

RED SUNDAY

The ascription “Red” traditionally is thought to reflect the brilliance of red flowers, which burst forth in bloom at this time of year symbolizing the new life given through the blood sacrifice of Christ. The Gospel of John 5:19-30, emphasizes the life-giving word of Jesus. Like Green Sunday, it has become a custom on this Sunday for clerics to wear red vestments and for the church to be decorated in red.

RED SUNDAY WORDSEARCH

Holy Martyrs of the Genocide

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| H | C | Y | O | A | A | P | H | A | D | N | I | R | D |
| C | E | R | Y | T | R | A | M | C | R | O | W | N | A |
| A | R | S | I | E | E | C | H | U | R | C | H | L | X |
| M | E | H | A | E | T | C | C | U | E | P | Y | R | H |
| H | I | C | A | L | A | E | I | A | D | O | O | L | B |
| R | H | D | E | A | T | H | R | F | H | O | L | Y | N |
| A | P | R | I | L | S | S | H | N | I | H | I | A | H |
| E | C | E | S | A | S | U | I | R | A | R | R | P | D |
| S | Y | V | X | D | E | N | R | N | C | L | C | C | A |
| M | L | H | O | E | N | D | L | R | A | A | R | A | A |
| A | L | I | H | C | T | A | R | E | C | A | H | N | S |
| R | E | O | C | A | I | Y | E | X | A | M | P | L | E |
| E | A | H | V | H | W | R | Y | N | H | N | S | A | S |
| D | O | M | I | E | I | L | I | F | E | V | D | S | H |

BLOOD
LOVE
SUNDAY
DEATH
CHURCH
LIFE
MARTYR
CROWN
SACRIFICE
PREACH
RED
WITNESS
APRIL
EXAMPLE
HOLY
ETERNAL

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/6982515/>

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.



BE MY WITNESS

Red Sunday | Gospel Reading: John 5:19-30

Has there ever been a time when you told the truth and you were punished for it? How did you feel? Why would someone punish or hurt you because you did what was right and spoke the truth?

This is what has happened many times in history to Christians. For many centuries, especially in the early church, Christians would be persecuted and killed because they spoke the truth about God. Many kings and governments saw Christians as dangerous and were worried that Christians would try to overthrow their power. However, we know that Christians are not bad people, but teach and preach love, forgiveness, peace, and life.

Armenians are not strangers to being persecuted for Christ. We have been hurt many times because we believe and follow Jesus. The very first Armenian martyr, Santoukht, gave up her royal crown for the crown of martyrdom. Ever since then, many Armenians have suffered for Christ, like St. Hripsime and Gayane, St. Vartan and St. Ghevont, and all the martyrs of the Armenian Genocide.

During the Genocide (1915-1923), 1.5 million Armenians were martyred because they confessed their faith in the Holy Trinity. Through the spilling of their blood, they became saints and witnesses to all Christ preached. Each of us have that that same blood in our veins and pumping through our hearts. We are related to saints and we can say that a martyr is in our families.

Who in your family is a holy martyr from the genocide?

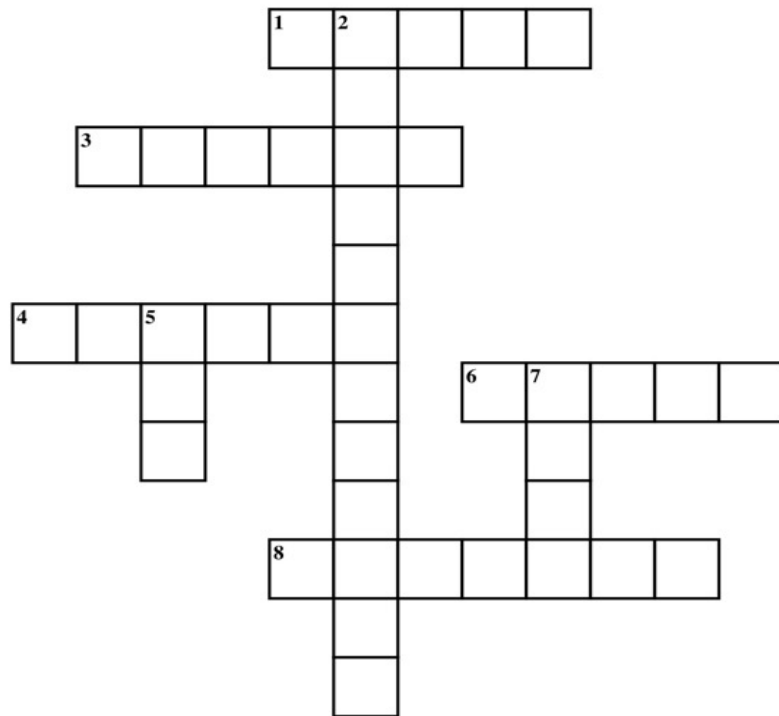
ARMENIAN WORDS TO KNOW FROM HOLY BADARAK

խոնկ => khoong => incense

խոնկ մատուցանեն առաջի քո, Քրիստոս, բուրումն հոգեւորական:
Khoong madootsanem arachee ko, Kreesdos, pooroomun hokevoragan.
 I offer **incense** before you, Christ, for a spiritual fragrance.

(An example is on page 11 in the Liturgy Book)

RED SUNDAY CROSSWORD HOLY MARTYRS



Horizontal

- Martyrs receive this on their head
- The Son of God
- Someone who dies for their faith
- The Holy Martyrs spilled this
- What 'martyr' means in Greek

Vertical

- What will happen when Christ returns
- The Sunday that follows Green Sunday
- What we are granted at the resurrection



"Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth."

John 5:28-29

«Զի եկեցե՛ք ժամանակ յորում ամենեքին որ ի գերեզմանս կայցեն՝ լուիցեն ձայնի նորա եւ եկեցեն արտաքս»:

Յովհաննէս Ե.28-29