

THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

The Feast of All Saints, on the Saturday following the Feast of the Discovery of the Holy Cross, is commemorated to honor all the saints, known and unknown, and to supply any deficiencies in the faithful's celebration of saints' feasts during the year.

In the early days the Christians were accustomed to remember the anniversary of a martyr's death for Christ at the place of martyrdom. In the fourth century, neighboring dioceses began to interchange feasts, to transfer relics, to divide them, and to join in a common feast; as is shown by the invitation of St. Basil of Caesarea (397) to the bishops of the province of Pontus. Frequently groups of martyrs suffered on the same day, which naturally led to a joint commemoration. In the persecution of Diocletian the number of martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each. But the Church, feeling that every martyr should be venerated, appointed a common day for all.

We find the first reference of this in Antioch on the Sunday after Pentecost. We also find mention of a common day in a sermon of St. Ephrem the Syrian (373), and in the 74th homily of St. John Chrysostom (407). At first only martyrs and St. John the Baptist were honored by a special day. Other saints were added gradually, and increased in number when a regular process of commemorating saints was established. In the Armenian Church, saints are only remembered on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

P J B H H V O E Y Z L A D E K
 I E A E S G E R F O D G H E B
 J S P I K S C L O T H E D V B
 T U T R W I C F T V F B Y O N
 F S I S L F J E M B H L N Y D
 T E Z K P G I E A P O P O B K
 O M E W S T Y V W F O V J N E
 J G D W I J P U F P N K T S E
 V F E M A L E R A C H R I S T
 G R Y O Z N K O I Z Y M J K S
 E R K S G M C G T B O E J X E
 P R E F O K D J H R L T U V R
 U E J E R N O N P A L N A H A
 Y A B D K E S L M J X L F X J
 A U R U Q N E U L W S L M L Y

HEIRS	CLOTHED	FEMALE	JESUS	FREE
SLAVE	SONS	MALE	JEW	PROMISE
ONE	FAITH	BAPTIZED	GREEK	CHRIST



RAISING SAINTS

SUNDAY BULLETIN FOR YOUTH

FAMILY

Eighth Sunday of the Holy Cross | Gospel Reading: Luke 8:17-21

What makes a family? There are many different types of families. Some have one parent, some have two, and some just have grandparents. Others have brothers and sisters, while others do not have only one child and still others do not have any children. Some have both a mommy and daddy and some only a mommy or only a daddy. There are some families which are large and others which are small. Some families live together and other families live far away from one another. Some families have friends included and others have everyone with the same last name. So, what makes a family?

For people, a family can be defined in many different ways and can include many different people, but for God, a family is different. Jesus says, "My mother and brothers are those who hear the Word of God and put it into practice" (Luke 8:21). This means that to be part of God's family, we have to hear God's Word (Jesus Christ) and do what He says to do.

If we read the Bible, we see that Jesus says a lot of things, so what are we supposed to do? Really Jesus says we need to love one another. That means we need to show compassion on those who are suffering, forgive those who have hurt us, and care for those who need help. When we love others, we are acting like Jesus acted in the Gospels. He loved everyone, no matter who they were or what they did.

When we love others, we become Christ-like and then we are able to take His name: Christian. We become part of His family and Christ becomes a brother to us, with God the Father being our father and the Church being our mother.

Ask yourself: Are you acting like a brother or sister of Christ? Are you trying to be part of His family?

ARMENIAN WORDS TO KNOW FROM HOLY BADARAK

եղբայր => yeghpayr => brother

Ազատութիւն եղբարց մերոց գերելոց:
Azadootyoon **yeghparts** merots kerelots.
Deliverance for those of our **brothers**
who have been made captive.

(An example is on page 38 in the Liturgy Book)

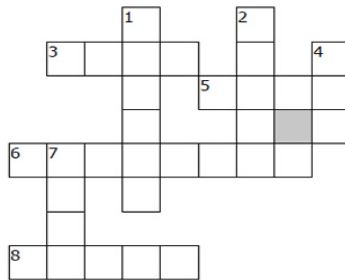
“My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it.”

- Luke 8:21

The Family of God

There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.
Galatians 3:28 (NLT)

Based on Galatians 3:26-29



ACROSS

- 3. A person who is not owned or controlled by someone else
- 5. A man or boy
- 6. Persons between birth and youth
- 8. A native or inhabitant of Greece

DOWN

- 1. A woman or a girl
- 2. A person who is owned by someone else and works for them
- 4. A member of a race of people whose religion is Judaism
- 7. One who receives wealth or property from a parent

JEW	FEMALE	SLAVE	MALE
HEIR	GREEK	CHILDREN	FREE

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

As long as you still trust your own strength, the Lord's strength will never work within you. As long as you still trust your own wisdom, the Holy Spirit will not shine the light of His wisdom in your mind. As long as you still trust your own ability, Jesus will not show His amazing paths to you or teach you at all.

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