hows of faith formation along with an evolved sense of who we had become as a people and needed to be as a church prompted the Department to entirely reimagine and rewrite the curriculum starting as early as 1993 with the release of a new Pre-K. Curriculum production began in earnest in 2007 with Kindergarten. New volumes were issued each year thereafter, sometimes two in a year, until the entire curriculum was replaced. Textbooks were now based on principles that had evolved in the generation that separated them from the first edition. From the preservation/information focus of an immigrant church, the new series was founded on the personal spiritual journey of young believers in the context of the Armenian Church community of faith.

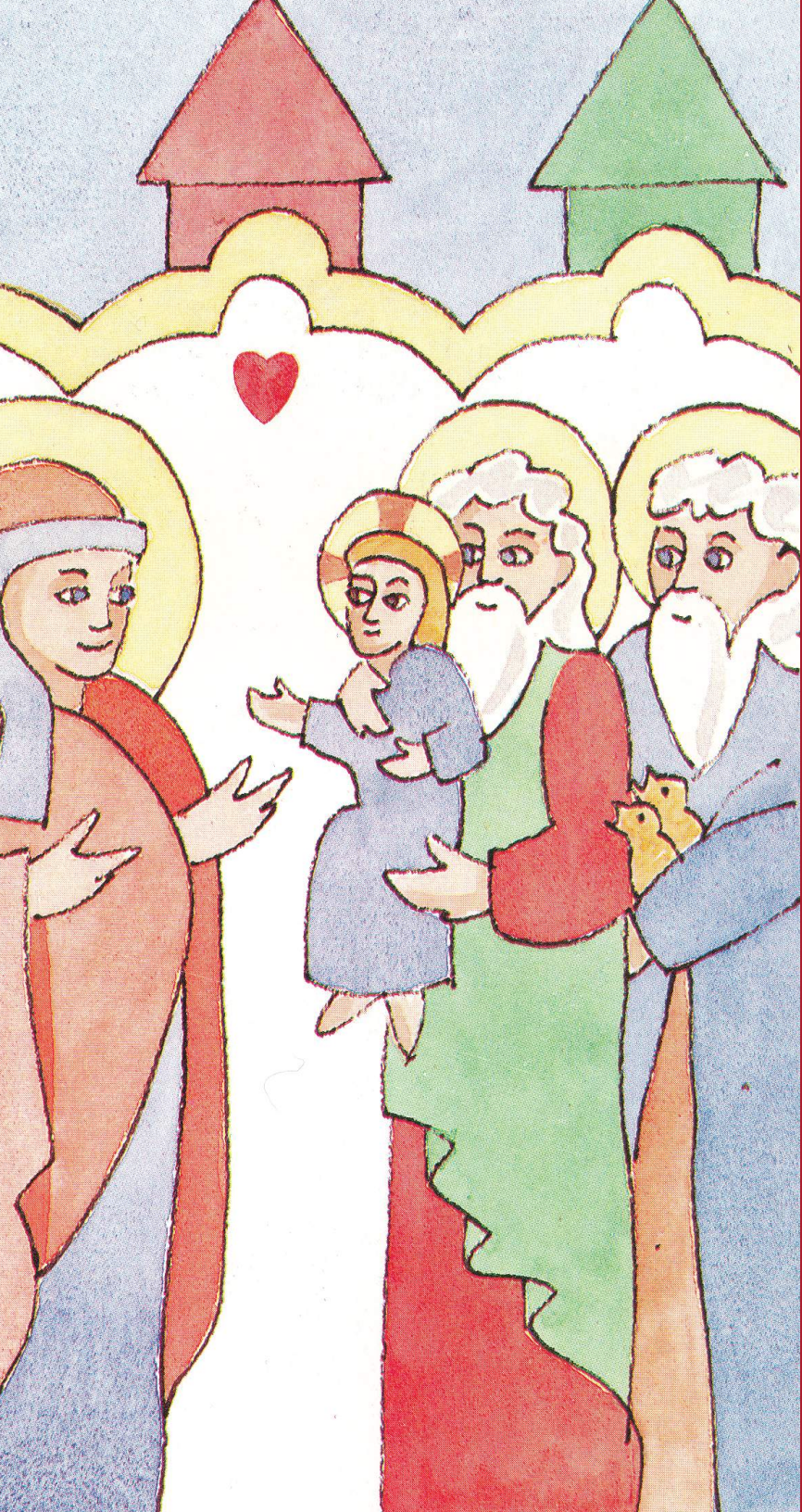
A curriculum's "Scope and Sequence" summarizes what is to be taught and the sequence in which it will be taught. Specifically, the "scope" outlines the depth and breadth of the content at each grade level and its development across grade levels. The "sequence" is the order in which the content will be taught for the best learning (building on past knowledge) within a grade and over the years. Being that attendance at Sunday School can be irregular and there is no official testing or stringent minimum requirement for graduation, the Scope and Sequence of the Sunday School curriculum is more a list of all the major concepts and topics that will be covered in each book. Over the 14 years of Sunday School ~ with the addition of classroom review, church attendance, the review course and final exam, other School activities, and family support ~ a basic Armenian Christian literacy can be achieved.

On the following pages, Nursery through Grade Ten will feature its table of contents and a complete list of topics covered under the following categories: Scripture, Doctrine, Prayer & Worship, the Armenian Way, and Life Application. Frankly, there is often overlap (the Lord's prayer or Hayr Mer could be listed under prayer and worship, Scripture, the Armenian Way, and Life Application) and when it became excessive it was omitted from one category since it was treated and listed in another. But whatever the organization, it is a fairly exhaustive overview of each grade. Although many schools go through Grade Eleven, that last year features a variety of choices, including mini-courses and the final review course. Grade Twelve is often a year of service, whether in the Sunday School (assistant teacher, office aide) or in the sanctuary (choir, altar server, greeter).



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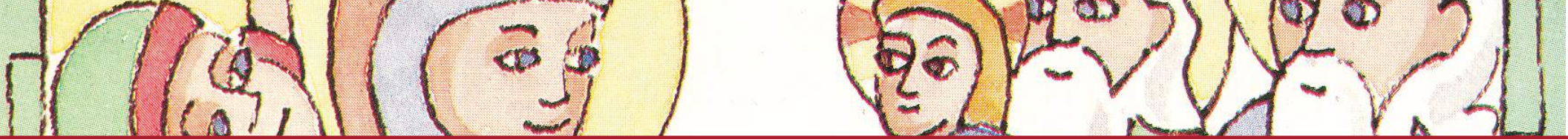
# Pre-school

GOD IS GREAT, GOD IS GOOD

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## SCRIPTURE

Lessons are based on the following Scripture passages, not read, memorized or studied by the children.

*Genesis 1:1-5, 9-27* (creation)

*John 1:4-5* (God's light shines)

*Psalms 75:1* (give thanks)

*Acts 2:44-45* (the early church)

*Luke 1:26-56* (Christmas story)

*John 1:6-8* (the light comes into the world)

*Luke 2:1-20* (birth of Jesus)

*Matthew 1:18-2:23* (birth of Jesus)

*Luke 2:22-38* (Jesus presented to the Temple)

*1 John 4:8* (God is love)

*Matthew 26:36-28:20; Mark 14:32-16:20; Luke 22:39-24:53; John 18:3-20:23* (events preceding and following the Resurrection)

*Acts 1:6-11* (the Ascension)

*Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-38; John 12:12-19* (Palm Sunday)

*Acts 2:41-47* (the early church)

## DOCTRINE

God created the world and everything in it.

God gives us the things we need.

God loves each and every one of us.

God wants us to celebrate and enjoy the life he has given us.

God is always with us.

Jesus died and rose from the dead.

The Bible gives us stories about God.

The church is God's house.

We are part of God's family.

The cross is the symbol of God's love.

## THE ARMENIAN WAY

Armenian phrases: Asdvadz loosuh gochetz or (*God called the light day*). Asdvadz khavaruh gochetz keesher (*God called the darkness night*). Asdvadz sdeghdnetz hoghun oo dzararuh (*God made land and trees*). Asdvadz sdghdnetz tzooguh (*God made the fish*). Advadz sdeghdnetz gentaneeneruh (*God made the animals*). Asdvadz sdeghdnetz zees. Yes masnavor antz mun em. (*God made me. I'm special*). Shunorhagal em, Asdvadz, amen panee hamar (*Thank you God for everything*). / turchnakir (*bird letters*) / Soorp Dznoot (Christmas) / Dyarnuntarach (Presentation) / Poon Paregentan (*Carnival Day*) / Medz Bahk (*Great Lent*) / Kreesdos haryav ee merelotz (*Christ is risen from the dead*) / Dzaghgazart (Palm Sunday) / Asdvadzashoonch (*breath of God or Bible*) / Asdvadzadzin (*mother of God or Mary*) / khach (cross)

**ALSO:** See songs, which include Armenian phrases, listed under "Circle Time" in Teacher Manual on pages 3-6.



## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Prayer before meals (*Jashagestzook*) / Advent / Christmas / Annunciation / Presentation / Carnival Day-Day of Good Living / Great Lent / Easter / Palm Sunday / communion

**ALSO:** See “Worship” procedure on pages 5-6 of the Teacher Manual.

## LIFE APPLICATION

I enjoy everything about God’s creation.  
I can take care of the created world by not being wasteful.  
I believe the world is a good place.  
God made me and gave me special gifts.  
God wants me to play and celebrate life.  
God gave me all kinds of feelings.  
God loves me at all times.  
I am never alone; God is always with me.  
I am thankful to God for many things.  
When I share with others, I make God happy.  
I prepare for Christmas by doing special things.  
Christmas is a joyful time for me.  
I use the senses God gave me to appreciate the world and to have fun.  
I get closer to God during Lent..  
Jesus loves me.  
I learn about God from Bible stories.  
I go to church to be with my church family.  
My mother loves me just as Jesus’ mother loved him.  
When I look at the cross, I think of Jesus’ love for me.



