

THE ARMENIAN ALPHABET

Saint Matthew - Son of Alphaeus, he lived at Capernaum on Lake Genesaret. He was a Roman tax collector, a position equated with collaboration with the enemy by those from whom he collected taxes. Jesus' contemporaries were surprised to see the Christ with a traitor, but Jesus explained that he had come "not to call the just, but sinners." Matthew's Gospel is given first place in the canon of the New Testament, and was written to convince Jewish readers that their anticipated Messiah had come in the person of Jesus. He preached among the Jews for 15 years. His name means *gift of God* and was also known as Levi.

Saint Mark - Believed to be the young man who ran away when Jesus was arrested (Mark 14:51-52), and the "John whose other name was Mark" (Acts 12:25). He was a disciple of Saint Peter who travelled with him to Rome, and was referred to as "my son Mark" by the first bishop of Rome. Author of the earliest canonical Gospel. Travelled with his cousin Saint Barnabas, and with Saint Paul through Cyprus. Evangelized in Alexandria, Egypt and established the Church there, and founded the first famous Christian school. He was martyred in 68 at Alexandria.

Saint Luke - He had pagan parents, possibly born a slave, and one of the earliest converts. He was a doctor and legend has it that he was also a painter who may have done portraits of Jesus and Mary, but none have ever been correctly attributed to him; this story, and the inspiration his Gospel has always given artists, led to his patronage of them. Travelled with Saint Paul and evangelized Greece and Rome with him, being there for the shipwreck and other perils of the voyage to Rome. He wrote the Gospel according to Luke, much of which was based on the teachings and writings of Paul, and his own experiences. He also wrote a history of the early Church in the Acts of the Apostles. He was martyred in Greece.

Saint John - Son of Zebedee and Salome, a fisherman and brother of Saint James the Great, and called one of the Sons of Thunder. He was a disciple of Saint John the Baptist. Called by Jesus during the first year of His ministry, and traveled everywhere with Him, becoming so close as to be known as the beloved disciple. The only one of the Twelve not to forsake the Savior in the hour of His Passion, standing at the foot of the cross. He was given the responsibility of caring for Mary, the mother of God by Jesus, taking her into his home. Upon hearing of the Resurrection, he was the first to reach the tomb; when he met the risen Lord at the lake of Tiberias, he was the first to recognize Him. During the era of the new Church, he worked in Jerusalem and at Ephesus. He wrote the fourth Gospel, three Epistles, and possibly the Book of Revelation. Survived all his fellow apostles and was the only apostle not to be martyred. He died around 101 at Ephesus (modern Turkey); a church was built over his tomb, which was later converted to a mosque.



RAISING SAINTS

SUNDAY BULLETIN FOR YOUTH

SERVICE

Sixth Sunday of the Holy Cross | Gospel Reading: Luke 4:14-23

One of the main responsibilities of a Christian is service. This means that we are supposed to serve, not just God, but each other as well. Jesus said, "I have come to serve and not to be served" (Matthew 20:28). Service is one of those funny things, though, that we know must be done, but we think someone else should do it.

Another word for service is ministry. Every Christian, when we are baptized, are given the job to perform a ministry in the Church. Some are specific for certain people, like the priest or the Parish Council members or teachers in the school. But there are other jobs or ministries that each of us are called to do. Some are welcoming people to Church, helping them know where we are in the Holy Badarak, cleaning the pews of papers after Holy Badarak is over, and singing with the choir.

But ministry is not only for in the Church, but can be done at home, at school and on the playground. We can serve God by helping others who are looking for God and need help or support. If you see someone being made fun of, you should go and defend them and then comfort them. If you know someone is lonely, you should try to be their friend. And if you see someone who needs help or assistance, you go and offer your help.

Serving in the Church does not mean you need to have a title or even do it in the Church building. Serving in the Church means doing what Christ would do anywhere and everywhere you are.

How can you serve the Church more?

What do your parents do and how can they help the Church more?

ARMENIAN WORDS TO KNOW FROM HOLY BADARAK

աւետարան => a-ve-da-ran => gospel

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 The Holy **Gospel** of Jesus Christ according to...

(An example is on page 18 in the Liturgy Book)

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*Եւ ծառայել Աստուծոյ:
 Yev dzarayel Asdoodzo.
 And to serve God.*

(Response to the question "What does this children request?" from the Baptism Service)

SERVICE TO GOD AND CHURCH

Serving God should not be an obligation. It must come from the heart and your age shouldn't be an obstacle. Think of ways you can serve Jesus now and when you are older. Write your answers in the boxes below.

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I can show Jesus I love Him by serving in the church!
♥

Now:

When I'm older:

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