

scope & sequence

A Guide to the Sunday School Curriculum
Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
Department of Religious Education

Nursery

The Nursery Grade introduces youngsters to a wide variety of subjects within the eight standard curriculum units, focusing on the Bible as a book of God's stories, celebrations of church life within the church family, prayer and worship as a way of living with God regularly, sacraments as a special means of feeling God's presence, saints as examples of what wonderful things children can do with God's guidance, history as our special Christian heritage as Armenians, and Christ's life as the great story of God's love for us.

More important than the underlying academic structure, children will be learning *attitudes*, attitudes of reverence for God, love for his Church, trust in his care and mercy, and joy in being at Sunday School with God's greatest gift—life's first friends.

Theme: *God loves us; we celebrate his love; we share with, love, and forgive each other as he does us.*

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Session 2—Jairus' Daughter
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Unit II: Feasts

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Session 3—Pentecost: The Holy Spirit
Session 4—The Assumption of St. Mary

Unit III: Prayer

Session 1—Thank You, God
Session 2—After Meals
Session 3—The Lord's Prayer
Session 4—"Amen"

Unit IV: Sacraments

Session 1—God Is with Us
Session 2—Holy Communion
Session 3—Penance
Session 4—Prayers for the Sick

Unit V: Special People of the Church

Session 1—Saints Are Examples
Session 2—St. Gregory of Narek
Session 3—St. John Chrysostom
Session 4—St. Nooneh

Unit VI: History

Session 1—St. Gregory the Illuminator
Session 2—King Abgar
Session 3—The Golden Age
Session 4—Gregory of Datev

Unit VII: Badarak and Special Services

Session 1—Celebrate!
Session 2—Prayer at Evening
Session 3—Jesus Washes His Friends' Feet
Session 4—Knocking at the Door
(Turunpatzek)

Unit VIII: The Life of Christ

Session 1—Jesus Shared Our Life
Session 2—The Wedding at Cana
Session 3—Feeding the 4,000
Session 4—Jesus and the Good News

SCRIPTURE

Jairus' daughter (Matthew)
The Forgiving Father (Luke)
Creation (Genesis)
Pentecost (Acts)
Bartimaeus (Mark)
Zacchaeus (Luke)
Parable of the Talents (Matthew)
Washing of the Disciples' Feet (John)
Wedding at Cana (John)
Feeding the 4,000 (Matthew)
The Greatest Commandment (Matthew)
The Ten Lepers (Luke)
The Lord's Prayer (Luke)
Prayers for Others (James 5:13-14)
The Good News (Matthew)

LIFE EXPERIENCE

We learn about God from the Bible.
The Cross shows God's love for us.
Like us, Jesus had a mother.
We thank God.

We pray.
 God loves and cares for us.
 God calls us to church to be with him.
 God forgives us. We forgive others.
 The priest comes to bless our home.
 We feel God's love and presence through the sacrament.
 Just as the saints did, we do things for God.
 We care about others—those we know and those we don't know.
 Christ teaches us to serve rather than be served.
 We celebrate the feasts with our church family.
 God shares with us; we share with others.

DOCTRINE/FAITH

The Bible is God's book.
 God is loving and forgiving.
 God is all-powerful.
 God is creator.
 The Holy Spirit is God.
 Mary is the Mother of God.
 The sacraments are signs of God's love.
 Saints are models of Christian living.
 The Church worships through the Divine Liturgy.
 God became man.
 Prayer is talking to God.

WORSHIP/PRAYER

Songs and Activities:

Jesus Loved the Children
 This Little Light of Mine
 Thank you, God
 This Is the Way We Go to Church
 Three Saints Named Gregory
 God Loves Us All
 Now the Day Is Over
 Celebrate!
 Amen Means
 I'll Knock at the Church's Door
 (Turunpatzek)

Prayers:

Hayr Mer
 Prayer Before Meals
 Prayer After Meals
 Evening Prayer
 Prayers for the Sick

Class worship place and procedure
 established: Making the sign of the
 cross, lighting of candles.

ARMENIAN CHURCH/HERITAGE

Home Blessing (dunorhnek)
 The Blessing of the Grapes
 Prayer After Meals (Uzliootiun)

Hayr Mer
 Sacraments in the Armenian Church
 St. Gregory of Narek
 St. Nooneh
 St. Gregory the Illuminator
 King Drtad
 The Golden Age
 St. Gregory of Datev
 Vodunluva
 Vesper's Service
 Turunpatzek

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTS

Student Activity Packet; *Saints for Children From the Tradition of the Armenian Church*, Kalemkerian and Hovsepian (one for each child); *DRE Flash Card Set: "The ABC's of the Armenian Church"* (one)

RECOMMENDED SUPPLEMENTS

Each session includes a book center with recommended titles. Since the list is extensive, check each session (at least a month in advance) for suggested books, all of which can be found at public libraries or in religious or general book stores. Purchasing a permanent set for the Sunday School library would be a worthwhile investment.