# Kindergarten

WE BELIEVE

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24. We Remember Jesus on Sunday
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## SCRIPTURE

*Genesis 1* (Creation)  
*Luke 9:10-17* (Miracle of the Loaves and Fish)  
*John 13:34* (Love one another)  
*Genesis 6-9* (Noah and the Ark)  
*Luke 1:26-38* (Annunciation)  
*John 11:1-13, 8:12* (John the Baptist)  
*Luke 2:51-52* (Jesus' parents return to Nazareth)  
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*Matthew 6:5-15* (The Lord's Prayer)  
*Mark 4:35-41* (Jesus calms a storm)  
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*Ephesians 2:19-21* (God's family)  
*Luke 23:26-43* (Jesus' crucifixion)  
*Luke 23:50-56* (Jesus' burial and resurrection)  
*Matthew 28:19-20* (The Great Commission)  
*Mark 9:2-10* (Transfiguration)

## DOCTRINE

The world is a gift from God.  
We are caretakers of God's creation.  
We thank God for his many gifts.  
God wants us to care for the animals he created.  
God commands that we love one another.  
God loves us and takes care of us.  
Jesus is the Son of God.  
Mary is the mother of Jesus.  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph were a holy family.  
Jesus was baptized, and we are baptized.  
God hears our prayers.  
We prepare for and celebrate the birth of Jesus.  
Disciples tell others about the good news.  
God wants us to help others.  
Jesus taught us the Lord's Prayer.  
Jesus is with us always and tells us not to be afraid.  
We pray for ourselves and for others.  
When Christians come together, they become God's family.  
Faith and actions work together.  
Through baptism, we become children of God.  
Chrismation seals our baptism.  
The Last Supper was the first holy communion.  
The cross is a reminder of Jesus' love for us.





## THE ARMENIAN WAY

*Aravod Looso* (hymn: Morning of Light) / St. Nersess the Grace-filled / *Antasdan* (Blessing of the Fields) / Assumption / Blessing of Grapes / *Turchnakeer* (bird letters) / *Asdvadz ser eh* (God is love) / Mt. Ararat / *Jrakalooytz* / *D'norhnek* (Home Blessing) / godparents / Jesus Wisdom of the Father / *Heesnag* (Advent) / *hreshdag* (angel) / St. Gregory of Narek / Thaddeus and Bartholomew / *apeghas* (monks) / *Hayr Mer* (Lord's Prayer) / Theophany / *Churoorhnek* (Blessing of Water) / Last Blessing and Dismissal / *Troshm* (Chrismation) / Holy Communion / Great Entrance / *sargavaks* (deacons) / *Badarak* (Divine Liturgy) / *khachkars* (stone cross) / King Drtad-Princess Khosrovitookht-St. Gregory / *Khor Virab* (deep pit) / Holy Etchmiadzin / *Vartavar* (Transfiguration)

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Jashagestzook (Prayer before meals) / signing the cross (Armenian and English) / prayers of thanksgiving / praying for others / Annunciation / “Lanterns in the Church” (song) / Litany for Families / Amen Alelooya / “Tender Shepherd” (song) / Advent rhyme / Avedis chant / Friendship chant / Lord's Prayer / Litany for the sick / Kiss of Peace / Avedaran (Gospel book) / Holy Muron / Dyaruntarach (fire-jumping tradition at Presentation feast) / Deacon's stole

## LIFE APPLICATION

I learn about God's creation from the Bible.  
God wants me to take care of his creation.  
I am thankful to God for his gift of creation.  
God loves me and wants me to love others.  
Jesus had a mother who loved him just as I have a mother who loves me.  
God forgives me when I do wrong.  
I was baptized just as Jesus was.  
God hears my prayers.  
I prepare for Christmas during Advent.  
I am a disciple of Jesus, who is always with me.  
God wants me to be kind and loving toward others.  
When I pray, I talk to God.  
I show my faith through my words and my actions.  
I go to church to worship.  
The cross reminds me that Jesus loves me.  
I grow in my faith when I learn about the saints of the Church.  
I celebrate our feast days—this helps us grow in my faith.





# Grade 1

## GOD AND ME TOGETHER

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6. The Holy Book
7. How The Armenian Alphabet Helped Us Grow Closer to God

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2. We Listen to God's Word
3. We Say What We Believe
4. Peace
5. Our Gifts to God Become Jesus
6. The Church Forgives Us in God's Name
7. Let's Celebrate Our Happy Year Together!



## SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28 (the resurrection)  
Psalm 24 (Who is this king of glory?)  
Matthew 14:13-21 (feeding the 5,000)  
Matthew 20:29-34 (Jesus heals two blind men)  
Matthew 18:10-14 (the lost sheep)  
Matthew 6:5-14 (Lord's Prayer)  
Mark 1:9-11 (Jesus' baptism)  
Luke 9:28-36 (Transfiguration)  
John 14:16 (Holy Spirit)  
Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 34:21 (the seventh day)  
Luke 22:14-20 (Last Supper)  
Daniel 6:1-23 (Daniel in the lion's den)  
Luke 2:8-18 (shepherds and angels)  
Psalm 119:105  
Matthew 25:1-13 (ten maidens)  
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Psalm 148 (creation praises God)  
Galatians 5:22 (fruit of the Holy Spirit)  
Matthew 4:23-25; 8:14-15; Mark 9:14-29 (Jesus heals the sick)  
Hebrews 12:1-3 (keep our eyes on Jesus)  
Mark 2:1-12 (Jesus heals a crippled man)  
Matthew 20:29-34 (Jesus heals two blind men)  
Luke 10:30-37 (Good Samaritan)  
Matthew 22:37, 39 (Great Commandment)  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13 (holy kiss)  
Colossians 3:15-17 (live together in peace)  
Luke 17:11-19 (ten lepers)  
Psalm 141:2 (evening prayer)  
Luke 2:39-52 (young Jesus in the temple)  
Luke 2:1-20; Matthew 2 (Jesus is born)  
Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-25 (Mary and Joseph)  
1 Thessalonians 3:13 (Second Coming)  
Matthew 4:1-11 (Temptation)  
Matthew 3:13-19; Luke 5:1-11; 8:13; 10:38-42 (call of the disciples)  
Mark 3:13-19 (list of the Twelve)  
Acts 9:1-19 (Saul's conversion)  
Matthew 21:1-13 (Entry into Jerusalem)  
Matthew 18:20 (where two or three are gathered)  
Matthew 19:13-15 (Jesus calls the children)  
Deuteronomy 17:19 (obey God's commands)  
Mark 4:1-20 (the Parable of the Sower)  
Mark 9:14-29 (Jesus heals a sick boy)  
Matthew 26:36-50, 69-75 (Gethsemane)  
Matthew 5:23-24 (anger)  
Luke 19:1-10 (Zacchaeus)  
Luke 22:14-20 (Last Supper)  
John 20:10-18, 21:1-14; Matthew 28:16-20 (Ascension)  
Matthew 6:14-15 (forgiveness)  
Luke 15:11-31 (Prodigal Son)  
John 11:1-44 (Raising of Lazarus)





## DOCTRINE

God is Trinity—Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Sunday is the Lord’s Day and a day of rest.  
We remember and share Jesus in communion.  
The Bible tells us many stories about God.  
Jesus gave us the Lord’s Prayer.  
God created the world and everything in it.  
God loves me.  
We give thanks.  
The Holy Spirit gives us gifts.  
God wants us to grow close to Him and to use our gifts for others  
God sent us Jesus to teach us about God’s love.  
Our homes are blessed; it is a holy place.  
Jesus is born and baptized.  
We celebrate the saints.  
The saints are Jesus’ special followers.  
Lent is preparation for Easter.  
The twelve disciples were leaders; God calls other leaders to His service.  
The church celebrates the life of Jesus and the love of God.  
Jesus rose from the dead on Easter.  
We are nourished by Scripture.  
The gifts of bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus.  
The church professes its faith.  
The church heals hurts.  
Jesus gives His peace to us.  
Through baptism, we become children of God.  
Chrismation seals our baptism.  
The Last Supper was the first holy communion.  
The cross is a reminder of Jesus’ love for us.

