

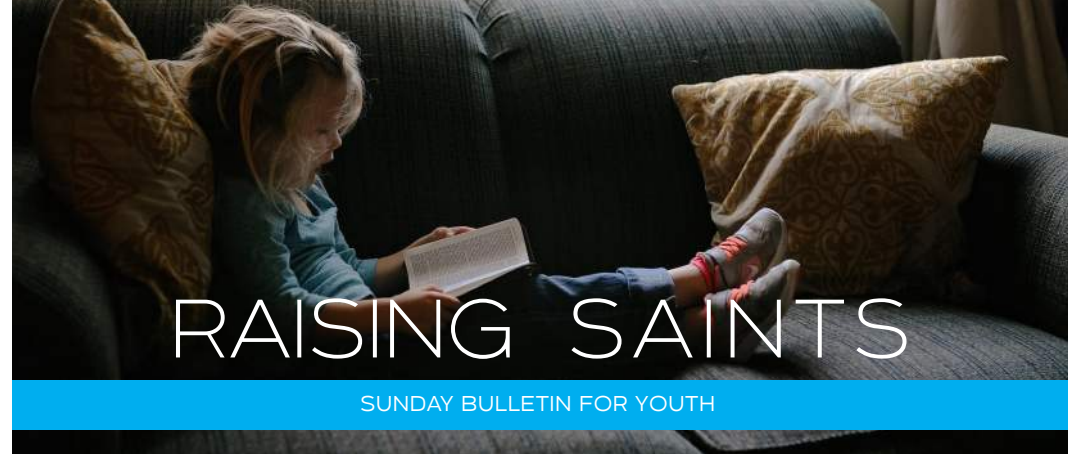
FEAST OF HOLY SHOGHOGAT

The Feast of Holy Shoghogat takes place on the Saturday prior to the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God. The reason this feast is celebrated at the time of the Assumption is that the Mother Cathedral of the Armenian Church (Holy Etchmladzin) is named in honor of the Holy Mother of God. The title of the feast, Shoghogat, refers to the vision of St. Gregory and the dropping of the rays the same as 'Etchmladzin'. After some time, the Mother Cathedral became commonly known as Etchmiadzin whereupon the name 'Shoghogat' referred to that of the other three churches the Illuminator built where he first saw the ray of light. (At that particular site one of the martyred virgin companions of St. Hripsimeh was burned, and it was believed her name was Shoghogat.)

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GOD NEVER ABANDONS US

Feast of the Assumption of the Mother of God | Luke 2:1-7

When Christ was on the cross being crucified, He handed His mother to the disciple John so that John would take care of her. Christ loved her so much that even before He died He knew He wanted someone to care for her. After His resurrection His mother saw Him, believed in the resurrection, and preached the Gospel to many people.

Many years later, His mother Mary died and was buried. According to tradition the apostle Bartholomew was not at her burial and when he returned after her burial, he asked that the tomb be opened one last time to see her. The tradition says that when they opened the tomb, they saw that she was gone and they realized that Jesus had come and assumed her into heaven (took her into heaven with Him).

This is what awaits all of us. One day we will all die and we will all be buried, but that is not the end. Jesus promised that He would never abandon us even until the end of the world, and that He would return and take us all up into heaven with Him. Today we remember that this promise was fulfilled for His mother and one day will be fulfilled for us too.

When we know this, that God will never abandon us, we look at the world differently. All of the fears, anxieties and worries that may surround us disappear. We no longer are afraid of this world because we know that this world is only temporary, but God in heaven is eternal and our life with Him will be forever.

Today we celebrate that truth. That we will be with God forever one day and it begins with our baptisms and never ends.

ARMENIAN WORDS TO KNOW FROM HOLY BADARAK

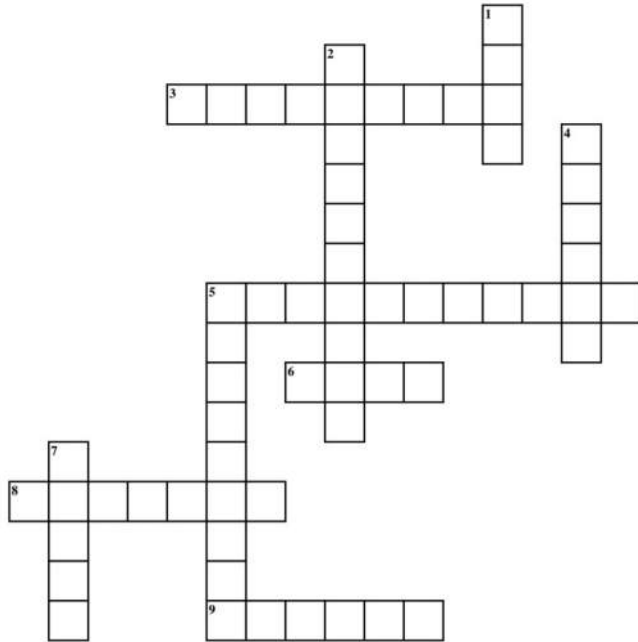
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Սուրբ զարհւնն իւր **ցօղէ** ի մեզ:
Soorp zaryoonn yoor **tsogheh** ee mez.
His holy blood he **bedews** for us.

(An example is on page 47 in the Liturgy Book)

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Across

- [3] City where Mary was buried
- [5] Apostle who was not present at burial of Mary
- [6] Apostle who cared for Mary after Jesus's Ascension
- [8] Angel who told Mary that she would have Jesus
- [9] Mary, the _____ of God

Down

- [1] Place where Mary was placed when she died
- [2] What happened to Mary after her death
- [4] What we bless on the Feast of the Assumption
- [5] City where Jesus was born
- [7] Royal house which Mary belonged to

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Do not ask God to give you strength, rather ask Him to come and be your strength. God is not merely a grantor of strength, but is truly the strength that is granted. God is not a supplier of answers to your heart; rather he is the answer to your heart. When you pray, do not ask of Him, rather ask for Him.

The Assumption of the Mother of God



Mother of God, light-giving cloud, that rained down the dewdrops of life upon the thinking beings of earth and who extinguished the flames of the transgression of the First Mother (Eve), with unceasing voice we glorify you and with spiritual hymns we magnify you.

- Hymn on the Assumption -

Աստուածածին, ամպ լուսատր, որ զցօղն կենաց հեղեր յերկիր բանատր. եւ զնախամօրն շիջուցեր պարտեացն զհոյր. Անդադար ձայնի զբեզ բարեբանենք. եւ հոգեւոր երգով մեծացուցանենք:

- Վերափոխման Շարական -