Pre-School

The Pre-School Grade introduces the very youngest of school-age believers to the teachings and experience of the Armenian Church. Now in their first year of Sunday School, ready and eager to learn about God and the Church, pre-schoolers are given brief and varied exposure to special feasts, saints, prayers, and songs. All subject matter is designed to delight and intrigue. The Bible is filled with stories of God's creation; feasts are the days of celebration we share with the church family; we worship as a community in the Armenian Church, rich with symbol and meaning; we look to the life of Christ for proof of our own goodness and value in God's eyes. The saints, the mystics, the singers—from Gomidas to Mary, Mother of God—all reach out to the pre-schooler's imagination: How beautiful it is to live in God's world!

We see God in others, and these little children, God's favorites, will feel his presence and enjoy their faith through the fun and laughter of the pre-school classroom.

Theme: The Armenian Church is a special place for us where we can make friends and hear about God with them.

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Unit I: The Bible

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- Session 2—Jesus and the Children
- Session 3—The Agape Meal
- Session 4—The Gospel Writers

Unit II: Feasts

- Session 1—Holy Days and Holidays
- Session 2—Christ Is Born!
- Session 3—Presentation of the Lord
(Dyarnuntarach)
- Session 4—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Unit III: Prayer

- Session 1—Talking to God
- Session 2—The Hayr Mer
- Session 3—Before Meals
- Session 4—After Meals

Unit IV: Sacraments

- Session 1—Special Moments with God
- Session 2—Baptism: The Water of Life
- Session 3—Chrismation
- Session 4—Holy Communion

Unit V: Special People of the Church

- Session 1—Gomidas
- Session 2—St. Vartan
- Session 3—St. Nersess the Great
- Session 4—St. Mary, Mother of God

Unit VI: History

- Session 1—Who Are We?
- Session 2—Conversion: Saying Yes
- Session 3—The Armenian Alphabet
- Session 4—The Armenian Bible

Unit VII: Badarak and Special Services

- Session 1—Praying Together
- Session 2—Vessels of the Church
- Session 3—The Kiss of Peace
- Session 4—We Believe

Unit VIII: The Life of Christ

- Session 1—A Special Person
- Session 2—The Young Jesus
- Session 3—The Ministry of Jesus
- Session 4—The Parables of Jesus

SCRIPTURE

- Creation account (Genesis)
- Jesus and the children—Synoptic Gospels
- The Gospel Writers
- The Parable of the Sower (Matthew, Mark, Luke)
- The Nativity (Gospels)
- The Presentation (Luke 2:22-36)
- Jonah
- The Lord's Prayer (Matthew)
- Joseph and his brothers (Genesis)
- Baptism of Jesus (Matthew)
- The Good Samaritan (Luke)
- The Last Supper (Synoptics)
- Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41-52)
- The Wedding at Cana (John 2:1-11)
- The Miracle of the Fishes (Luke 5:1-11)
- The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5)
- Jesus and the Money Changers (Mark, John,

Matthew)
The Parable of the Lost Coin (Luke 15:8-10)

LIFE EXPERIENCE

We love one another as God loves us.
We share God's love with our larger church family.
The beauty of God's creation can be seen in our own lives (when we plant seeds, for example).
We celebrate holy days to remember the special moments in the life of the church.
The special people of the Church are examples for our own lives.
Believing in Jesus can help us make big changes in our lives.
We pray as a community at the Divine Liturgy.
Like the disciple Peter, we should trust in the things that Jesus tells us.

DOCTRINE/FAITH

The Bible is the most important book of the Church.
Church feasts allow us to re-experience the entire life of the Church.
The Cross is *the* reminder of God's love for us.
Prayer allows us to be in direct communication with God.
Sacraments are signs of God's love.
Through baptism and chrismation we are initiated into the Body of Christ.
Mary is the Mother of God, Asdvadzadzin.
The Nicene Creed is *the* statement of our faith.

WORSHIP/PRAYER

Prayers before and after meals
Classroom prayers
Worship place and procedure: lighting candles
Creation Song
Hovhannes Song
Hayr Mer
Jashagestzook

ARMENIAN CHURCH/HERITAGE

The daghavar feasts
Christmas Tree
The conversion of Armenia
Armenian Christmas
Dyarnuntarach in the Armenian Church
The Exaltation of the Cross (Khach Veratz)
The Hayr Mer
Jashagestzook
Sacraments of the Armenian Church
Gomidas/Im Chinari Yaruh
St. Vartan
St. Nersess the Great

Haig and Bel
"The Monastery of Doves," H. Toumanian
The Armenian Alphabet/ Sts. Mesrob & Sahag
Armenian Bible (Asdvadzashoonch)
The vessels of the Armenian Church
The Kiss of Peace
The Havadamk

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTS

Student Activity Packet; DRE Flash Cards: The Nicene Creed (one for each child); DRE Flash Cards: Prayers of the Armenian Church (one)

RECOMMENDED SUPPLEMENTS

The Orthodox Way, Fr. Kallistos Ware; DRE Flash Cards: Prayers of the Armenian Church; *Conversing with God* (Diocese); *Sources of Our Faith* (DRE); *The Sacraments: The Symbols of Our Faith*, Fr. Garabed Kochakian; *Living the Armenian Church Year* (DRE); *Great Stories: From the History of the Armenian Church*, Hagop Nersoyan; *Saints and Sacraments*, Abp. Shnork Kaloustian; *Dictionary of the Armenian Church*, Malachia Ormanian (DRE); *The Conversion of Armenia* (DRE); *Mesrob Mashdotz: A Fifth Century Life* (DRE). Not referred to in text, but recommended: *Prayers for Armenian Children*, Kalemkerian and Hovsepien (DRE).

