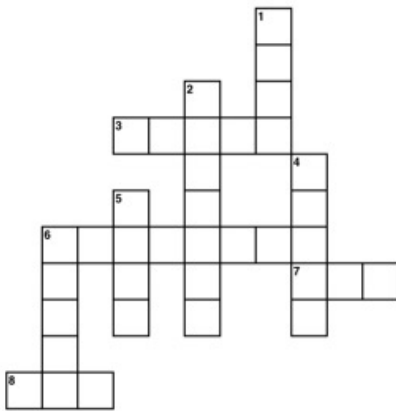


WISDOM OF THE FATHERS

Every morning, when you awake from sleep, think this: that you need to give an answer before God for all your actions and that you should no longer sin before Him and [then] the fear of God will reside within you.

- Abba Isaiah

Marriage Crossword



Across

- [3] She wears white at a wedding
 [6] Blessings to a mother and father
 [7] He created everything
 [8] The two will become _____ flesh

Down

- [1] God created them _____ and female
 [2] The bride and groom establish this with their marriage
 [4] Placed on a finger on the left hand
 [5] First drink of a married couple
 [6] Placed on heads during wedding service

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

When you do not receive what you have asked for, wait! When you do not find what you have looked for, wait! When what you want does not happen, wait! When people get up to fight against you, pray and wait! Wait with certainty, believing that God will do the right thing at the right time. Waiting means trusting God. He who does not know how to wait, will not enjoy the blessings of God at all, because God does not do anything before [the appointed] time.



MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

Third Sunday of Transfiguration | Matthew 19:3-12

Have you ever been to a wedding before? What were some things that you saw? At most weddings we see flowers, a bride, a groom, lots of happy people, dancing, cake, and music. However, a wedding is not just a time to celebrate two people coming together, but it is a time to celebrate the establishment of a new kingdom.

When a man and woman get married, they are actually establishing a new kingdom under the protection of God. We may not see this or notice this at the actual wedding ceremony, but it is stated in the hymns and in the prayers.

The bride and groom are crowned as king and queen and then our enthroned (they sit on thrones of royalty) during which all the people stand in their presence. Yet this kingdom will be successful and great only if both the king and queen listen to the commandments of God.

Unfortunately, there are times when these kingdoms fall apart. There are many reasons and influences which may cause this to happen, but often this happens because one or both do not follow the words and commandments of God when it comes to marriage.

One of the greatest commandments in marriage is to love one another. This does not mean only giving cards and chocolates to one another and going on dates, but putting your spouse before yourself. When married couples do this, they truly acknowledge that they are not alone, but are together on a journey to make their kingdom strong, successful and God-pleasing.

What couples have you seen that do this?

ARMENIAN WORDS TO KNOW FROM HOLY BADARAK

արքայութիւն => ar-kay-oo-tyoon => kingdom

Եկեացէ արքայութիւն քո:
Yegestseh **arkayootyoon** ko.

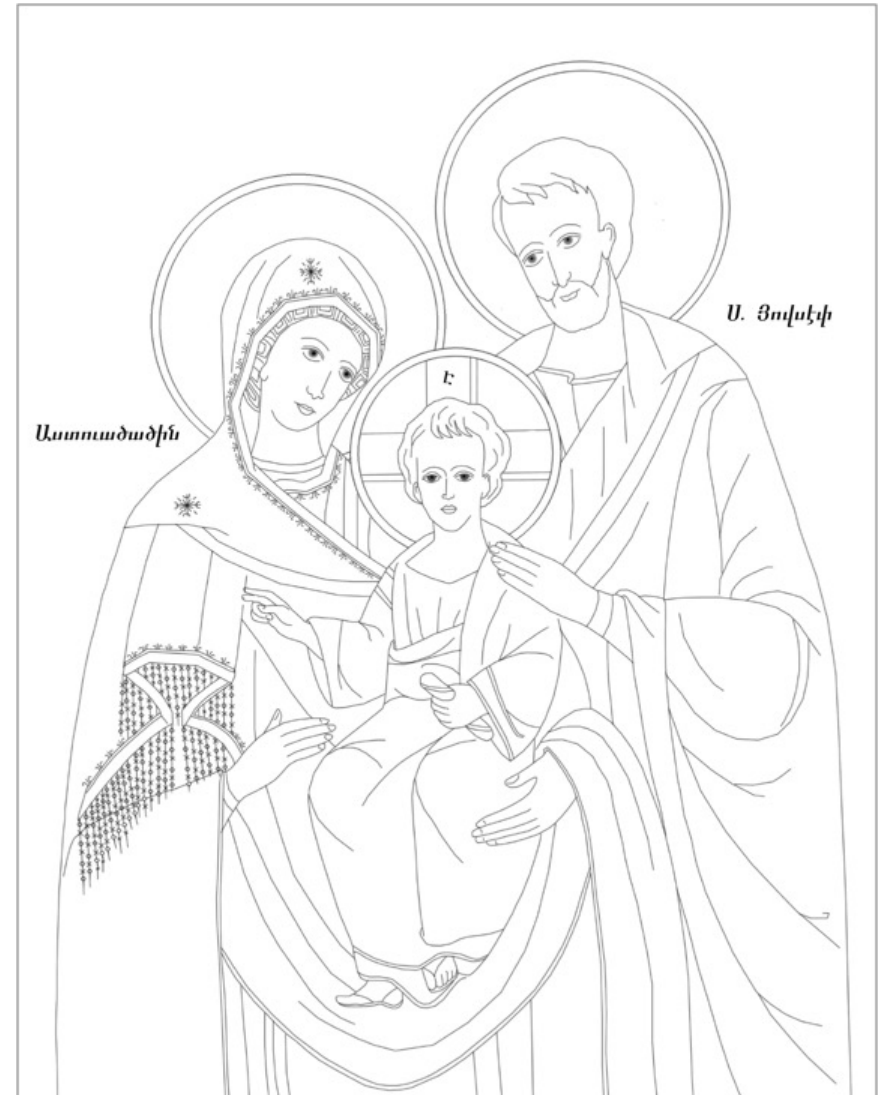
Thy **kingdom** come.

(An example is on page 41 in the Liturgy Book)

Wedding Word Search

D D I L M S O S E S O K Q R O
W G G D E T T I R R W I U G I
E D I R B E R T H R O N E S R
G O D G O D T N L S N G E E R
O E L I W O E R O O A D N E T
G N K N I L M D O I D O W N S
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C A E I E E I R H E I A E L O
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L O G E E I D G G T E N E S N
E R N D E N K O S O G R P R I
K C S G D N N R S R E C E R S

wedding	marriage	king	queen
kingdom	thrones	bride	groom
wine	rings	children	crowns
priest	deacon	God	creator
joined	flowers		



For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.

Matthew 19:5

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