## THE ARMENIAN WAY

Holy Trinity / *Hanoon Hor, yev Vortvo, yev Hokvooyrn Srpo* (In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit) / *Soorp Hokee* (Holy Spirit) / Hymn to the Holy Spirit: *Hokee Asdoodzo* / *Giragi* (Sunday) / St. Gregory the Enlightener / *Hayr Mer* (Lord’s Prayer) / *Megha Asdoodzo* (forgive me God) / *Badarak* (Divine Liturgy) / *Soorp Keerk* (Holy Bible) / *Asdvadzashoonch* (breath of God) / Sts. Thaddeus and Bartholomew / Sts. Sahag and Mesrob / Armenian alphabet Hymn: *Orhnetseets uzDer* (I will bless the Lord) / Name Day: *Anoonovut Dzeranas* (May you grow old with your name) / *Heeshya Der* (be mindful, Lord) / Kiss of Peace greeting in Armenian and English/ *Kohanamk* / Home Blessing / *Churorhnek* (Blessing of Water) / St. Vartan / Battle of Avarayr / *Poon Paregantán* (Day of Good Living) /Catholicos / Holy Etchmiadzin / St. Vartan Cathedral / Primate / *yegeghetsi* (church) / conversion of Armenia / Easter greeting in Armenian and English / *sugih* (chalice) / *nushkhar* (wafer) / *Avedaran* (Gospel book) / *jajanch* (radiance) / *kushotz* (fan with bells) / *poorvar* (censer) / *Aseh Asdvadz* (God speaks) / *Havadamk* (we believe) / Peace blessing of priest / *Megha Asdoodzo* (forgive, Lord)



## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Signing before and after prayer: In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit / Presentation of the Gifts / Pentecost / Hymns and prayers to the Holy Spirit / The Lord's Day / Divine Liturgy / The Lord's Prayer / God speaks—the Gospel / I will bless the Lord at all times / Baptism and Chrismation / intercessory prayer Lord have mercy / Kiss of Peace / prayers of thanksgiving / home blessing / Advent / Christmas / saints / *Poon Paregantan* / Lent / Easter / altar / Gospel book / Nicene Creed / Peace blessing: "Peace to all" / Penance / Holy Communion

## LIFE APPLICATION

I can talk to God any time I want; this is called prayer.  
I am special to God.  
God is always with me.  
I go to church on Sundays to show that I love God.  
I make the sign of the cross to show that I love God.  
I know God through Bible stories.  
God speaks to me through the Bible.  
I know Jesus loves me.  
I became a child of God when I was baptized.  
I remember to thank God in my prayers every day.  
My home is a blessed place.  
I can do things to care for God's creation.  
God has given me gifts to share.  
I pray for others.  
I celebrate holy days, especially Christmas and Easter, with my family.  
The saints show me how to love God.  
I ask God for forgiveness and He forgives me.  
I try to forgive those who hurt me.  
I feel close to Jesus when I take communion.





# Grade 2

## CIRCLES OF FAITH

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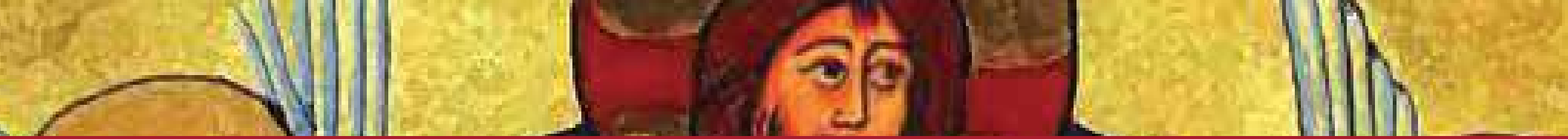
1. Prayer is Talking With God
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#### Unit 3 Being the Church

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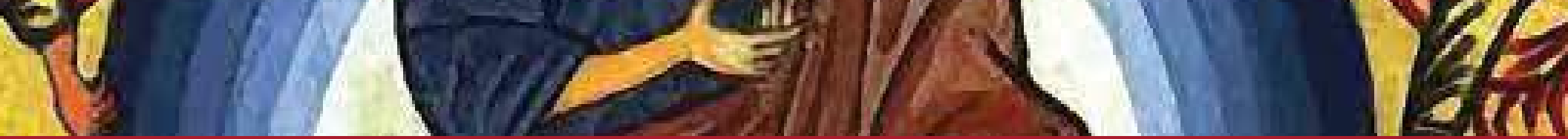
## SCRIPTURE

*Matthew 28:16-20* (The Great Commission)  
*Genesis 1* (creation)  
*Isaiah 9:6-7* (Birth of Savior prophecy)  
*Mark 1:16-20* (Calling first disciples)  
*John 16:5-15* (Jesus promises the Holy Spirit)  
*Hebrews 10:25* (Encourage one another)  
*Matthew 18:20* (Christ is present)  
*Acts 2:42-47* (Early church worship)  
*Matthew 4:4* (Live by word of God)  
*Philippians 4:6-7* (Do not worry)  
*Luke 5:15, 6:12; Mark 1:35* (Jesus at prayer)  
*Psalms 55:17* (Pray at all times)  
*Mark 14:32-42* (Jesus prays at Gethsemane)  
*Luke 22:39-46* (Jesus prays on Mt. of Olives)  
*Psalms 24:7-10* (Entrance into temple)  
*Colossians 3:15-17* (Call for peace and thankfulness)  
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*Exodus 20* (Ten Commandments)  
*Luke 15:11-24* (Parable of the Lost Son)  
*Romans 6:11-12* (Follow God's law)  
*Luke 15:8-10* (Parable of the Lost Coin)  
*Matthew 5:23-24; 1 John 1:9, James 5:16; John 1:29, Romans 3:21-26* (Forgiveness)  
*Revelation 21:5* (I make all things new)  
*John 8:1-11* (Jesus forgives sinful woman)  
*John 14:15-16* (Obey commandments)  
*Luke 2:22-40* (Presentation)  
*Psalms 145* (Praise God)  
*Luke 2:1-20; Matthew 2:8-11* (The Christmas story)  
*Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-17* (Jesus' resurrection)  
*Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:1-11* (Ascension)  
*Acts 2:1-12* (Pentecost)  
*Matthew 17:1-13; Mark 9:2-13; Luke 9:28-36* (Transfiguration)

## DOCTRINE

Jesus' followers created a community of believers.  
God is the source of all life.  
The Holy Trinity was present at creation.  
God the Son, Jesus, was sent by the God, the Father.  
The Holy Spirit guides the Church.  
We, the Church, are called to worship and pray together.  
We pray with others and by ourselves.  
Jesus prayed at all times, and we are called to do the same.  
God listens to our prayers.  
We give thanks to God in our prayers.  
We are the Church, the Body of Christ.  
God gives church members gifts to use with love in service to others.  
Communion is the body and blood of Jesus Christ.  
The first communion took place at the Last Supper.  
We are commanded to love God and love others.  
Sin is turning away from God.  
God loves us even when we sin.  
When we are sorry for our sin, God forgives us.  
The Church celebrates the life of Christ through its feasts.  
We celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas.  
We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at Easter.  
We celebrate Jesus' Ascension.  
We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.  
Jesus' glory was revealed at the Transfiguration.  
The cross is a symbol of life and hope.





## THE ARMENIAN WAY

Sts. Thaddeus and Bartholomew / Armenian cross with grapes and wheat / *Vortee Asdoodzo* (hymn to the Son) / St. Nersess Shnorhali (the grace-filled) and the “I Confess with Faith” prayers / *sargavak* (deacon) / Holy Muron / *Badarak* (Divine Liturgy) / St. Gregory of Narek / The seven prayer hours: sunrise, morning, midday, evening, night, peace, rest / the Greater Entrance / *Kohanamk* (hymn of thanksgiving) / Home Blessing / *Meghah Asdoodzo* (God, forgive me) / *Antasdan* (blessing the four corners of the world) / *mahs* / *Hayr Mer* (Lord’s Prayer) / *Lutsak* (hymn after communion) / *jajanch* (radiance) / *dohn* (feast) / *daghavars* (major feast days: Christmas, Easter (Zadig), Transfiguration, Assumption, Exaltation of Cross) / *Chrorhnek* (Blessing of Water) / Easter Greeting / Hampartzoom (Ascension) / *Hampartsoom Yayla* (popular Ascension song) / *Hokekaloost* (Pentecost) / *Arakelo Aghavno* (dove being sent) / *Vartavar* (Transfiguration) / Exaltation of the Holy Cross

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

*Krisdos Ee Mech* (hymn: Christ in our midst) / making the sign of the cross / St. John Chrysostom’s prayer / *Hokee Asdoozoh* (hymn: Spirit of God) / *sugih* (chalice) / communion / *Der Voghormya* (hymn: Lord, have mercy) / *Havadamk* (Nicene Creed) / A Prayer for Mercy—St. Mesrob Mashdodz / Psalms / *Jashagestzook* (mealtimes prayer) / Kiss of Peace / *Khorhoort Medz* (Christmas hymn: Great Mystery)

## LIFE APPLICATION

I am a disciple of Jesus Christ.  
I make the sign of the cross as a reminder that God is always with me.  
The Holy Spirit guides my everyday actions.  
I pray by myself whenever I want and together with my family.  
I share my feelings and worries with God.  
Giving thanks to God is part of my everyday prayers.  
I have God-given gifts which I can share with others.  
I remember Jesus when I receive Holy Communion.  
I love God and others; this was Jesus’ greatest commandment.  
I sin sometimes by making the wrong choice.  
When I am sorry for my wrongdoing, I know God forgives me.  
I celebrate the important days in Jesus’ life.  
I celebrate Christmas because Jesus was born.  
Easter has a special place in my heart because Jesus rose from the dead.  
I have a cross which shows that I am a Christian.

