

SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The **Sunday of Advent**, the Last Sunday of Lent, reminds us of the end of the present order of the world, the second coming of the Christ, the resurrection of the dead, the Last Judgment and the creation of a new earth and a new heaven.

The Gospel for Matins (Morning Service) according to St. Mark articulates Jesus' prophecy about the future end times. Jesus gave His followers a prophetic picture of the end times, including events leading up to it. He also talked about future events connected with His return to earth to judge all people. Jesus predicted both near and distant events without putting them in chronological order. Jesus warns His followers about the future to provide them with a guide to live by glorifying God in the present age to prepare for the future fulfillment of the Kingdom. Many predictions Jesus made in this passage have not yet been fulfilled, but they were made to help the faithful remain spiritually alert and prepared at all times as the Church eagerly waits for His Second Coming

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JESUS	STONE	HOUSE	FOX	NAME
HEN	TOMORROW	HEAL	CHICKS	GOAL
JERUSALEM	HEROD	PROPHET	DEMONS	KILL

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TURNING TO JESUS FOR HELP

Sunday of the Advent | Gospel Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-23:39

Jesus uses an interesting example when He speaks of Jerusalem and the Jewish people. He compares Himself to a hen gathering her chicks under her wings for protection. Jesus wanted to gather His people, but they wouldn't let Him.

Have you ever felt nervous or scared and you ran to your mom or dad for protection and safety? How did you feel when they held you tight? Maybe safe and protected? This is what Jesus wants to do for all of us.

Jesus also wants to protect us if we will just come to Him. Many times we hurt and do not know where to turn for help and we reject Christ's help because we don't think He can give us what we need. But who knows our needs better than our God? Those who turned to Jesus will find that He helps and comforts as no one else can.

In our lives people turn to other things for help, but forget about Christ and how much He wants to help and protect us from the evil in this world and the attacks of Satan. When a hen sees a fox come close, she gathers her chicks underneath her wings to protect them and to be willing to sacrifice herself for their protection.

Christ did the same thing for us, sacrificing Himself for our salvation, but if a chick runs away and does not come to the mother hen for protection, the chick will be defenseless. Likewise, when evil forces come close to harm us, we must turn to Christ and not run off on our own.

Have you ever felt safe in Christ's arms when you needed help?

ARMENIAN WORDS TO KNOW FROM HOLY BADARAK

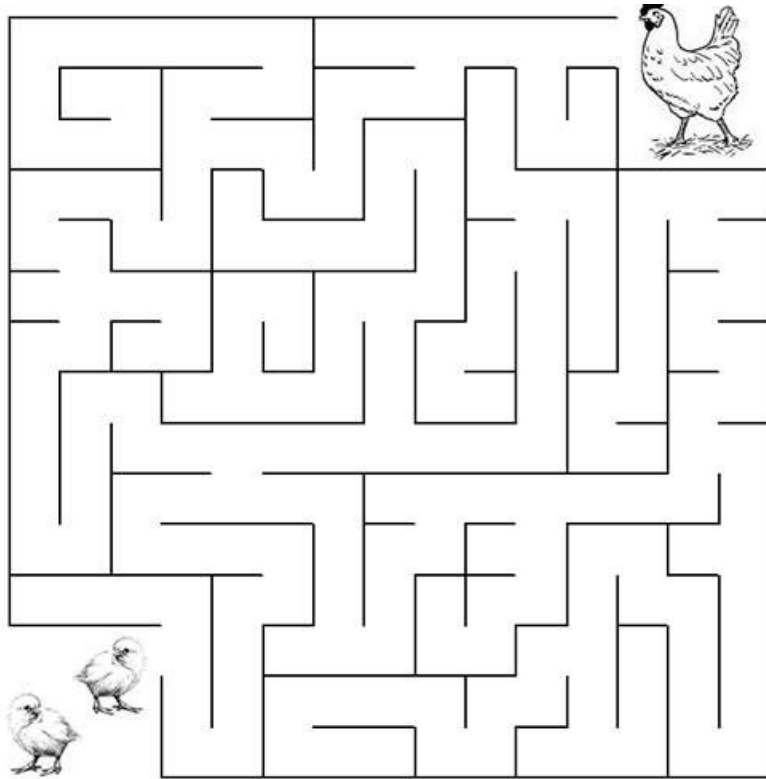
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Listen attentively!

(An example is on page 17 in the Liturgy Book)

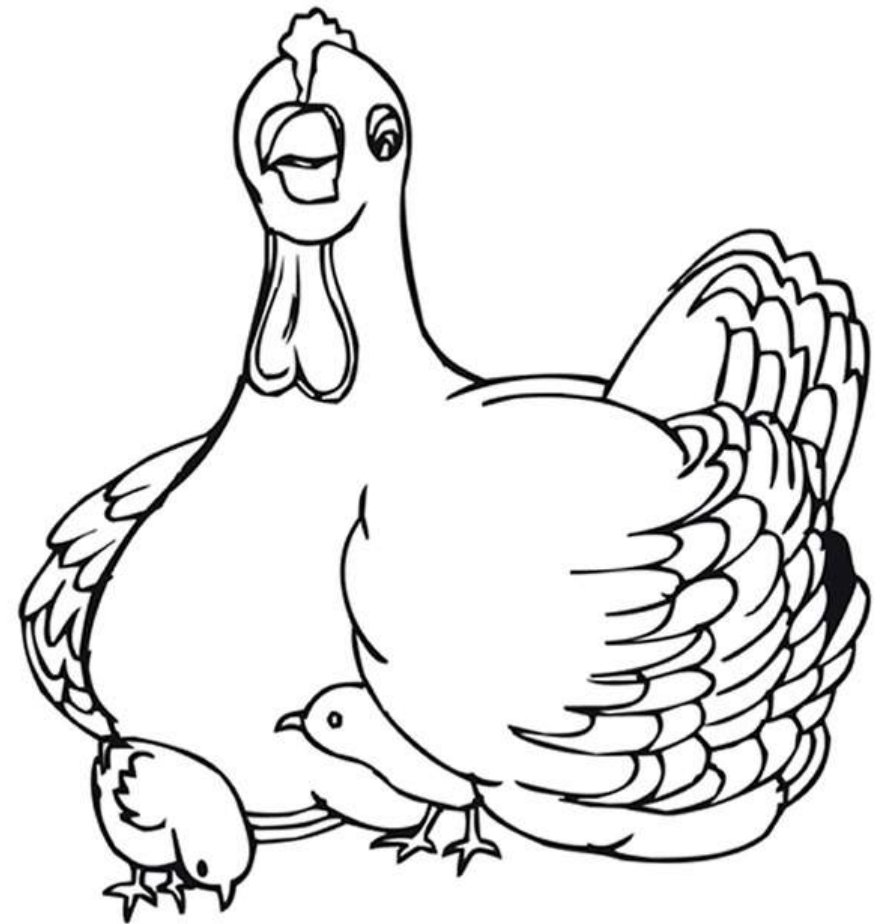
HEN AND CHICK MAZE



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SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Why do you complain about difficulties? Do you desire comfort? Isn't comfort that which leads you to spiritual numbness? Do you want an end to the spiritual war? But wouldn't an end to the spiritual war also stop you from being a soldier of Christ? What do you search for? Earthly happiness? But isn't earthly happiness that which deprives you of heavenly happiness?



"How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing."

Matthew 23:37

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