

APPARITION OF THE HOLY CROSS

The Apparition of the Holy Cross is the third feast of the Holy Cross and is celebrated on the fifth Sunday of Easter. This commemoration is in remembrance of the apparition of the sign of the cross over the city of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives to Golgotha in AD 351. This apparition was so luminous that it shone brighter than sunlight. It was seen by both clergy and laity who rushed to the churches to praise the Lord for this miraculous sign. Cyril, Patriarch of Jerusalem at that time, wrote a letter to the emperor citing the Apparition as a further proof to convince him to return back to the orthodox faith.

WORDSEARCH

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- PAGAN
- MOUNTAIN
- LOVE
- PATRIARCH
- CROSS
- VICTORY
- CLERGY
- GOLGOTHA
- APPARITION
- EMPEROR
- JERUSALEM
- CONVERSION
- ORTHODOX
- OLIVE
- SUN
- LAITY
- CYRIL



SIGNS OF GOD

Apparition of the Holy Cross | Gospel Reading: John 7:14-23

Has there ever been a time when you weren't sure what to do and you wanted a sign or directions, so you knew what was right? Nobody wants to be wrong, but sometimes we don't know what the right thing is to do.

Many years ago, in AD 351, Christianity had already been acceptable in the Roman Empire, but the emperor at the time decided to support a heresy (incorrect truth about Christianity). No one knew what to believe, this heresy or what the Church was teaching about Jesus Christ.

Then one day a sign from heaven appeared. In the skies of Jerusalem, the sign of the Holy Cross appeared stretching from one mountain to another mountain and everyone in the city saw it. Clergy and laity, Christian and pagan, believer and nonbeliever. Everyone witnessed this miraculous sign and believed in Christ and the teachings of the Church.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, the patriarch of Jerusalem at the time, wrote a letter to the emperor explaining that this was a sign from God telling him that his support of the heresy was wrong, and he needed to support the true orthodox faith in the Church.

If only every time we were wrong God would send a sign in the skies so we would see it and others too. But God does not always do this. Instead, He gives us signs through people we know, nature, dreams, reading the Bible, and hearing sermons. He explains what we need to do, but sometimes we don't like what He is telling us to do. However, what He says is the truth and we need to trust Him with that.

Have you ever seen a sign from God?

ARMENIAN WORDS TO KNOW FROM HOLY BADARAK

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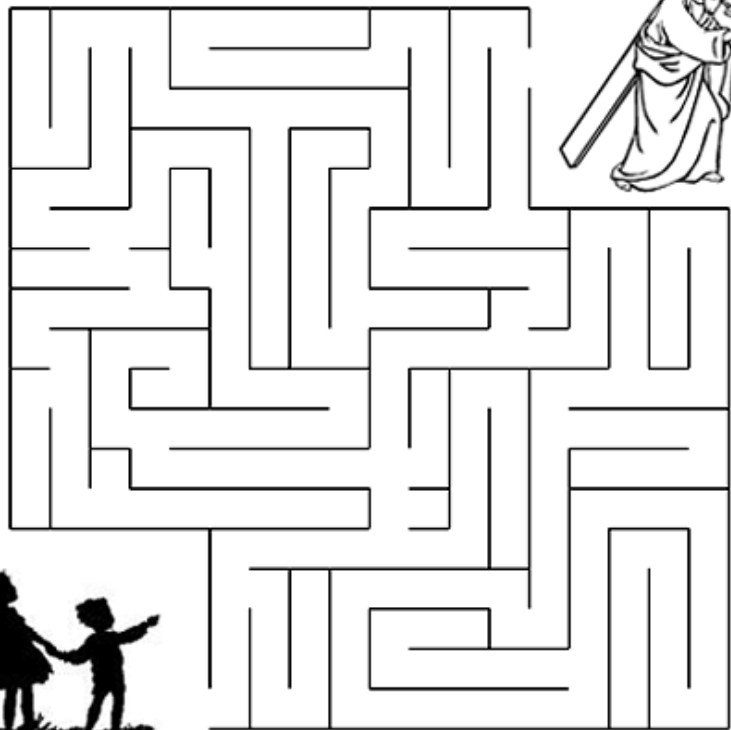
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O **mystery** deep, inscrutable, without beginning.

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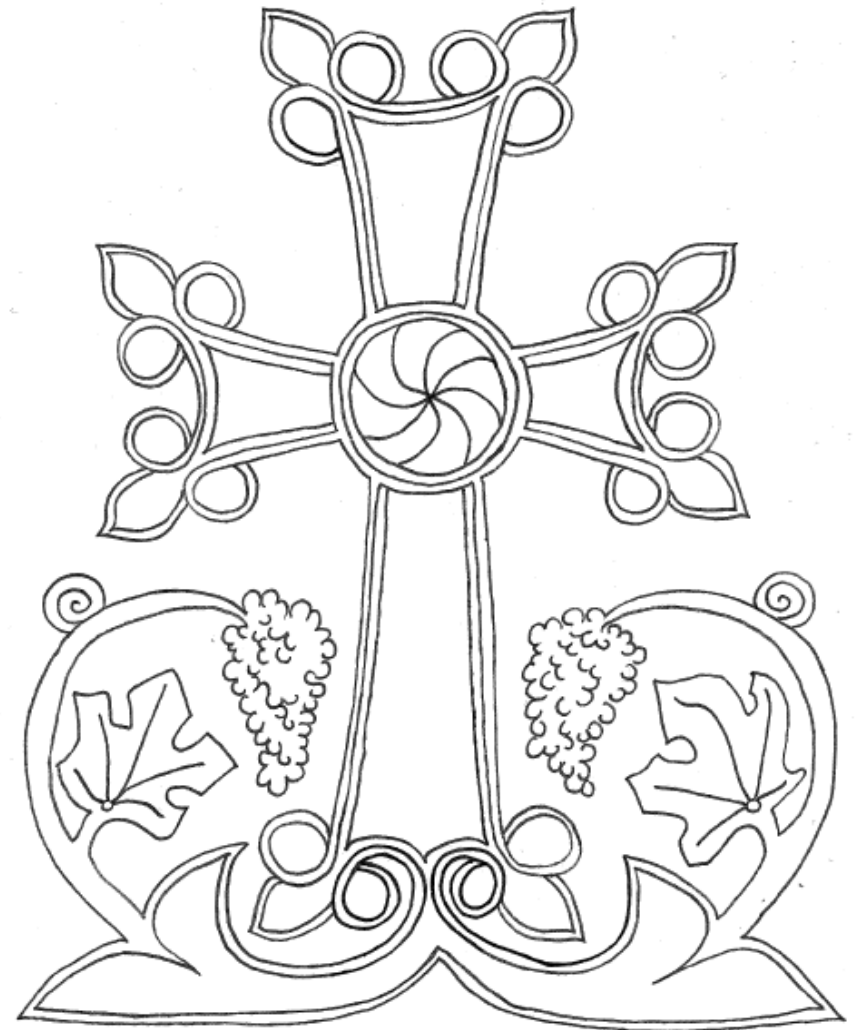
CROSS MAZE



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SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Death is the greatest curse if we welcome it without Jesus and it is the greatest blessing if we welcome it with Jesus. Therefore, accept the living faith of Jesus in your heart, so that death becomes the entrance of blessings for you and not the entrance of a curse.



"My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me."

John 7:16

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