# Grade 3

## WALKING WITH GOD

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1. Living God Through Worship
2. Why Do We Go to Church?
3. A Walk Through the Badarak
4. Jesus - This Is My Word
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1. Advent
2. Christmas
3. Great Lent
4. Easter
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2. We Belong to a Faith Now
3. We Live in Jesus
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## SCRIPTURE

*Genesis 1:1-2:3* (creation)  
*Genesis 6:1-9:17* (Noah)  
*Genesis 17:4-5, 15; 18:18* (Abraham and Sarah)  
The Ten Commandments  
*Exodus 3:4* (God calls Moses)  
*Joshua 1:7-9* (God's instructions to Joshua)  
*Isaiah 6:1-8* (Isaiah's vision)  
Story of Esther  
*Luke 1:46-55* (The Magnificat)  
*Matthew 28* (The Great Commission)  
Acts (Paul's conversion)  
*Luke 5:4-11* (Jesus calls the first disciples)  
*Acts 2:42-47* (The early Christian community)  
*Acts 18:1-3* (Paul's fellow workers)  
*Acts 16:13-15, 40* (Lydia)  
*Philippians 2:9-11* (Jesus is Lord)  
*Matthew 5:23-24* (Peace with others)  
*Romans 16:16; 2 Corinthians 13:12* (Holy Kiss)  
*Psalms 26* (Righteousness)  
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*John 11:35* (Jesus wept)  
*Luke 22:7-20; Matthew 26:17-30; Mark 14:12-26* (The Last Supper)  
*Luke 15:11-32* (Parable of the Prodigal Son)  
*Psalms 34:1* (Bless the Lord at all times)  
*Luke 1:28-33* (An angel comes to Mary)  
*Luke 2:6-11* (The Nativity)  
*Luke 4:1-12* (Temptation of Jesus)  
*Luke 16:1-13* (Parable of the Steward)  
*Luke 18:1-8* (Parable of the Unjust Judge)

*Matthew 21:1-11* (Palm Sunday)  
*John 13:1-17* (Washing of the Feet)  
*Mark 14:32-42* (Gethsemane)  
*Mark 15:21-37* (Crucifixion)  
*Matthew 27:57-61* (Burial)  
*Matthew 28:1-10* (Resurrection)  
*Luke 2:22-40* (Presentation)  
*Mark 9:2-8* (Transfiguration)  
*Matthew 6:9-13* (The Lord's Prayer)  
*Matthew 25:35-40* (Judgment of the Nations)



## DOCTRINE

God is the creator of all living things.  
We have a loving relationship with our creator.  
Trust and obedience are pleasing to God.  
God sometimes calls special individuals to serve as leaders.  
The Old Testament patriarchs and prophets reminded people how to live godly lives.  
St. Mary, the mother of Jesus, was his first true disciple.  
Jesus calls us to be disciples and to share our faith with others.  
Together the people of God form the Church.  
God's people come together for worship.  
Holy Communion is the central act of the Divine Liturgy.  
When we receive Holy Communion, we receive Jesus Christ.  
The Bible is the foundation of the Divine Liturgy.  
The Gospel (the 4 gospel books) is revered.  
Penance is the means by which members of the Church are forgiven and renewed.  
As Christians, we prepare for, and celebrate, key events in the life of Christ.  
The Church includes the Triumphant (past generations) and the Militant (today's generation).  
Prayer is sharing our thoughts and feelings with God and expressing our gratitude.  
The people of God are called to put their faith into action/good works.

## THE ARMENIAN WAY

Mount Ararat / St. James of Medzpin / King Drtad and Queen Ashkhen / Sts. Thaddeus and Bartholomew / St. Gregory the Enlightener / St. Vartan  
Battle of Avarayr / Soorp Badarak (Divine Liturgy) / *Norahrash Busagavor* (hymn: Vartanantz Liturgy) / St. Nersess Shnorhali / St. Santookht / St. Mary—*Asdvadzadzin* (Mother of God) / St. Nooneh / St. Maneh / *Orhnetseets uzDer* (Divine Liturgy hymn) / *Hisnag* (Advent) / *Jrakalouyts* Divine Liturgy (lighting of the lamps) / *muron* (holy oil) / St. Gregory of Narek—The Book of Lamentations: Prayer 61 / *Dyarmuntarach* (Feast of the Presentation) / Vartavar—festival of roses (Feast of the Transfiguration) / St. Sahagtookhd / St. Hovhannes of Garni / St. Nersess the Great





## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Feast of the Assumption / Blessing of Grapes / Priest / Deacon / Divine Liturgy: Preparation, Teaching, Eucharist, Dismissal and Blessing / Kiss of Peace / Holy Communion / *poorvar* (censor) / Vestments: crown, shabig, stole, cape, belt, cuffs, collar, slippers / Penance (confession) / Advent / Feast of Nativity and Theophany / Lighting of the Lamps service / Home Blessing / Great Lent / Sundays of Lent: *Poon Paregentan*, Sunday of Expulsion, Sunday of the Prodigal Son, Sunday of the Steward, Sunday of the Judge, Sunday of Advent / Holy Week / Washing of the Feet service / *Khavaroom* (Vigil Service) / Feast of the Resurrection Intercessions / The Lord's Prayer

## LIFE APPLICATION

God created me and provided everything I need to live.

I experience God through creation.

I talk to God through prayer.

I trust God.

The people of the Bible, both men and women, inspire me.

I am excited by the stories of Armenian saints and want to be like them.

I want to be a faithful disciple of Jesus; like me, they were not perfect.

I can serve God by being a good friend to others.

I show God I love him by confessing my sins and receiving communion.

My faith teaches me how to live my everyday life.

Sunday is special to me because it's the Lord's Day.

I can ask God for help in all I do.

Getting ready for Christmas and Easter enrich my personal experience of these feasts.

I am a part of God's family.



# Grade 4

**BEING A DISCIPLE: IT'S NOT JUST A FAN CLUB!**

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3. We Listen and Learn (Preparation and Synaxis)
4. Receiving the Lord Together (Holy Communion)
5. Taking Sunday Into the Rest of the Week (Last Blessing and Dismissal)





## SCRIPTURE

*Mark 6:30-44* (Feeding the Multitude)

*Luke 24:13-35* (The Road to Emmaus)

*Luke 2:22-38* (Presentation to the Temple)

*Mark 4:35-41* (Jesus calms the storm)

*Matthew 14:22-33* (Jesus walks on water)

*Luke 9:10-17* (Jesus feeds the multitude)

*Luke 5:1-11* (Great catch of fish)

*Mark 5:21-24, 35-42* (healing of Jairus' daughter)

*John 2:1-11* (Jesus turns water into wine)

*Mark 1:29-31* (Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law)

*Luke 7:11-17* (Jesus raises the widow's son)

*Mark 7:31-37* (Jesus cures a deaf man)

*Luke 13:10-17* (Jesus heals a crippled woman)

*Matthew 12:38-40* (the sign of Jonah)

*Luke 10:25-37* (Parable of the Good Samaritan)

*Matthew 5:3-10* (The Beatitudes)

*Acts 2:1-4* (Pentecost)

*Matthew 15:10-11* (what comes out of the mouth defiles)

*Matthew 18:1-5* (true greatness)

*Matthew 22:35-40* (The Greatest Commandment)

*Matthew 25:1-13* (Parable of the Ten Maidens)

*Matthew 6:9-15* (the Lord's Prayer)

*Ephesians 6:1-3* (Children and Parents)

*Matthew 7:12* (The Golden Rule)

*Matthew 25:31-45* (Judgment of the Nations)

*Matthew 3:13-17; Luke 3:21-22* (Jesus is baptized)

*Luke 22:7-19* (The Last Supper)

*Genesis 1:26-28* (creation of man and woman)

*Acts 18:1-3* (Priscilla and Aquila)

*Acts 6:1-6* (the first deacons)

*Ecclesiastes 3:1-8* (a time for everything)

*Luke 2:1-22* (birth of Jesus)

*Matthew 2:1-11* (visit of the wise men)

*Luke 15:11-32* (Parable of the Prodigal Son)

*Luke 16:1-13* (Parable of the Steward)

*Luke 18:1-8* (Parable of the Judge)

*Matthew 17:1-13; Mark 9:2-13; Luke 9:28-36* (Transfiguration)

*Psalms 150* (praise God)

*Psalms 23* (Lord is my shepherd)

*Luke 22:14, 19; Matthew 26:27-28* (words of institution at the Last Supper)

## DOCTRINE

We believe in one God who is three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit—the Holy Trinity.

Chrismation marks believers as Christians set apart to live a consecrated life.

Jesus is God; his miracles are signs of God at work in the world.

The purpose of Jesus' teachings was to make us understand who God is.

Through our Savior Jesus Christ, we have eternal life.

The Church consists of those who believe Jesus Christ is God.

The Church began at Pentecost.

Prayer is communicating with God and developing a relationship with him.

Worship is the believing community's special time with God.

Discipleship is a commitment to follow Jesus and learn his teachings.

Christians are called to serve God and the world.

The sacraments bring God and the community into the lives of individual believers.

The sacraments of initiation (baptism, chrismation, communion) begin our life journey with God and the believing community.

During chrismation, the anointing with oil seals the individual to a life of holiness.

The sacrament of Penance, which involved confession and forgiveness, re-establishes our relationship with God.

Holy Communion unites the believer with Christ.

Through the sacrament of holy matrimony, God blesses and consecrates the marriage.

