

FEEDING OF THE 5,000

The presence of **Moses** and **Elijah** is of great significance for the understanding and celebration of the Feast of the Transfiguration. Moses and Elijah, according to the liturgical verses, are not only the greatest figures of the Old Testament who now come to worship the Son of God in glory, but these two figures actually stand for the Old Testament itself: **Moses for the Law and Elijah for the Prophets**. And Christ is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets [Mt 5:17].

When does the priest say this in the Holy Badarak?
(Hint: Look on page 53)

TRANSFIGURATION WORDSEARCH

L E N U O E U S G S F P E F O
 A T S C S U E M E D T C P A H
 B E K E H M N L L W A G M P N
 J R S J A A P T G F C U J P I
 K O I J I I N N A R G O T E I
 M V N G C Z I G J I K P G A B
 P X M S H N Q B E Y N Q V R Y
 R I I W T T I Y T D J F U E C
 A D D H D V R M K P E L G D H
 Y E G U H X A F N E K A V E O
 W I O D E P X Q B T W S O J S
 L L R V E T R R F E E H I Z E
 C C L O T H E S H R E E C X N
 C D H N P Y E L I J A H E J F

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| FLASH | LIGHTNING | MOSES | JOHN | MOUNTAIN |
| CLOUD | PETER | CHANGED | VOICE | JESUS |
| JAMES | PRAY | CHOSEN | CLOTHES | ELIJAH |
| TALKING | FACE | BRIGHT | APPEARED | DISCIPLES |

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FINDING YOUR MOUNTAIN

Feast of the Transfiguration | Matthew 16:13-17:13

The Feast of the Transfiguration is when Christ, with three of His disciples, went up Mount Tabor, and He was transfigured. That is to say, His power, divinity and glory was revealed to His disciples.

Along with Christ appeared the prophets Moses and Elijah, speaking with Him; Moses representing the Law and Elijah representing the prophets. Their appearance testified to Jesus being the fulfillment of the Law and the prophets. During this event, Peter wanted to stay, but Jesus told them they had to go back down.

Many times in the Old Testament and even in our Armenian history, we see the importance of mountains. Mankind has long understood that we come in contact with God on mountains and there were even times when men would create mountains in order to obtain or try to control God or the gods. Such examples are pyramids and the Tower of Babel.

Not everyone came go up a mountain to see God. So the question is: where do we come in contact with God?

Thankfully, we do not need to climb a mountain to find God, but can experience Him in the Holy Badarak. We hear His words and taste His precious Body and Blood. It is through Holy Communion that we meet God in His physical presence.

It is in this holy sanctuary that heaven and earth become one, and we join the disciples, in witnessing Christ's divine nature. We become participants in His divinity and express thanksgiving for His many blessings.

How often do you go to the holy mountain (Badarak) to see God?

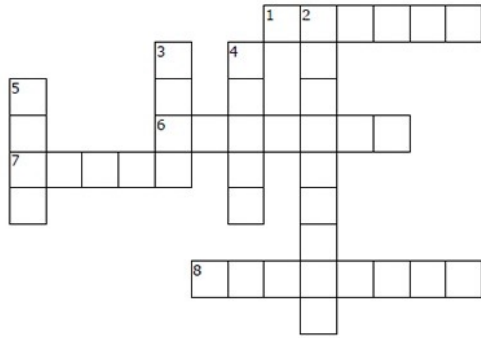
ARMENIAN WORDS TO KNOW FROM HOLY BADARAK

յայտնութիւն => hayd-noo-tyoon => revelation

Օրհնեալ է **յայտնութիւնն** Քրիստոսի:
Orhnyal eh **haydnootyoonun** Kreesdosee.
Blessed is the **revelation** of Christ.

(An example is on page 26 in the Liturgy Book)

TRANSFIGURATION 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

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| MOUNTAIN | FACE | LIGHTNING | AWAKE |
| PRAY | CLOTHES | SLEEPY | CLOUD |

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SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Dear parents, your children came into the world through you, but they do not belong to you, rather they belong to God. They were brought into the world with a goal and you are not the one who has realized that goal, rather God. And what is that goal if not the salvation of your children? Help them reach their goal which is firmly rooted in God.



And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun and his clothes were as white as light.

Matthew 17:2

Եւ այլակերպեցաւ առաջի նոցա, եւ լուսաւորեցան երեսք նորա իրրեւ զարեգակն, եւ հանդերձք նորա եղեն սպիտակ իրրեւ զլոյս:

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