

## SUNDAY OF EXPULSION

The message of the **Sunday of Expulsion**, continuing on the theme of Paregentan Sunday, commemorates Adam and Eve's fall and banishment from Paradise as a result of their sin of disobedience toward God and His law [read Gen. 2:1-24 and 3:8-19]. After the expulsion man became subject to death, pain and every human imperfection.

Adam and Eve disobeyed the command of God, "Of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." (Genesis 2:17). Eve was tempted by a serpent to eat the fruit of the tree ["you will not die, you will be just like God"]. After she did, she convinced Adam to eat of it as well. After this act of disobedience God expelled them from the Garden of Eden.

The act of disobedience damaged the unity of humankind with God and led to man's mortality, fall and expulsion from paradise. Prior to the fall, man experienced a state of innocence in paradise, with freedom of unity and communication with God, and possession of immortality and harmony in the cosmos.

During this Lenten period, Christians fast in preparation for the Feast of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday, striving to return to dependence on God and experience a healing of the relationship between God and humanity. The ultimate goal therefore, is an even closer union with God and closer likeness to God than existed in the Garden of Eden.

### FALL OF MAN JUMBLE



WMOAN       
9 3

RFUIT       
8 5

ERTE      
7 2

GNERDA        
6 10

SPERENT         
4 1

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Unscramble each word, then use the marked letters to reveal the secret word.  
HERE ARE SOME CLUES IN CASE YOU NEED HELP

The opposite of man. Genesis 3:1

Apples, oranges, bananas, peaches, etc. Genesis 3:3

A large plant with a wooden trunk and branches. Genesis 3:1

A beautiful place with trees, plants, and flowers. Genesis 3:1

Another word for a snake. Genesis 3:1

**Final Answer:** Something that makes you want to do something that you know you shouldn't.



## METANOIA – CHANGE OF THE HEART

Sunday of Expulsion | Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:17-48

Every Sunday of Lent is given a name, usually associated with the Gospel reading, but today's name reminds us of what happened to the first humans, Adam and Eve. After living in peace and comfort in the Garden of Eden and in God's presence, they were tricked by Satan and disobeyed God's command not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

As a result, death entered the world and they were kicked out of the garden, forced to work the land and labor to survive. Many people think that this was a punishment for their disobedience, but in reality, it was the result of their disobedience. Just as if you were to touch a hot stove you would be burnt, likewise, when they ate the fruit, they brought death and sin into the world.

On this Sunday we remember how they were removed from the Garden of Eden and how each of us are also removed from God's presence when we commit a sin. We cannot stay in His presence because God is perfect and has no sin in Him.

When we sin, though, we come to God, in the presence of a priest, and ask for forgiveness for our wrongdoing. But this does not mean that we can continue to live the way we are living. We cannot commit the same sins and do the same wrong things over and over again, thinking that God is alright with that.

Rather, we must change who we are and how we live. In Greek, this is called, metanoia, literally "the changing of the mind". When we sin, we are called to repent, but more specifically, we are called to change our ways and become better people and better Christians. This may mean doing things we are not used to or that we are uncomfortable with in order that we not sin anymore.

How can you change your mind and heart so that you don't sin?

## ARMENIAN WORDS TO KNOW FROM HOLY BADARAK

ցնծայ => tsun-dza => rejoice

Եւ **ցնծայ** նա որպէս հսկայ յընթանալ զճանապարհս իր:

Yev **tsundza** na vorbes hsga huntanal uzjanabarhus yoor.

And he **rejoices** as a giant to run his course.

(An example is on page 24 in the Liturgy Book)

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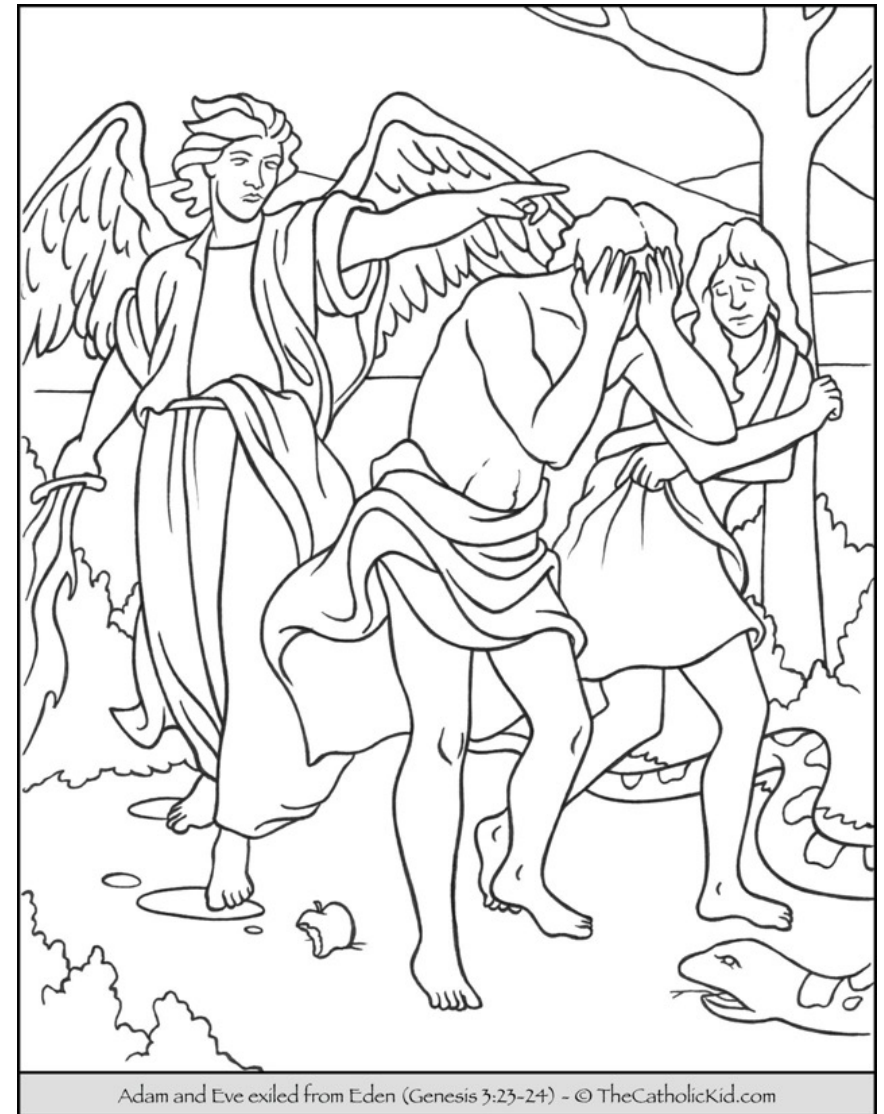
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EVE  
DIE  
FRUIT  
SOIL  
RETURN  
DEATH  
GARDEN  
LIFE  
KNOWLEDGE  
EDEN  
SIN  
TREE  
PAIN  
RIVERS  
GOD  
ADAM  
CREATION  
SERPENT  
GENESIS

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## SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Spiritual life is like a ladder which has a sin on its every rung which must be vanquished in order to ascend. We will remain on the same rung until we vanquish the sin which is found there. This is the reason why a spiritual life is called “a process of growth”.



Adam and Eve exiled from Eden (Genesis 3:23-24) - © TheCatholicKid.com

*Therefore, the Lord God sent him out of the garden of pleasure to cultivate the ground from which he was taken.*

*Genesis 3:23*

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*Ծննդոց Գ.23*