Through the sacrament of holy orders, God consecrates those who are called to serve as ordained clergy in the Church.

The Church celebrates the life of our Lord, the saints and events in salvation history through its calendar and feast days.

The Church celebrates the nativity and baptism of our Lord in the Feast of Theophany.

The resurrection of our Lord and its related feasts (Ascension and Pentecost) are the foundational events of the Church calendar.

The major feast day of the Transfiguration celebrates Jesus' glorification on Mt. Tabor.

The major feast day of the Assumption commemorates Mary's being taken up into heaven.

The major feast day of the Exaltation commemorates the re-capture of the cross and its importance as a symbol of faith in the life of the Church.

At the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, believers come together to become the Church.

The Nicene Creed is the Church's statement of faith.

The Eucharist, which is the central act of the Divine Liturgy, unites believers with Christ.





## THE ARMENIAN WAY

Chrismation / *Dyarnuntarach* (Presentation of the Lord) / “The Blessing of Babies” / King Apkar / Armenian cross / *Badarak* (Divine Liturgy) / Sts. Thaddeus and Bartholomew / St. Santookht / King Drtad and Queen Ashkhen / Princess Khosrovitookht / St. Gregory the Enlightener / Mesrob Mashdotz / Jesus, Wisdom of the Father / Prayer of Vesting / *Hamenaynee* / St Nersess the Great / the sacraments of initiation (baptism, chrismation, communion) / *narod* (baptismal braid) / *muron* (holy oil) / group confession / *Megha Asdoodzo* (I have sinned against God / Holy Orders / Holy Matrimony / godparents / Prayers for the sick / Extreme Unction / *Donatzootz* (church calendar / *daghavar* feasts (5 major feast days) / Blessing of Water / January 6 (Armenian Christmas) / *Poon Paregentan* / Great Lent / Sundays of Lent / *Vodunluva* (Washing of the Feet service) / *Asdvadadzin* (Feast of the Assumption of Mary / Blessing of Grapes / *Antasdan* (blessing the four corners of the world Amen, Alelooya / *Soorp Asdvadz* / *Havadamk* (Nicene Creed) / priestly vestments / Synaxis / *tapor* (procession) / Kiss of Peace

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

The Blessing of Babies on *Dyarnuntarach* (Presentation of the Lord) / the Lord’s Prayer / *Badarak* (Divine Liturgy) / Preparation, Synaxis, Holy Sacrifice, Last Blessing and Dismissal / Pentecost / Jesus, Wisdom of the Father / vestments / *Hamenaynee* / Nicene Creed / *Soorp Asdvadz* / Great Lent / Baptismal service / Holy muron / Group confession / *Megha Asdoodzo* / communion / prayers for the sick / Blessing of Water service / Lenten services / Sundays of Lent / Blessing of Grapes / *Antasdan* (blessing the four corners of the world) / Amen, Alelooya / praying the Psalms / *tapor* (procession) / Kiss of Peace

## LIFE APPLICATION

Through the Divine Liturgy, and especially communion, I encounter Jesus Christ.  
Jesus’ miracles teach me about his love for people, including me.  
I try to incorporate Jesus’ teachings, including the Lord’s Prayer, into my daily life.  
Jesus is my personal savior.  
I am called to be a disciple of Jesus Christ in my everyday life.  
I communicate with God and come to know him through my personal prayers.  
The teaching parts of the Liturgy help me understand more about God.  
I can find Jesus’ teachings in the Bible, which provides me with a foundation for life.  
I express my faith through good works and service to others.  
Through the sacraments, God enters the important times/milestones of my life.  
Through my baptism and chrismation, I became a child of God and a member of the Christian family.  
If I say I am sorry, God will forgive me the wrong things I do.  
When I receive communion, I become part of Jesus Christ.  
As a Christian, I pray for those who are sick.  
The feast days help me understand who God is and grow in my personal faith.  
I celebrate Christmas with joy because it is the birth of my Lord Jesus Christ.  
My participation in the Easter cycle from Poon Paregentan to Pentecost is a personal journey to faith.  
The cross is my personal symbol of faith in Jesus Christ.  
The Divine Liturgy brings me closer to God.



# Grade 5

**THE PERSON AND THE WAY: JESUS CHRIST**  
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3. The Church in the Middle Ages: St. Gregory of Narek
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5. A Church in America: The First Fifty Years
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4. The Face of Christ
5. Doing God's Work in the World



## SCRIPTURE

*Matthew 8:23-25; Mark 14:32-36; Luke 4:2; John 2:1-2, 19:28, 33*  
(Jesus' humanity)  
*Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 14:15-21, 28:1-10; Mark 6:47-49; Luke 7:11-17; 9:1-7*  
(Jesus' divinity)  
*John 4:4-26* (Samaritan woman at the well)  
*Micah 5:7; Isaiah 9:5; Psalm 34:20; Psalm 69:21* (Old Testament Prophecies)  
*Luke 2* (early life of Jesus)  
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*John 11:32-44* (raising of Lazarus)  
*Mark 8:22-25* (healing of a blind man)  
*Luke 15:11-32* (Parable of the Prodigal Son)  
*Matthew 23:23-26* (Jesus corrects the Pharisees)  
*Romans 5:7-8* (sacrifice)  
*Luke 22:54-62* (Peter's denial of Christ)  
*1 Corinthians 11:23-26* (The Lord's Supper)  
*Acts 2:1-15* (Pentecost)  
*1 Corinthians 12:7-11* (Spiritual Gifts)  
*Matthew 3:1-12* (John the Baptist calls for repentance)  
*Matthew 5:11-12; 2 Timothy 3:12* (persecution)  
*Romans 12:18* (revenge)  
*Amos 5:21, 23-24* (justice)  
*Deuteronomy 7:9; Psalm 91:4; Luke 22:42; Romans 10:17; 1 Corinthians 16:13; 2 Corinthians 5:7; Hebrews 3:6* (faith, Christian living, presence of God)  
*Deuteronomy 14:2* (faith)  
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*John 3:5* (baptism)  
*John 20:23* (penance)  
*Mark 6:13* (healing of the sick)  
*John 1:32* (chrismation)

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*Romans 1:7* (Christians called "saints")  
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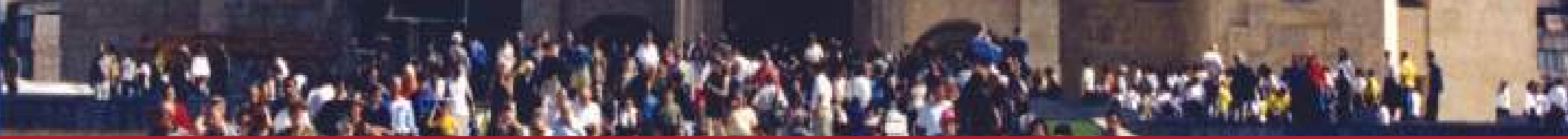


## DOCTRINE

Jesus, the second person of the Trinity, is fully human and fully divine.  
The Old Testament foretold the coming of Jesus.  
Jesus had the authority and power to perform miracles.  
Jesus' teachings often contradicted society's values.  
Jesus' sacrifice on the cross atoned for our sins.  
Jesus overcomes death through his resurrection.  
The disciples of Jesus spread his message to the world.  
At the Divine Liturgy, we gather with other believers to worship God and share communion.  
The apostles received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, thus enabling them to evangelize the world.  
God is the center and source of life.  
God yearns to be in relationship with his people.  
Christian martyrs experience peace and the joy of being with Christ forever.  
God gives us laws (rules) so that we may know the happiness that comes from following him.  
God enters into our lives through the sacraments of the Church.  
Through the sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation, we become members of God's family.  
Through the sacraments of Penance and Communion, we experience God's forgiveness and share the body and blood of Jesus Christ.  
Through the sacrament of Marriage, a man and woman come together to establish a new life centered in Christ.  
Through prayer, we communicate with God and grow closer to him.  
In worship, the Church family comes together to pray in one voice.  
The Psalms are the Church's prayer book.  
We remember the events in Christ's life through the Church calendar.  
Faith and works are part of the Christian life.  
God calls on us to be stewards of the earth.  
Saints love and follow Jesus, living out their faith for his glory.  
All Christians Churches are united in the belief that Jesus Christ is the Savior.  
Each Christian is represents Christ to the world.

