

Lenten Special

Lesson 6. Sixth Sunday of Great Lent - Sunday of the Advent

Teacher Preparation and Materials Needed:

Activity:

Video Lesson: [The Easter Story](#) (duration 10:57)

Song: [Trisagion Soorp Asdvadz](#) (duration 0:57)

MORAL CHARACTER FOCUS:

Continuous prayer and readiness.

Words of the week:

գալուստ – ka-loosd – advent/coming

խոստում – khos-doom – promise

երգել – yer-kel – to sing

Memory Verse:

**“Sing to the LORD, bless His name;
proclaim His salvation from day to day.”**

Psalm 95/96:2

Lesson

Open with prayer:

Իմաստութիւն Յօր՝ Յիսուս, տո՛ւր ինձ իմաստութիւն, զբարիս խորհել եւ խօսել եւ գործել առաջի Քո՛ւ յամենայն ժամ. ի չար խորհրդոց, ի բանից եւ ի գործոց փրկեա՛ զիս. եւ ողորմեա՛ Քո արարածոց եւ ինձ բազմամեղիս: Ամէն:

Eemasdootyoon Hor Heesoos, door eents eemasdootyoon uzparees khorel yev khosel yev kordz arachi ko hamenayn jham. Ee char khorhrtos, paneets yev kordzots prgya zees yev voghormya ko araradzots eents pazmameghees. Amen.

Wisdom of the Father, O Jesus, grant to me the wisdom to think, speak, and do that which is good in Your sight. Save me from all evil and distracting thoughts, words, and deeds. Have mercy upon your creatures and upon me, a great sinner. Amen.

**Wisdom Prayer, written by St. Nersess the Grace-filled (Shnorhali).*

Lesson Body:

This Sunday is the Sunday of the Advent. While this might be confusing, because we celebrate 50 days of Advent during the Christmas season in preparation of Jesus' birth, we also prepare for His coming during Great Lent, before Holy Week.

Advent means 'coming' or 'arrival'. According to the teachings of the Armenian Orthodox Church, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, came to earth for our salvation. He was born of the Virgin Mary, grew up and lived among us. This was His first advent or coming and we celebrate that on January 6th.

The Sunday of Advent is in preparation of the following Sunday, Palm Sunday, which is the celebration of the glorious entry of our Lord into Jerusalem and the beginning of Holy Week that leads us to the celebration of the miraculous Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Throughout His ministry, He promised to return and judge the living and the dead according to their deeds, granting eternal life to those who have done good and eternal torture to those who have done evil.

Jesus asked His followers to look forward to His second coming, but not to be anxious or wondering when it would be. He said that only God the Father knows when that time will be, so that the disciples do not occupy themselves with trying to figure out the day or hour. He also advised to be ready by being vigilant and continuously praying.

Q: *When and how can we pray?*

One way we pray is through singing. The angels praise God through singing and when we sing, we join them in praise. We do this during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, when we sing the cherubic song while the Body and Blood of Christ are on the Holy Altar.

There is another time in the Divine Liturgy that we sing praises to God, yet it changes based on the holiday that the church is celebrating that day. Read the words and see what words change and what words stay the say during the season of the Resurrection and the Sunday of Advent:

Sung during the season of the Resurrection

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, who did rise from the dead; have mercy on us.

Soorp Asdvadz, soorp yev huzor, soorp yev anmah, vor har-yar ee me-re-lotz; vo-ghor-mya mez. (3x)

Sung on Sunday of Advent

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, who came and will come again; have mercy on us.

Soorp Asd-vadz, soorp yev hu-zor, soorp yev an-mah, vor yegeer yev ka-lotz yes; vo-ghor-mya mez. (3x)

What similarities and differences can you find?

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Palm Sunday

Find the Hidden Word

Word Bank

- Jerusalem
- Disciples
- Village
- Donkey
- Master
- Jesus
- Cloaks
- People
- Road
- Hosanna
- David
- Palm
- Olives
- Glory
- Colt

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Review

Memory Verse Review:

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Lesson Review:

Questions:

1. What does ‘advent’ mean? (It means ‘coming’ or ‘arrival’)
2. What ‘coming’ or ‘arrival’ are we remembering and preparing for? (There are two arrivals we are remembering and preparing for: Palm Sunday, Christ’s arrival in Jerusalem and His Second Coming at the end of the world)
3. Christ’s entrance into Jerusalem is the symbolic beginning of what? (Holy Week)
4. Who else sings praise to God? (The angels)

Life Application

What are we going to do with what we have learned today?

Try to pray every day, be honest, read your bible and wait for Jesus’s second coming with an open heart.

** Departing Prayer, written by St. Nersess the Grace-filled (Shnorhali).*

Close with prayer:

Պահապան ամենայնի Քրիստոս, աջ Քո հովանի լիցի ի վերայ իմ, ի տուէ եւ ի գիշերի, ի նստիլ ի տան, ի գնալ ի ճանապարհ, ի ննջել եւ ի յառնել, զի մի երբեք սասանեցայց եւ ողորմեա՛ Քո արարածոց եւ ինձ բազմամեղիս: Ամէն

Bahaban amenayn Kreesdos, ach Ko hovanee leetsee ee vera eem; ee dveh yev ee keesheree, ee nsdeel ee dan, ee knal ee janabarh, ee nunchel yev ee harnel, zee mee yerpek sasanetsayts yev vog-hormya Ko araradzots yev eents pazmamgyhees. Amen.

O Christ, guardian of all, let Your right hand guard and shelter me, by day and by night, at home and abroad, in sleeping and in waking, that I may never stumble. Have mercy upon Your creatures and upon me, a great sinner. Amen.