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World Chapel

Feast of Holy Resurrection (Յարութիւն)

“Trampling Death by Death, by His Resurrection He gave us life!”



On the Third Sunday of Resurrection, the Armenian Apostolic Church celebrates the “World Chapel,” the first Christian Church, the Upper Room of Jerusalem, where the Savior instituted the sacrament of Holy Communion at the Last Supper, where the Apostles and early

Christians met, praying and sharing in Holy Communion regularly. This place was the first Christian chapel and the forerunner of all Christian churches. ☸

«Մահուամբ զմահ կոխեաց եւ
Յարութեամբն իւրով մեզ զկեանս բարգեւեաց»

The Breath of God (ԱՍՏՈՒԱԾԱՇՈՒՆԶ)

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 9:23-31 (NKJV)

23 Now after many days were past, the Jews plotted to kill him.

24 But their plot became known to Saul. And they watched the gates day and night, to kill him.

25 Then the disciples took him by night and let him down through the wall in a large basket.

26 And when Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, and did not believe that he was a disciple.

27 But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. And he declared to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

28 So he was with them at Jerusalem, coming in and going out.

29 And he spoke boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus and disputed against the Hellenists, but they attempted to kill him.

30 When the brethren found out, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him out to Tarsus.

31 Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And

walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied. ☩

A Reading from the First Universal Epistle of Peter 2:1-10 (NKJV)

1 Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking,

2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,

3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

4 Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious,

5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

6 Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame."

7 Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone,"

8 and "A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense." They stumble,

being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.

9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. 🌀

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John 2:23-3:12 (NKJV)

23 Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did.

24 But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men,

25 and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.

1 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.”

3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to

you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

4 Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”

5 Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

6 “That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 “Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’

8 “The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

9 Nicodemus answered and said to Him, “How can these things be?”

10 Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things?

11 “Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness.

12 “If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 🌀



Isaiah 10:33-11:5

33 Behold, the Lord, The LORD of hosts, Will lop off the bough with terror; Those of high stature will be hewn down, And the haughty will be humbled.

34 He will cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, And Lebanon will fall by the Mighty One.

1 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

2 The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

3 His delight is in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;

4 But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.

5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist. ☸

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Calendar

The Resurrection Feast is celebrated for 50 days. Every day during the 50-day period from April 17 to June 4 is Resurrection Sunday. There are no Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. during this period. Every single day is the first day of the week, the Lord's Day. The Resurrection feast is to be celebrated the same way each day, with a Badarak. There is to be no fasting at all during this period, not even on what would otherwise be Wednesdays and Fridays, because there are in fact no Wednesdays or Fridays during this 50-day Resurrection Feast Period, only Sundays, Lord's Days. ☸

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