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Sixth Sunday of the Great Resurrection Feast Week of the Ascension of Jesus Christ

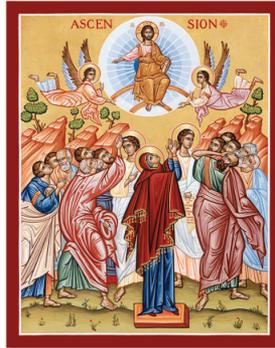
*The Only Begotten, Firstborn of the Father,
ascended to heaven in the form of Adam.*

Armenian Divine Liturgy

The Armenian Apostolic Church commemorates the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ 40 days after his Holy Resurrection (which is why it falls on a Thursday). In the presence of his Holy Apostles all standing on the Mount of Olives, Jesus ascended to Heaven in his glorious resurrected body and sat at the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:16-20, Luke 24:50-53, Acts 1:4-12).

The Armenian Church celebrates a Badarak on this feast day of the Lord, and the celebration lasts ten days until the feast of the Coming of the Holy Spirit Resurrection, which called Pentecost).

During the 40 days our resurrected Lord with his disciples, the formation of the God, and their apostolic these 40 days, Christ with His disciples and all the women.



after the Resurrection, continued to associate speaking to them about Church, the Kingdom of commission. During preached and rejoiced with His mother and

“Until the day in which He was taken up, ... He presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them [his disciples] during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God” (Acts 1:2-3).

One of the most important “things pertaining to the Kingdom of God” that he conveyed was the promise of the Coming of the Holy Spirit. “Being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, ‘which,’ He said, ‘you have heard from Me; for John truly

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baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now....

“You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:4-8).

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Acts 20

17 From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church.

18 And when they had come to him, he said to them: “You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you,

19 “serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews;

20 “how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house,

21 “testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

22 “And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there,

23 “except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me.

24 “But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race

with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ☩

1 John 3

2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

4 Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.

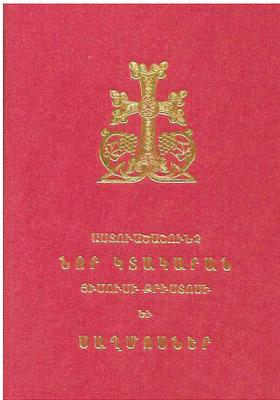
5 And you know that He was manifested to

take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.

6 Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him. ☩

John 9-10

39 And Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind.”



John 21

40 Then some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him, “Are we blind also?”

41 Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, ‘We see.’ Therefore your sin remains.

1 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

2 “But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

3 “To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

4 “And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

5 “Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”

6 Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them.

7 Then Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

8 “All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.

9 “I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

10 “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. ☉

15 So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Feed My lambs.”

16 He said to him again a second time, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Tend My sheep.”

17 He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Feed My sheep.

18 “Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish.”

19 This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, “Follow Me.”

20 Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, “Lord, who is the one who betrays You?”

21 Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, “But Lord, what about this man?”

22 Jesus said to him, “If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me.”

23 Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, “If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?” ☉



Mothers' Day

Today is Mothers' Day! Happy Mothers' Day to all our Mothers, past, present, and future!

Hokehankist

Nick DeSanctis (2021-04-02).

Requested by Karen and Peter Fallo, on the occasion of the 40th day of his departure.

May Calendar

- 13: 40th day. **Holy Ascension**
- 14: Wed-Fri fasting resumes
- 16: Second Palm Sunday
- 23: 50th day. Holy Spirit**
- 24–29: Fast of Prophet Elijah
- 30: Octave of Holy Spirit (Elijah)**
- 31: Sts. Hripsimants

June Calendar

- 1: Sts. Gayanians
- 3: St. John Mgrdich Garabed
- 5: St. Gregory ascent from Pit
- 6: 2nd Sun after Octave of HS**
- 12: St. Nerses & Bishop Khat (*Խաղ*)
- 13: 3rd Sun after Octave of HS**
- 14–18: Fast of St. Gregory
- 15: Sts. Constantine & Helen
- 19: Discovery of St. Gregory Relics
- 20: 4th Sun after Octave of HS**
- 22: Daniel, Setrak, Misak, Abednego
- 24: Sahag & Mesrob
- 26: Sts. Drtad & Ashken

Holy Ascension

On the Feast of Holy Ascension Thursday, May 13, we will not have Badarak at St. Stephen's. We will attend Badarak at Holy Ascension Church, Trumbull. If you are interested, contact Edward Avak Sargavak.

After his Resurrection, Christ spoke to the disciples about the Kingdom of Heaven. he gave them power and authority to baptize in the name of the trinity. On the fortieth day, he appeared to his holy disciples, blessed them, and gave them peace. he commanded them to await the promise of his Father. Then he blessed them with his hands and ascended to heaven with glory and, in fulfillment of prophecy, sat at the right hand of the Father. All the thrones, dominions, and powers worshipped him. All the earth felt his power. As the disciples stared at him, two angels stood by and glowed, saying, "Men of Galilee, this is Jesus, Lord of Lords! This same Jesus who ascended to heaven on clouds shall in the same manner return." The saintly disciples returned to Jerusalem and gathered in the upper room where they awaited the descent of the Spirit from the Father, who promised that the Spirit of Comfort shall grant them strength, power, and wonders. To him be all glory and honor, now and forever and unto the ages of ages.

Fasting

Wed. and Fri. fasting resumes Fri., May 14, after Holy Ascension.

Choir

The Choir meets Thursdays 6pm.

Meet Your Der Hayr

Der Hayr is available, gratis, for confession, visitation, and house blessing.

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"Have mercy upon me, God, according to your great mercy; according to your great compassion, blot out my iniquities." [Psalm 50:1]