## THE ARMENIAN WAY

St. Nersess Shnorhali / *Havadov Khosdovanim* (I confess with faith)/  
*Asdvadzashoonch* (Bible; literally "God's breath")/January 6 celebration of  
Christmas/*Khorhoort Medz* by Movses of Khorene (A great mystery)/Prayers  
for the Sick: *Odzoom/Hayr Mer* (Lord's Prayer)/St. Gregory the Enlightener/  
The Armenian cross/Holy Week in the Armenian Church/Sts. Thaddeus  
and Bartholomew/Vestments-*Soorp Badarak* (Divine Liturgy)/Sts. Thaddeus  
and Bartholomew/*Hokekaloost* (Pentecost)/Pentecost hymn: *Arakelo Aghavno*  
The conversion of Armenia/*Khor Virab*/St. Gregory the Illuminator, King  
Drtad, Princess Khosrovitookht/Holy Muron/St. Gregory of Narek /  
"Speaking with God from the Depths of the Heart"/St. Nerses Lampronatzi/  
Armenian Genocide/Gomidias Vartabed / *Der Voghormya*/Armenian  
immigration to America/Khrimian Hayrig/Vocabulary: *kanon* (canon law) /  
*Masdotz* (book of rituals)/*Mgrdootioon* (baptism)/Holy Muron/Confession in  
the Armenian Church  
*Megha Asdoodzo* /Marriage ceremony in the Armenian Church/Litanies in  
the Badarak  
*Shnorya, Der* (Grant it, Lord)/The Divine Liturgy—*Soorp Badarak*/Hymn:  
*Orhnyal eh Asdvadz/Saghmos* (psalm)/Armenian Church calendar of feasts/  
*Daghavar doner* (5 major feast days)/Christmas Hymn: *Aysor Don E Soorp*  
*Dzununtian, Avedis*/King Drtad/*Norasdeghdzyal* (creation hymn)/soorp  
(saint)/St. Vartan/*Heesoos Krisdos* (Jesus Christ)/Washing of the Feet service  
(*Vodunluva*)



## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

*Havadov Khosdovanim* (I confess with faith)/The Lord's Prayer/The Serenity Prayer/Sunday as the Lord's day/Holy Week worship services/The Divine Liturgy Pentecost hymn: *Arakelo Aghavno*/Holy Muron /Elegy 51, Narek/Nersess Lampronatzi/Der Voghormya/Sacraments: Baptism, Chrismation, Penance, Eucharist, Marriage/Confession/Prayer: communicating with God /Kinds of prayer/Worship: group prayer/The Psalms /Litanies/The Divine Liturgy/Ecumenical worship

## LIFE APPLICATION

I can have a personal relationship with Jesus.

Jesus lived as a human being and experienced the same feelings I do.

I can truly think, speak, and act as God would want me to.

Jesus' miracles show me God's power and love.

I can be like Jesus and act with courage when life gives me opportunities.

Jesus' sacrifice encourages me to think about others and help when I can.

I can show my faith through the things I say and do.

I can be a missionary and tell others about Jesus Christ.

I can pray for those who experience persecution because of their faith.

The Armenian Genocide inspires me to pray for and help those who suffer unjustly.

I can learn from and emulate the saints of the Church.

Through the sacraments, I acknowledge God as the center of my life and the importance of his family, the Church.

I became a Christian (a part of God's family) through my baptism and chrismation.

Through confession and communion, I am forgiven and share the body and blood of Jesus with my church family.

Through prayer I grow closer to God and share my life with him.

The Psalms are filled with feelings I can relate to and are good prayers to remember.

My faith can be strengthened through the church calendar as I remember the important days in the life of Jesus, the saints, and the Church.

I show my faith by putting it into action.

I am a steward of God's creation; he has given us that responsibility.

God wants me to serve and care for others.





# Grade 6

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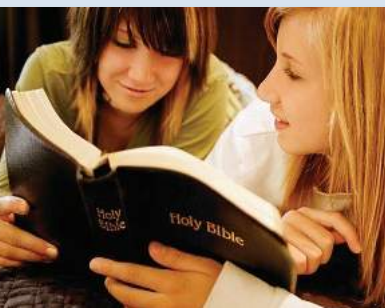
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*Proverbs 12:18, 17:5; 1 Corinthians 10:13* (applying Scripture to real-life situations)  
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*Exodus 28:31-35* (priestly vestments)  
*Matthew 5:16* (let others see the good things you do for Christ)  
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*Acts 9:3-19* (Paul's conversion)  
*Philippians 1:12-14, 19-21* (Paul lives for Christ in spite of difficulties)  
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*Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 12:41-44; Luke 10:38-42; John 4:4-15* (women who helped Jesus)  
*Mark 5:24-34, 16:9; Luke 4:38-39, 13:10-16; John 11:32-44* (women who received mercy from Jesus)  
*Acts 16:11-15, 40* (Lydia)  
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*Matthew 10:16-31* (the Christian is not easy but Jesus is with us always)  
*1 Corinthians 12:27-31* (the church as one body with many parts)  
*John 21:15-17* (feed my sheep)  
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*Matthew 23:37-39; Zechariah 14:8; Joel 3:17; Psalm 122:6-9; Isaiah 65:18-19; Zechariah 2:3-5; Psalm 125:2; Isaiah 40:9* (Jerusalem is sacred to Christians)  
*Acts 2:42-47* (life in the early 1st century church)





## DOCTRINE

Holy Tradition is the sum total of the teachings, history and life of the Church.

The books of the Bible were inspired by God and collected and canonized by the Spirit-led Church.

God's people come together for communal worship.

The Church as an institution is governed by a set of rules and regulations.

Saints are role models for Christian living.

Church fathers were holy men who wrote and taught about doctrine; they help us understand our faith.

The sacraments unite believers to Christ.

The Church uses its rich history of art and music to glorify God.

The Church calendar celebrates and commemorates events in the life of Christ as well as the lives of the saints.

The Church uses rituals that help us prepare for, and observe, feasts and fasts.

The Resurrection of Christ is the greatest day in the Church calendar and the life of each Christian.

The cross is the symbol of Christ's victory over death.

The Church reveres Mary, known as the Mother of God, as first among all the saints.

The Church worships through the celebration of the Divine Liturgy.

Good works are an essential part of the Christian life.

God chooses different kinds of people to do his work, including sinners in need of forgiveness.

Prophets and apostles alike were chosen by God to spread his message to the world.

Women, as recorded in Scripture and Church history, had an essential role in God's plan.

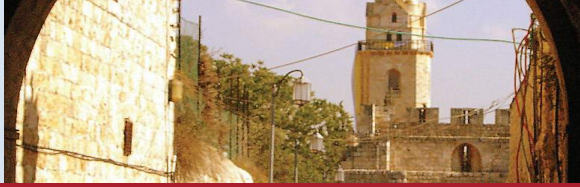
Christian martyrs, including the martyrs of the Armenian Genocide, are role models of unflagging faith.

The Church is the body of Christ called to share the Gospel.

## THE ARMENIAN WAY

Holy Tradition / Thaddeus and Bartholomew / Moses of Khoren / Sts. Sahag & Mesrob & Armenian alphabet / St. Gregory the Illuminator and his sons, Sts. Aristakes and Vertanes / St. Vartan / St. Hripsimeh / King Drtad / Khosrov Antzevatzi / St. Nersess Shnorhali / Jesus, Wisdom of the Father / I Confess with Faith / Ghevont Yeretz / Hagop of Medzpin / Sacraments of Initiation / Armenian Illuminated Manuscripts / Book of Sharagans (sharagnots) / Khorhoort Medz / khachkars / Magar Ekmalian / Komitas Vartabed / Church calendar /lectionary / feast days / Book of Hours (Zhamakirk) / Michink / Lenten customs of the Armenian Church / Khavaroom / Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Khachveratz) / Holy Cross of Varak / The Assumption (Verapokhoom) / Blessing of Grapes / the Divine Liturgy / St. Gregory of Narek / The Lamentations of Narek / canonization of saints / the Nicene Creed / Sahagtookht Siunetzi / St. Shushanik / The Armenian Genocide / Armenian Martyrs Monument (Dzidzernagapert) / Feast of Vartanantz / Hovhannes of Otzoon / Holy Etchmiadzin / Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians / Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem / St. James Cathedral in Jerusalem / the Armenian Church's role in the Holy Land / Armenian tradition of ceramic tiles / ACYOA / Armenian Patriarchate of Constantinople





## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

The Divine Liturgy / monastic worship / *Havadamk* (Nicene Creed / Zhamakirk (Book of Hours) / Lamentations of Narek / Jesus, Wisdom of the Father / the Psalms in worship / *Khorhoort Medz* (Great Mystery) / *Sharagnots* (book of sharagans) / priestly vestments / prayers from the Sunrise, Matins, Vespers and Nocturns services / *Khavaroom* (Vigil) / procession of the cross with basil / Blessing of Grapes service / *Soorp Badarak* (Holy Sacrifice / words of prophets used in Liturgy / I Confess with Faith prayers of St. Nersess Shnorhali

## LIFE APPLICATION

Through my baptism, I am born again.

I can find guidance for my life in the Bible and other elements of Holy Tradition.

I profess my faith in the Nicene Creed.

The lives of the saints help me to live as a Christian in my everyday life.

The great prayers of the Church fathers help me in saying my private prayers.

The sacraments mark special milestones in my life and will continue to do so throughout my life.

The music, art and architecture of the Church inspire my personal faith.

The Church calendar guides my personal worship and prayer life.

The seasons of Advent and Lent prepare me for my celebration of Christmas and Easter.

I can relate to the joy Mary Magdalene and the disciples felt when they discovered that Jesus rose from the dead.

The cross, once a symbol of death, is a reminder that Jesus loves me.

Mary's humility and simple life direct my spiritual journey.

My participation in Liturgy renews and strengthens my relationship with God.

I apply my faith by performing good works in my everyday life.

