

NEW SUNDAY OR EASTER REPEATED

The Sunday which follows Easter Sunday is called New Sunday because it is the first Sunday after the Resurrection [Easter]. New Sunday or Nor Giragi, also reflects the new relationship of God's people. The Christian Church had replaced the tribe of Judah as the new "Israel". Israel means "people of the covenant". The word Israel is not a geographical location, but rather the name or reference to a people in a special covenant or relationship with God. With their denial of Christ, the Israel of the Old Testament [old covenant] relinquished their role as the "Israel" of God's covenant. The "new" sons of Zion [Arm. Sioni Vortik], being the Body of Christ [the Church] is in fact the "new" Israel. Therefore, in its role of Israel, the people of the covenant [Christian Church] are the heirs to or recipients of the promise of salvation through Christ's death and resurrection.

By virtue of its being the eighth day of Easter [octave] and a day similar to Easter it has been called Grgnazadig [Easter Repeated]. The Church has wisely chosen the Gospel of John's prologue as its reading for "New Sunday" because it powerfully proclaims Jesus as the Son of God, the Word made flesh. Although Jesus took upon Himself full humanity and lived as a man, he never ceased to be the eternal God who has always existed, the Creator and Sustainer of all things, and the source of eternal life. This is the foundation of all truth.

FILL IN THE BLANKS

In the beginning was the _____, and the Word was with _____, and the Word was God. He was in the _____ with God; all _____ were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was _____, and the life was the light of _____. The light shines in the _____, and the darkness has not _____ it.

John 1:1-5 (RSV)

Word Bank

life	Word	God	overcome
thing	beginning	darkness	men



SECOND SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION NEW SUNDAY: MAKING THINGS NEW

Gospel Reading: John 1:1-12

Have you ever wanted a fresh start? Maybe you made a mistake, got into an argument, or had a day that just didn't go well. On New Sunday, also called Nor Giragi, the Armenian Church celebrates the good news that Jesus gives us a fresh start—not just once, but every single day.

After Jesus rose from the dead on Easter, His disciples were hiding behind locked doors. They were scared and confused. But then something amazing happened. Jesus appeared right in the middle of the room and said, "Peace be with you." He didn't come with anger or blame. He came with peace, love, and hope. That moment changed everything. The disciples' sadness turned into joy. Their fear turned into courage. Their hearts were made new.

But one disciple, Thomas, wasn't there. When the others told him what had happened, he said he wouldn't believe it unless he saw Jesus with his own eyes. A week later, Jesus came again—just for Thomas. He showed him the wounds in His hands and side. Then Thomas believed and said, "My Lord and my God!"

Even though Thomas doubted, Jesus didn't turn him away. He met Thomas where he was, and helped him believe. That's what Jesus does for all of us. When we're afraid, or unsure, or even when we mess up, He still comes to us with peace and gives us a chance to begin again.

New Sunday reminds us that through Jesus, we can always become new—our hearts, our thoughts, and even our lives. Jesus invites us to grow in love, to forgive others, and to be brave in our faith. He is always ready to help us become the best version of ourselves—starting today.

ARMENIAN WORDS TO KNOW FROM HOLY BADARAK

Յանձն արաւցոյր => han-tsn a-ras-tsook => let us commit ourselves

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Zantseenus mer yev uzmeemyanus Dyarn hantsn arastsook.
Let us commit ourselves and one another to the Lord.*

(An example is on page 21 in the Liturgy Book)

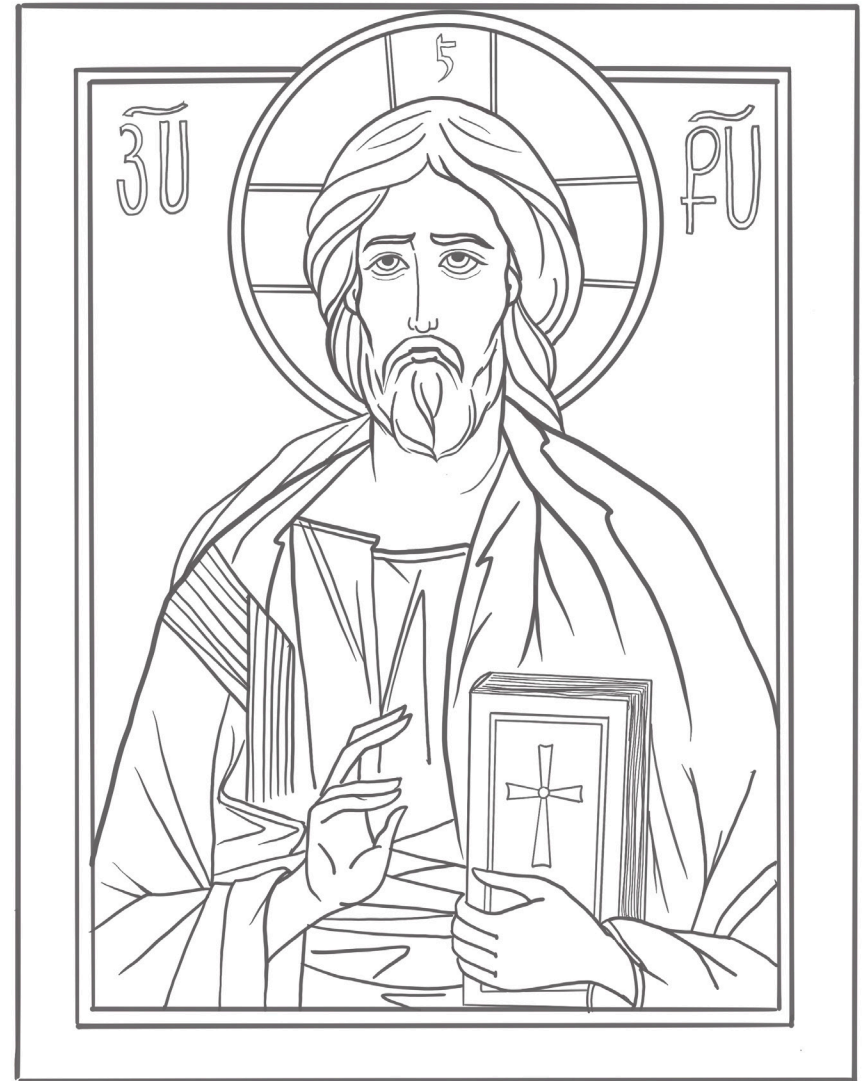
WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

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QUIET	ROAD	MIRACLES	HEAVEN	VILLAGE
VOICES	STONES	CLOAKS	GLORY	LORD
NAME	JESUS	PRAISE	KING	BLESSED
TIED	COLT	PEACE	CROWD	SPREAD

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

When truth is distorted, silence becomes denial. When tyranny reigns, silence is viewed as patience. When friends and good things are slandered, silence is considered betrayal. And when the Gospel is altered, silence brings condemnation.



*In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.*

John 1:1

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