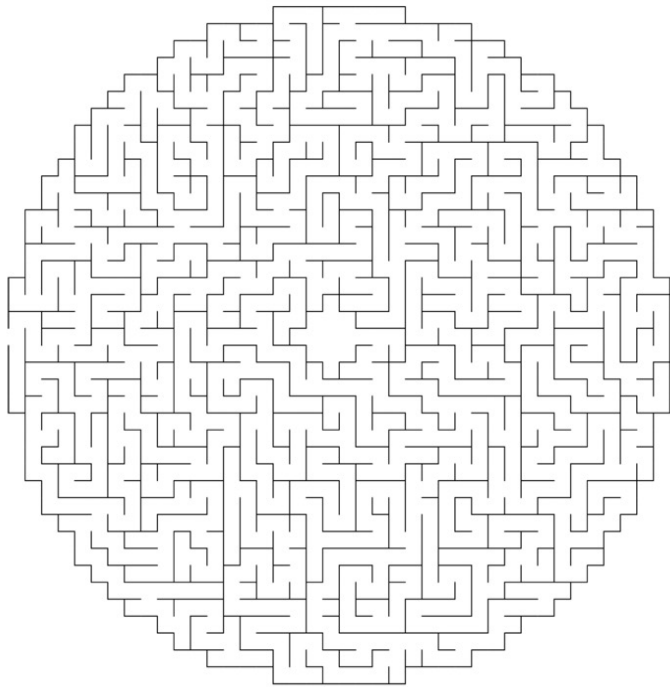


THE PROPHET ELIJAH

The magnificent life of Elijah, the great prophet of the Old Testament, is recorded for us in I and II Kings. He was a real but almost legendary figure, like Saint John the Baptist: hairy, dressed in animal skins, coming out of the wilderness to terrify the whole country with his announcements of impending calamity, and then disappearing. Elijah was one of the greatest and most remarkable prophets of the Old Testament. The end of the earthly life of Elijah came mysteriously. As he was conversing with Elisha on the hills of Moah, “a fiery chariot, and fiery horses parted them both asunder, and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven” [II Kings. 2:11]. Together with Moses, he appeared at Christ’s transfiguration.

THE LORD APPEARS TO ELIJAH



The Lord said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.”

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

1 Kings 19:9-18



SPEAKING THE TRUTH

(COMMEMORATION OF THE PROPHET ELIJAH)

First Sunday after Pentecost | Gospel Reading: Luke 4:25-30

Have you ever been afraid to speak the truth? Sometimes we are afraid to tell the truth because of the consequences. Somebody may not like what we have to say, and during those times, we may wonder if we should even say the truth.

Elijah is an example of how we should always tell the truth. The queen at the time, Jezebel, did not like Elijah and wanted to kill him. Elijah was a prophet of God and Jezebel had already killed all the prophets of God, except Elijah.

During the times when Elijah was alive, the Jewish people were worshipping a demon called Baal. As punishment for worshipping this demon, God prevented the rains from falling and the drought was over all the land for three and a half years.

Elijah decided to prove to the people and the prophets of Baal that God was the true God of heaven and earth. Elijah offered a contest with the prophets of Baal. Both he and the prophets of Baal would prepare a sacrifice and they would call to their gods. Whichever sacrifice would ignite in fire would be the true god.

When the prophets of Baal called out to Baal, nothing happened. But when Elijah called out to God, fire rained down from heaven and consumed the offering. The people believed in God, seized the prophets of Baal and killed all 450 of them.

We learn from Elijah, that we must always speak the truth and confess our faith in God, even if 450 people are against us. Elijah was not scared of all the prophets, because God was with him and guided him, as He will do with us.

When have you had to tell the truth, but you were scared too?
Have you ever been like Elijah and spoke the truth even when people would disagree with you and make fun of you?

ARMENIAN WORDS TO KNOW FROM HOLY BADARAK

ականջք => a-ganch-k => ears

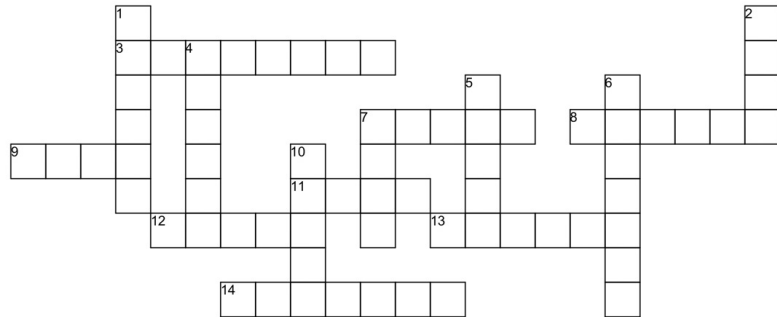
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 Yegheetseen **aganchuk** ko ee lusel uztsayn aghoteets eemots.

Let your **ears** be attentive to the voice of my prayers.

(An example is on page 57 in the Liturgy Book)

ELIJAH VS. BAAL CROSSWORD

Using the clues at the bottom of the page for words that are Across or Down, write the correct words in the numbered grid below.



ACROSS

- 3. To be in a state of rest.
- 7. Large animals used for offerings to God.
- 8. Spoke to God.
- 9. Flames or a burning sensation.
- 11. A wicked king of Israel.
- 12. To yell with a loud voice.
- 13. A ditch.
- 14. The early part of a day.

DOWN

- 1. The nation of the followers of God.
- 2. Pieces from a tree used to build a fire.
- 4. The name of the prophet of God.
- 5. A table or flat-topped block where offerings are placed.
- 6. One who tells people about God.
- 7. The false god the people were worshipping.
- 10. A colorless, liquid that forms the seas, lakes, and rivers.

SHOUT	BULLS	ISRAEL	MORNING	TRENCH
PROPHET	FIRE	AHAB	ELIJAH	WATER
WOOD	BAAL	ALTAR	SLEEPING	PRAYED

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SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Fathers, teach your children to pray. Teach them to turn prayer into a life partner. Throughout the years, with the ups and downs of life, they may forget to pray, but be sure that if the spirit of prayer has been impressed on the child by the father, even if it is silent for many years, eventually, at the right time, just like sweet incense, it will begin to flare up and release its aroma towards heaven.



THE PROPHET ELIAS

"You shall drink water from the brook, and I shall command the ravens to feed you there."

1 Kings 17:4

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