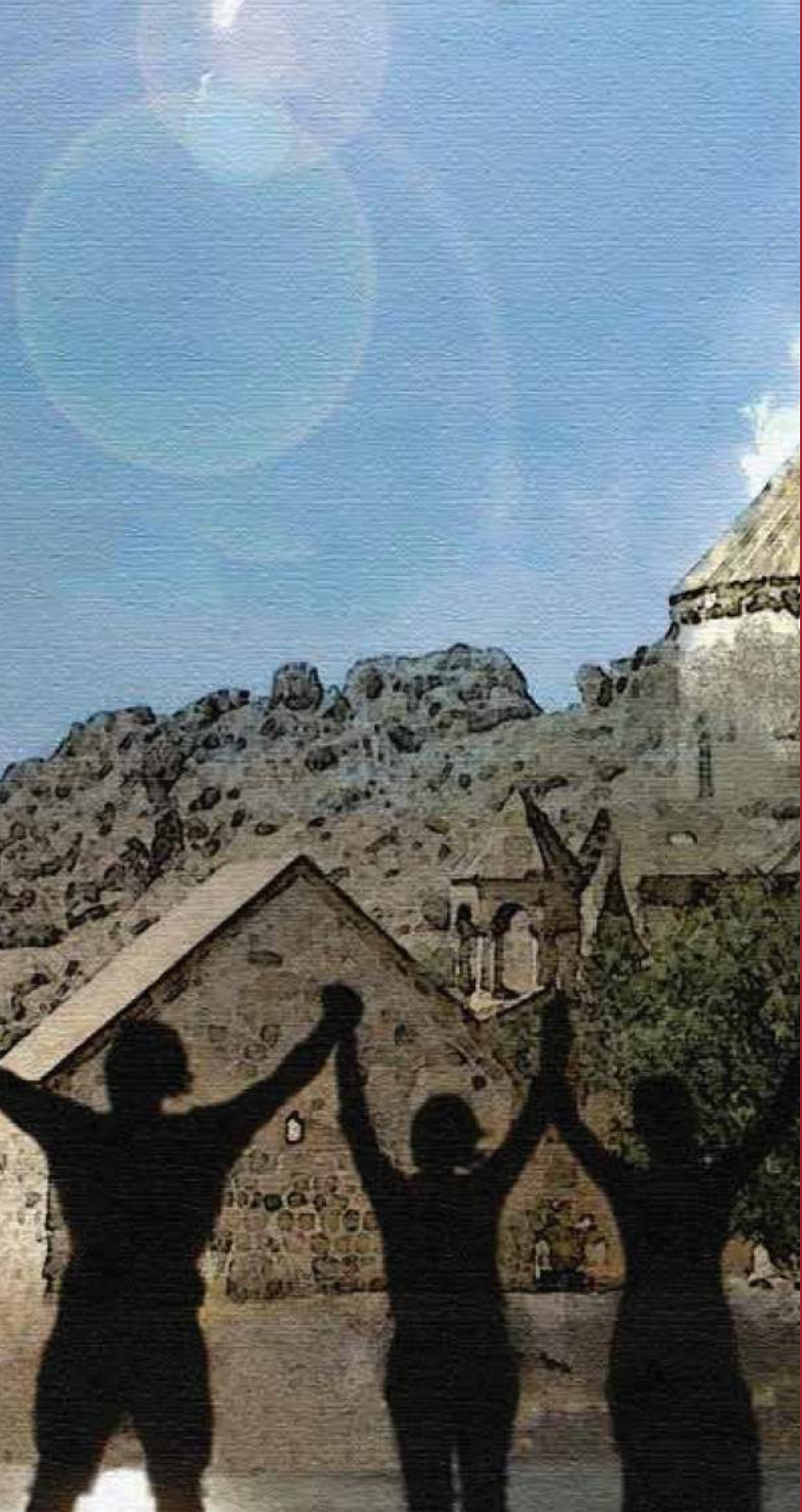
The Psalms direct my path to pleasing God and his standards, rather than the standards of the world.

I am called to be a messenger of God, like Jonah; and a champion of the Gospel, like Paul.

The lives of Christian women, as well as men, serve as role models for me.

I will strive to stand up for the Gospel whenever and wherever I am called to do so.

God has given me talents and abilities, and I will use them to glorify and honor Him.



# Grade 7

**SURPRISED BY JOY: DISCOVERY GOD**

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*Matthew 8:23-27* (Jesus Calming the Storm)  
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*Proverbs 13:3; James 3:5; 2 Timothy 2:16* (dangers of the tongue)  
*Proverbs 1:2* (wisdom and instruction)  
*Romans 1:16-17* (power of the Gospel)  
*Romans 3:9-24* (righteousness)  
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*Mark 1:35; Luke 4:42, 5:16, 22:39-41* (Jesus praying in quiet)  
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## DOCTRINE

Christians trust God; he is faithful.  
God reveals himself through Jesus Christ, the Church, the Bible and the lives of his people.  
God is the source of all life.  
God created us to know and love him and one another.  
The Bible, the Word of God, was compiled by the Holy Spirit-inspired Church.  
God's promises in the Old Testament are fulfilled in the New Testament through Jesus Christ.  
The Nicene Creed is the statement of faith of the believing community.  
The Kingdom of God is realized when people live in peace, righteousness and joy.  
Through his miracles, Jesus Christ revealed the power, glory and mercy of God the Father.  
Christians are called to live and behave as Jesus did.  
The Great Commission calls Christians to discipleship and to evangelize the world.  
God inspired the saints to establish the Church.  
Christians are called to holiness, to sainthood.  
The Church is the Body of Christ.  
The Holy Spirit guides and strengthens the faithful.  
Worship is the community's expression of faith.  
Prayer is essential to Christian life.  
We are called to love God and to love one another.  
Through communion, we receive Christ and are renewed.  
The sacrament of reconciliation gives believers a fresh start.  
All of life is sacramental because of God's presence in our lives.  
The sacraments are symbols of God's grace.

## THE ARMENIAN WAY

St. Gregory of Narek-Prayer 24 from Lamentations of Narek / *saghmos* (psalm) / *hokekaloost* (Pentecost) / *muron* (holy oil) / *Soorp Haghortootiun* (Holy Communion) / *Havadamk* (We believe) / *dnorhnek* (home blessing) / *kreesdos ee mech mer haydnetsav* (Christ is revealed among us / *Asvadzashoonch* (Bible) / illuminated Armenian miniatures / *Toros Roslin* / *Avedaran* (Gospel) / Armenian alphabet / 40 martyrs of Sebastia / *Khor Virab* / Sts. Thaddeus and Bartholomew / St. Gregory the Illuminator / King Drtad St. Vartan / Golden Age of Armenia / The Life of Mashtotz by Goriun Vartabed / Armenian bird letters / St. Santookht / St. Nersess Shnorhali / Catholicos Mgrdich Khrimian / Hymn: *Krisdos ee mech* (Christ in our midst) The Armenian Church by Vahan Tekeyan / St. Hovhannes of Garni / St. Hovhannes Mantakuni / Book of Questions by St. Gregory of Datev



## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

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## LIFE APPLICATION

I can trust God.  
I can have a personal relationship with Jesus.  
It's okay for me to have questions and doubts about my faith.  
God helps me make decisions about my life.  
I can find answers about my life choices in the Bible.  
My relationships with those I love are based in God's love.  
God has given me abilities and gifts to use in service to Him and others.  
I am inspired by, and can relate to, some of the Wisdom literature of the Bible.  
I can use the Psalms in my personal prayers to God.  
The Gospels deepen my understanding of my faith.  
Jesus is my God and my teacher.  
Like Jesus, I want feed the poor and show mercy to others.  
Like the apostles, I am sent by Jesus to tell other about the Good News.  
The conversion story of Armenia impacts who I am as a Christian.  
I feel a bond with the early Christians.  
I am called to be holy and to be a saint; this is a life-long process for me.  
When I face a dilemma, I ask myself, "What would Jesus do?"  
I am inspired by the faith journey of the Armenian people; I feel it is my journey too.  
I am part of the Body of Christ.  
I worship God and receive communion to be close to Jesus.  
I am forgiven.  
Prayer is an essential part of my everyday life.



# Grade 8

THE HEART OF THE MATTER: *WHO AM I? WHAT DO I BELIEVE?*

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## SCRIPTURE

*Mark 8:22-25* (Jesus cures a blind man)  
*Genesis 12:1-5* (the call of Abram)  
*Matthew 6:14-15* (forgiveness)  
*Genesis 1:2-3* (creation)  
*Exodus 20:1-17* (Ten Commandments)  
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*Mark 14:43-15:47; Matthew 26:47-27:66; Luke 22:47-23:56; John 18-19* (Jesus' trial and crucifixion)  
*Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16; Luke 24:1-12; John 20* (Resurrection)  
*Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:1-11* (Ascension)  
*Romans 6:3-4* (baptism)  
*Luke 3:22-23* (Jesus' baptism)  
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*Genesis 2:7; Ezekiel 37:1-10; Joel 2:28-29; Matthew 3:13-17; John 3:5-6, 14:25-26, 16:12-13, 20:19-23; Acts 2:1-14; 1 Corinthians 12:3; Galatians 5:22-25; Ephesians 3:14-21* (Holy Spirit)  
*1 Corinthians 12:12-31* (the church as one body, many members)  
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## DOCTRINE

The Armenian Church belongs to the family of Oriental Orthodox Christians.  
Holy Tradition informs the faith of the Church; the Bible is the foundation of Holy Tradition.  
The Church believes that salvation comes through Jesus Christ.  
God is Trinity (three persons): Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
God is fully present in the sacramental life of the Church and its members.  
The Church is led in its worship and sacramental life by an ordained ministry.  
The Christian faith has roots in Judaism.  
The Nicene Creed is the statement of faith of the Armenian Church.  
The life and teachings of Jesus Christ are the foundations of our faith.  
God is the creator of the world and the source of all life.  
Each person is free to accept or reject a relationship with God.  
Jesus was fully and truly divine (God) and fully and truly human.  
God becoming man is called the Incarnation.  
When we are baptized, we share in the death and resurrection of Jesus.  
Jesus will return in the fullness of time at the Second Coming.  
The Holy Spirit dwells in the Church and in each individual believer.  
The Church is the Body of Christ and believers are members of that Body.  
The Holy Spirit endows believers with gifts to serve the Church.  
Eternal life is a state of everlasting joy with God.  
The “Word of God” refers to Scripture and to Jesus Christ, the living Word.  
Through the Eucharist, we received the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.  
Prayer is communication with God.

