

BELT OF THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Since there are no relics of the Holy Mother’s earthly body (as she was assumed into Heaven), her personal belongings became articles of pious devotion. As they were secretly kept during the time of persecution of the early church, they began to appear in later times.

The first, her belt or girdle, was discovered in Jerusalem in the fifth century during the reign of Emperor Argadeos. This important article of clothing and decoration for Eastern women was later translated (taken) to Constantinople and placed in the cathedral dedicated to the Holy Mother of God, where it was recorded to be at the time of Empress Zoe’s miraculous recovery more than half a century later.



RAISING SAINTS

SUNDAY BULLETIN FOR YOUTH

CALMING THE STORM WORDSEARCH

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| DISCIPLES | EVENING | BOAT | FURIOUS |
| SLEEPING | CUSHION | DROWN | REBUKE |
| QUIET | PEACE | FAITH | CALM |
| BE STILL | TERRIFIED | WIND | WAVES |

CALMING THE STORMS OF LIFE

Third Sunday of the Assumption | Mark 4:35-41
 (Discovery of the Holy Mother of God’s Belt)

Has there ever been a time when you were nervous about something that was going to happen? Did you get worried and wonder why people around you weren’t worried? That’s what happens in today’s Gospel reading. The disciples are with Jesus in a boat and a storm starts and all the disciples are afraid that the boat is going to sink. They turn around to find Jesus, not worried or afraid like them, but asleep on a pillow.

They must have been amazed and worried at the same time. They woke Him up and said, “Aren’t you afraid that we’re all going to die?” But Jesus calms the storm and then turns to them saying, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?” (Mark 4:39)

He asks this because the disciples had seen him heal a man with leprosy and a man who with a shriveled hand and yet they still were afraid of the storm. This happens to us too in our lives today. Storms come in our lives and we become afraid and worried. We are afraid that we may “drown” but we also forget that Jesus is right there with us.

Instead of becoming afraid and worried, our first reaction should be to turn to Christ for help. When we turned to Christ, He can calm the storms around us. He may not take us out of the storm, but He can calm our reaction to the storm as well, giving us strength and courage to get through it.

There is a saying, “A calm sea never made a great sailor.” This means that only through difficult times can we grow stronger and this is also true with our faith.

What storms are you in now that you would like Christ to help you with?

ARMENIAN WORDS TO KNOW FROM HOLY BADARAK

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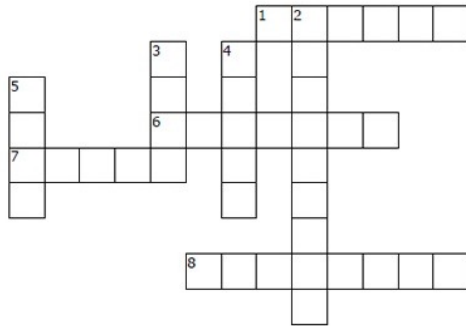
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○ **Mystery** great, unreachable, without beginning.

(An example is on page 4 in the Liturgy Book)

CALMING OF THE STORM CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Ready to go to bed or take a nap
6. Things such as a dress or trousers that you wear to cover your body
7. The opposite of being asleep
8. A raised part of the Earth's surface, much larger than a hill

DOWN

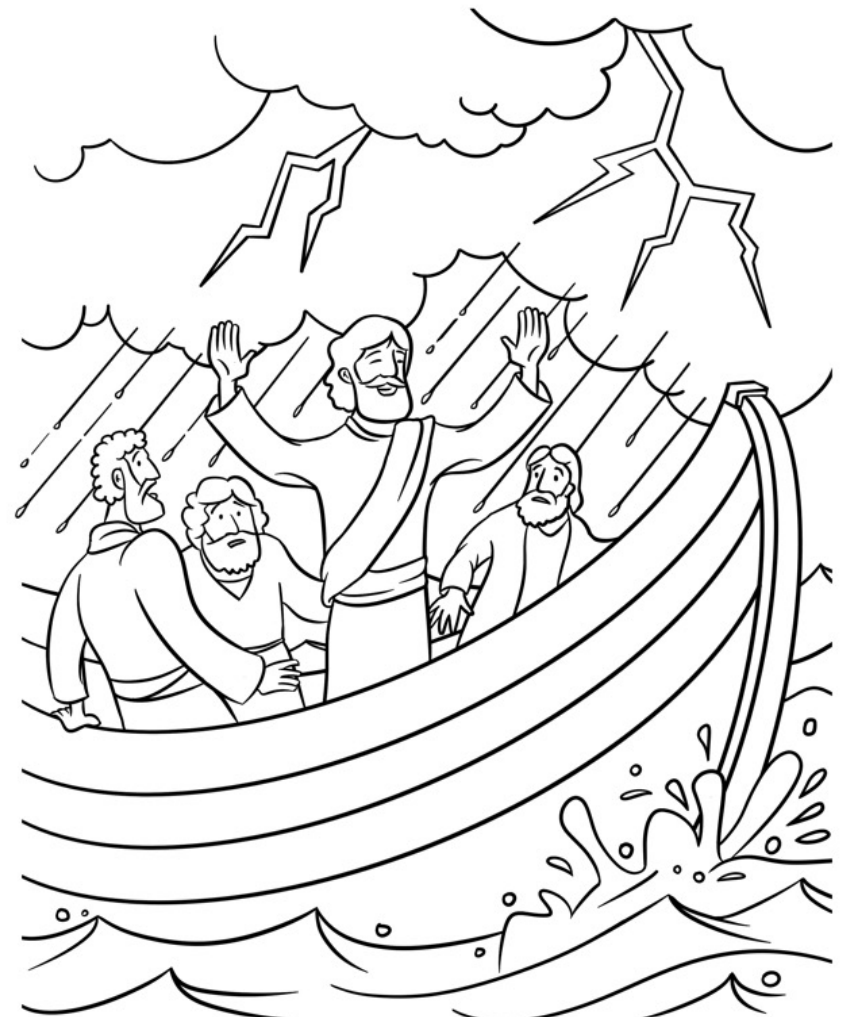
2. A flash of bright light in the sky produced by electricity
3. The front of the head, where the eyes, nose and mouth are
4. A grey or white mass floating in the sky, made of very small drops of water
5. To speak to God

MOUNTAIN	FACE	LIGHTNING	AWAKE
PRAY	CLOTHES	SLEEPY	CLOUD

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SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

If you have Jesus' love in your heart, know that you are more valuable than the entire world and more precious than the entire universe in God's eyes. For Jesus, the real world isn't this world, but that person who has made God his entire world. Doesn't something that you really love mean the world to you? Therefore, if Jesus loves you, then you are the world for Jesus.



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*He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!"
Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.*

Mark 4:39

*Եւ զարթոցեալ սաստեաց հողմոյն եւ ծովոն, ասէ:
Դադարեա, կարկեաց: Եւ դադարեաց հողմն եւ եղի խաղաղութիւն մեծ:*

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