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Fifth Sunday of the Great Resurrection Feast Apparition of the Holy Cross

*Before your cross, O Christ, we kiss the ground, and we
magnify your innocent betrayal and glorify your pure passion.*

Armenian Divine Liturgy

This Sunday the Armenian Apostolic Church celebrates the feast of the Apparition of the Holy Cross. In 351 AD, the Sign of the Holy Cross lit up the sky over Jerusalem, from the Mount of Olives to Golgotha. The Cross was luminous, shining brighter than sunlight. It was seen by all the faithful who rushed to the churches to praise the Lord for this miraculous sign.

Can we expect another sign today, like what people saw in 351? Yes, if we have “eyes to see” it will shine not only in the sky but in our hearts, minds, and bodies. Those with “eyes to see” (Matthew 5:8, Luke 10:23, John 9:15, Revelation 3:18) will see him for a sign, and He an-Sign of the Son of Man ..., and they will see the the clouds of heaven glory” (Matthew 24).

The miracle of mankind by Christ's rection through the most honest and in-the history of time. ically subjected Himself down His life, and pick-Creator of Heaven and gave eternal life through an intimacy and truth.



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the salvation of Death and Resur-Holy Cross is the timate act of love in Our Lord Jesus will-to the Cross, laying ing it up again. The Earth, saved lives and absolute, Divine gift of intimacy and truth.

Thus, the Sign of the Cross is: the gift of eternal life. The Sign of the Cross illuminates not only the 351 Jerusalem sky but also our hearts, minds, and bodies today. We Armenian people, recognizing that we are given eternal life through the Cross, call the Cross “**Living and Life-Giving.**” May the blessing of the Living and Live-giving Holy Cross, the Sign of the Son of God, be with us all, now and forever. Amen. ☪

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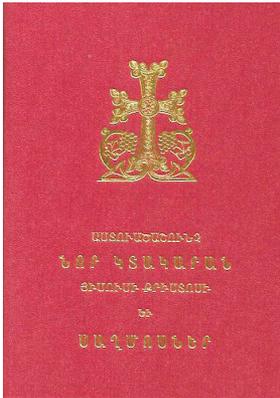
Acts 17

1 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews.

2 Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures,

3 explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ."

4 And some of them were persuaded; and a great multitude of the devout Greeks, and not a few of the leading women, joined Paul and Silas.



5 But the Jews who were not persuaded, becoming envious, took some of the evil men from the marketplace, and gathering a mob, set all the city in an uproar and attacked the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people. ☞

1 John 1

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life—

2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life

which was with the Father and was manifested to us—

3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

4 And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the

light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. ☞

John 7:14-23

14 Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught.

15 And the Jews marveled, saying, “How does this Man know letters, having never studied?”

16 Jesus answered them and said, “My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.

17 “If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority.

18 “He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him.

19 “Did not Moses give you the law, yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill Me?”

20 The people answered and said, “You have a demon. Who is seeking to kill You?”

21 Jesus answered and said to them, “I did one work, and you all marvel.

22 “Moses therefore gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath.

23 “If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath? ❀

John 19:25-37

25 Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

26 When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold your son!”

27 Then He said to the disciple,

“Behold your mother!” And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.

28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, “I thirst!”

29 Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth.

30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

31 Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

32 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him.

33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.

34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

35 And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe.

36 For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, “Not one of His bones shall be broken.”

37 And again another Scripture says, “They shall look on Him whom they pierced.” ❀



Prayer Requests

- 1. **El Abda Ibrahim Sedrak**
Shenoda's Mom, suffering from stroke
- 2. **Georgina Tadros**
Shenoda's niece, suffering from leukemia
Requested by the Sawires Family, Shenoda and Eriny, Marina, Ann, and Mariam.

Hokehankist

- 3. **Zakar Zartarian** *(Roy's Grandfather)*
- 4. **Charles Zartarian** *(Roy's Father)*
Requested by the Zartarian Family (Roy, Anne, & Charlene) on the 100th anniversary of their immigration to the USA.

- 5. **Roxy Garabedian**
Requested by the Garabedian (Garo, Jennie), Swisher (Ruth, Will), Bagdasarian (Ara, Renate), Shabazian, Stepanian (Der Aram, Yn. Margaret), and Terdjianian (Sona, Mari, Manoushag) families, on the occasion of her karasoonk.

- 6. **Michael Sempad Kouyoumdjian (4/2/58–4/16/21)**
Brother of Der Vahan Kouyoumdjian
Requested by the Priest, Deacons, Choir, and Board of St. Stephen's, on the occasion of his seventh day.

- 7. **HE Archbishop Zareh Aznavorian (1947–4/30/2004)**
Requested by the Priest, Deacons, Choir, and Board of St. Stephen's, on the occasion of his 17th year.

- 8. **John Aroutiunian (1993–5/3/2019) (age 26)**
Requested by Kit Kaolian, on the occasion of his second year.

- 9. **Christine Kaolian (5/4/2018)**
Requested by her son Kit Kaolian, on the occasion of her third year.

10. Bedros Terdjianian (4/8/2019)

Requested by her daughter Sona, wife Mari, and sister Manoushag on the occasion of his second year.

May Calendar

- 9: 6th Sun of Resurrection
- 16: Second Palm Sunday
- 13: 40th day. **Holy Ascension**
(Der Garabed and Edward Sarkavak will attend Badarak at Holy Ascension Church, Trumbull. Inquire if interested.)
- 19: Wed-Fri fasting resumes
- 23: 50th day. **Holy Spirit**
- 24–29: Fast of Prophet Elijah
- 30: Remembrance of Elijah
- 31: Sts. Hripsimants

June Calendar

- 1: Sts. Gayaniants
- 3: St. John Mgrdich Garabed
- 5: St. Gregory ascent from Pit

Choir

The Choir meets Thursdays 6pm.

Holiness for the Holy

When offering the Holy Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the priest calls the people to prepare for the Holy Communion saying, *ee Srpootyoon Srpots*, "Holiness for the Holy."

God bids us, ***"I am the LORD your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy."***

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"The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, And delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit." [Psalms 34:17-18]