

THE MYRRH BEARING WOMEN

There were eight women that are generally identified as the myrrh-bearers. Each of the four Gospels gives different aspects of the roles of these eight women at the cross and at the tomb on Easter morning, perhaps since the eight women arrived in different groups and at different times. The eight are: Mary Magdalene, Mary Theotokos [The Virgin Mary], Joanna, Salome, Mary the wife of Cleopas [or Alphaeus], Susanna, Mary of Bethany, and Martha of Bethany.

Of the eight, the first five are the more prominent and outspoken. The last three, according to tradition, were also included. Five of these women were also very wealthy. The women of means were Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna and Mary and Martha of Bethany.

MARY'S SONG WORDSHAPE

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soul	spirit	humble	blessed	things
glorifies	rejoices	servant	great	mercy

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WORSHIPPING GOD

Second Sunday of the Assumption | Luke 1:39-56

Did you know that you are never too young to worship God? Some people think that children don't belong in the church or that they are too young and don't understand, but we see in the Gospel today that this is not true. In the Gospel, Mary, the mother of God, visits her relative, Elizabeth. When she walks in, the baby in Elizabeth's womb, St. John the Baptist, leaps for joy in worship.

Even in the womb children can worship God because they understand and feel the presence of His holiness. This is true even today. When children are brought to the church at a very young age, they feel a sense of holiness around them. This is why it is so important for children to be in the church during the Holy Badarak and not in a classroom or outside of the church.

Children learn about God the best when they are physically worshipping Him. St. John the Baptist worshipped Christ before he even saw Him and before he was even born. In fact, one of the hymns dedicated to St. John the Baptist refers to him as, *"the one who worships from womb to womb"*.

When we come into the church to worship God we do many things. We make the sign of the cross, we bow, we like candles, we pray, we burn incense, we sing, we hug and kiss one another, we receive Holy Communion, etc. But ultimately worship cannot be confined to only in the church. Worship must be taken out of the church and lived in our everyday lives.

We must make worship part of how we live and how we interact with others, because through worshipping God every day and everywhere, others can see God as well and can jump for joy just as St. John the Baptist did.

How will you worship God when you leave church today?

ARMENIAN WORDS TO KNOW FROM HOLY BADARAK

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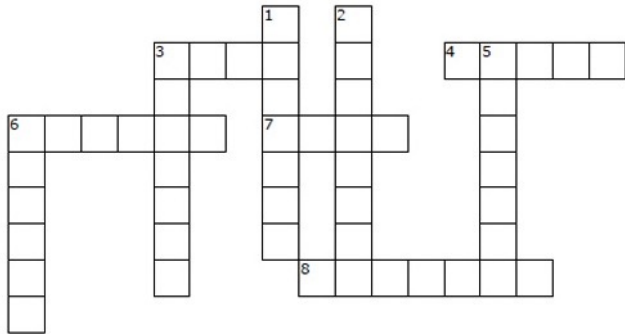
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Dern amenagal **getsoostseh** yev voghormestsee.

May the almighty Lord save us and have mercy on us.

(An example is on page 20 in the Liturgy Book)

MARY'S SONG CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 3. The spiritual part of humans which lives forever
- 4. To be filled excessive self-esteem
- 6. To feel the need or desire for food
- 7. Having great wealth
- 8. Having good things given to you, especially from God

DOWN

- 1. To give honor, praise, and adoration to
- 2. To show mercy or compassion to another
- 3. One who yields or surrenders to the will or authority of another
- 5. To express great joy or happiness
- 6. Not proud or boastful

soul	rejoice	blessed	hungry	servant
glorify	humble	proud	rich	merciful

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SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

When you give yourself to the Lord and face difficulties, do not be surprised, saying, "I gave myself to Christ and troubles have intensified." Why do you forget that giving yourself to Christ is a declaration of war on Satan? Why do you forget that praying is a bombardment of Satan's kingdom? Isn't it natural that the Evil One will fight you when you declare war on him and bomb his kingdom.



And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior."

Luke 1:46-47

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