## THE ARMENIAN WAY

Sts. Thaddeus and Bartholomew / St. Gregory the Enlightener / First Christian nation / Etchmiadzin / Holy Tradition / *Mashdotz* / *Jhamakirk* / St. Vartan and Battle of Avarayr / Armenian text of Nicene Creed / *Havadamk* (We Believe) / ecumenical councils / St. Gregory of Narek: Prayer 10 / *Ohmetzitz uzDer* (I will bless the Lord) / St. Hovhannes of Garni / *Arakelo Aghavno* (Pentecost hymn) / Armenian baptismal service / *muron* (holy oil) / *narod* / *kahanayk* (requiem service hymn / ACYOA Cross of Circles / *Vartavar* (Transfiguration) / Divine Liturgy Pew Book / *nushkhar* (wafer)



## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

The Nicene Creed / Divine Liturgy / liturgical service books / Ascension / Baptism / Communion / holy oil / anathema / feast days / Transfiguration / Incarnation / Synaxis / Matins / Vespers / Church Militant / Church Triumphant / Hymn: *Soorp Asdvadz* / Hymn: *Orhnyal eh Asdvadz* / Lamentations of Narek: Prayer 10 and 29 / St. Francis of Assisi

## LIFE APPLICATION

As a Christian, I share certain beliefs with other Christian communities.

My Christian faith informs my personal values.

I am called to love God and love others regardless of their faith.

Understanding other religions strengthens my faith.

Reflecting on my personal creed helps me appreciate the Nicene Creed.

Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life.

I know that having doubts about my faith does not affect God's love for me.

As I consider the humanity of Jesus, I am guided in my actions by his conduct.

I accept that in my baptism, I participated in the death and resurrection of Jesus.

I want my personal behavior to reflect the character traits produced by the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

I am inspired by the faith of others.

I communicate with God through my prayers.

Participation in the Divine Liturgy and communion is a part of my life.

When my personal actions benefit the less fortunate, I serve Christ.

Reading a user-friendly translation of the Bible guides and assists my personal faith.

I am aware of the aspects of church life and consider concrete ways I can act on them.





# Grade 9

IN REMEMBRANCE OF HIM

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## SCRIPTURE

*Exodus 3:1-14* (Moses and the burning bush)  
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*1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10* (living stone)  
*Psalms 26* (psalm of purification)  
*Psalms 105:1-3* (God's faithfulness)  
*Psalms 13:1-2* (deliverance from enemies)  
*Psalms 100* (psalm of thanksgiving)  
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*Exodus 30:7-8, 34-36; Isaiah 1:11-17; Matthew 2:11; Revelation 8:3-4* (incense)  
*Psalms 24* (psalm of entrance)  
*Matthew 26:26-30; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26* (Lord's Supper)  
*Psalms 34:8* (psalm of praise)  
*Psalms 148:1-2* (praise)  
*Psalms 3, 8, 13, 23; 46:10, 127, 142, 148* (psalms of joy)  
*John 12:24-26* (serving God)

## DOCTRINE

Worship, and most especially the Divine Liturgy, is a way to encounter God and respond to him in praise and thanksgiving.  
We live in a regular cycle of worship and religious observances, often in sync with the seasons.  
The Ecumenical Councils defined the faith of the Church.  
The Church was established by Christ as His Body.  
When believers gather as the Body of Christ, they become a community that shares in the love of the Lord through communion, parish life and love.  
During the Liturgy, the altar is a symbol of heaven.  
The Gospel is revered by the faithful as the Word of God and a symbol of Jesus Christ.  
The Nicene Creed is the statement of the faith of the Church.  
The Eucharist is the ultimate purpose of the Divine Liturgy.  
During the Liturgy, the bread and wine become the body and blood of Jesus Christ.  
The Church includes both the living (the "Militant") and the dead (the "Triumphant").





## THE ARMENIAN WAY

*Giragi* (Sunday) / Sts. Thaddeus and Bartholomew / St. Nooneh / St. Aristakes / St. Gregory the Illuminator / Liturgy of St. Basil of Caesarea / St. Nersess of Lampron / *Badarak* (sacrifice) / *Khosrov of Antzevatzik* / *Asdvadzadzin* (mother of God) / liturgical vestments: *saghavart* (crown), *shabig* (alb), *poroorar* (stole), *kodi* (belt), *pazban* (cuffs), *vagas* (collar), *shoorchar* (cape), *hoghatap* (slippers) / Liturgical vessels: *sugih* (chalice), *poorvar* (censer), *mohm* (candle), *kushotz* (belled fan), *nushkhar* (host or wafer), *kavazan* (staff), *khachwar* (banner), *icon* (holy picture) / Liturgical books: *Avedaran* (Gospel book), *badarakamadooytz* (Liturgy book) / *Khorhoort Khorin* (deep mystery) / St. Gregory of Narek / *sharagan* (hymn) / *Orhnya Der* (Bless, father) / *Der voghormya* (Lord have mercy) / *Soorp Asdvadz* (Holy God) / *Havadamk* (we believe) / *mahs* (portion) / *hokehankisd* (requiem)

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Amen (so be it) / *Soorp, soorp* (Holy, holy) / *Hayr Mer* (Lord's Prayer) / Sabbath / temple and synagogue / feast days / Last Supper / *agape* meal (fellowship meal) / Sacred space: *narthex*, nave, dome, chancel, bema, altar / actions of the liturgy: processions, censing, signing, bowing / Pew Book / Parts of the Liturgy: Preparation-purification, confession-, Liturgy of the Word-Synaxis-epistles, Gospel, Creed, Liturgy of the Eucharist, Last Blessing / Book of Psalms / litanies-petitions / veneration of the Gospel / Kiss of Peace / Armenian Lectionary / catechumen / intercession / Confession-Penance

## LIFE APPLICATION

I praise God and express my gratitude to Him in worship.

Worship brings me closer to God.

My personal faith grows through worship.

I apply what I learn in the Liturgy (including the Bible readings and the sermon) into my daily life and my interactions with others.

I experience the Lord's Day as my time with God.

I feel a sense of celebration during the Liturgy.

I am inspired by the worship of the very early church and feel a personal connection with that community when I am at Badarak.

I prepare for and partake of communion at Liturgy.

Understanding the meaning of the sacred space in which I worship helps me on my faith journey.





# Grade 10

BREATHED BY GOD

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## SCRIPTURE

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*Joshua 24:14-15* (Joshua instructs the tribes to serve the Lord)  
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*Job 38* (the Lord speaks to Job)  
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- Matthew 27:36, 44, 46; Luke 23:35-36* (the crucifixion)  
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## DOCTRINE

The Bible is central to our faith; it tells the story of God and His people.  
The Bible is consistent, complete, and true, despite some insignificant errors of fact.  
The Old Testament Scriptures prepared God's people for the coming of the Savior.  
The Old Testament books of law record rules for worship, rituals, social order and moral living.  
The Old Testament prophets relayed the will of God to the people.  
The New Testament conveys the good news of salvation.  
The Acts of the Apostles relate the foundation of the Church, first established for Jews, then encompassing the entire world.  
The New Testament epistles are the basis of many Church teachings on both practical and spiritual matters.

## THE ARMENIAN WAY

Mesrob Masdotz / "Life of Masdotz: by Koriun / *Asdvadzashoonch* (breathed by God) / *Vosgetar* (Golden Age) / Sts. Sahag & Mesrob / Armenian alphabet / Hovhannes Mantakuni / *Heen Gdagaran* (Old Testament) / *zadig* (Easter) / Patriarch of Jerusalem / Patriarch of Constantinople / Catholicos, Supreme Patriarch / *Vartavar* (Transfiguration) / "Vartan and the Armenian War" by Yeghishe / *Soorp, soorp* (Holy, holy) / St. Gregory the Enlightener

## LIFE APPLICATION

As a Christian, I must strive to learn and understand the Bible.  
I can easily locate Bible passages; this helps me in my personal study of the Scriptures.  
I need to comprehend the divisions of Scripture to appreciate the Bible as God's book.  
I know how to use various Bible resources, such as a concordance, to enrich my understanding of the Bible.  
I appreciate the use of Scripture, especially the Psalms, in my experience of the Divine Liturgy.  
The prayers in Scripture help me in my daily prayer life.  
I am inspired by the many men and women whose stories I read in the Bible.  
I try to apply the truths of Scripture to my daily life.  
I can recite the books of the Bible and explain some basic facts about each of the Gospels.  
I am comfortable examining the differences I find in the synoptic gospels.  
I appreciate the struggles of the early Church and see a connection with today's world.