Kindergarten

The Kindergarten year encourages youngsters to use their natural sense of curiosity and enthusiasm, thus assuring an exciting adventure for both student and teacher. Although there is an underpinning of structured content material in the eight units of the curriculum, class sessions will include such activities as role play, arts and crafts projects, and a special "rug area" where students will do some serious and fun listening.

Another feature of the Kindergarten year is a letter to parents concerning each unit of study which seeks to involve the home in the child's religious development. Through both home and class activities, the child will come to feel comfortable with God and church.

Theme: God is revealed in creation, maker of all that is seen and unseen; we thank him and know him through Jesus.

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Unit I: The Bible

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- Session 2—God's Creation
- Session 3—A Child Is Born
- Session 4—The Lost Sheep

Unit II: Feasts

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- Session 2—Avedis
- Session 3—Churorhnek
- Session 4—Jesus on the Mountain

Unit III: Prayer

- Session 1—Praise the Lord
- Session 2—Hayr Mer
- Session 3—We Are Thankful
- Session 4—Saying Goodnight

Unit IV: Sacraments

- Session 1—God's Family
- Session 2—God Makes Me Strong
- Session 3—God Shares with Us
- Session 4—Marriage: King & Queen

Unit V: Special People of the Church

- Session 1—St. Stephen: The First Deacon

Session 2—St. Santookht

Session 3—St. Basil

Session 4—St. Paul

Unit VI: History

- Session 1—Who Are We?
- Session 2—The Golden Age
- Session 3—The Cross in the Sky
- Session 4—St. Gregory in the Pit

Unit VII: Badarak and Special Services

- Session 1—We Believe
- Session 2—Morning of Light
- Session 3—Light the Lanterns
- Session 4—Blessed Be the Lord's Name

Unit VIII: The Life of Christ

- Session 1—The Storm
- Session 2—A Good Neighbor
- Session 3—Zacchaeus
- Session 4—The Lost Are Found

SCRIPTURE

- Daniel in the Lions' Den (Daniel)
- Creation (Genesis)
- The Nativity (Luke)
- Parable of the Lost Sheep (Luke 15:3-7)
- Annunciation (Luke)
- Jesus' baptism
- Transfiguration (Synoptics)
- David (Psalms)
- The Last Supper (Synoptics)
- Wedding at Cana (John 2:1-11)
- St. Stephen (Acts)
- Paul (Acts)
- Calming the Storm (Synoptics)
- The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37)
- Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-9)
- Parable of the Lost Coin (Luke 15:8-10)
- Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)

LIFE EXPERIENCE

- God entrusted his creation to us.
- We celebrate the birth of Jesus.
- We are baptized just as Jesus was.
- Jesus teaches us how to pray.
- We thank God through our prayers.

Through baptism, we become children of God.
Chrismation makes us strong.
We learn from the saints.
We worship in God's house, the church.
We turn to God when we are afraid.
We care for others.

DOCTRINE/FAITH

The Bible consists of the Old Testament and the New Testament.
God created the world.
Jesus reveals God the Father.
Jesus is the Son of God.
Prayer is talking to God.
God shares himself with us through the sacraments.
The saints obeyed God.
The church is the house of God.
Jesus offers strength.
Jesus loves the unlovable.

WORSHIP/PRAYER

Songs and Activities:

Thê Daniel Song
Mary's Song
Aravod Looso
Avedis Chant
Soorp Asdvadz
Amen Alleluia
Hishya Der
Miayn Soorp
Amen Yeghitzi
Loos, Loos, Loos
Der Voghormia

Class prayers
Prayer Before Meals
Sign of the Cross (words in Armenian & English)
Hayr Mer
Bedtime prayer
Creed

ARMENIAN CHURCH/HERITAGE

Havadamk
Churorhnek
Jashagestzook
Bahaban Amenainee Krisdos
St. Santookht
The Conversion of Armenia
Armenian alphabet/Golden Age
St. Nersess Shnorhali
Jrakalooytz
Vestments and vessels
Sharagans (see **WORSHIP/PRAYER**)

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTS

Student Activity Packet; Variety of Arch Books;
DRE Flash Card Prayers; Hayr Mer packet;
Taize Bible.

Grade 1

The first grade focuses on the development of love and devotion to the Armenian Church. This evolves through the eight units of study and especially through the students' participation in the life of the Church which is an intrinsic part of the year's study.

One of the major goals of the year is involving parents in the learning process. This is accomplished through home assignments designed to bring parents and children together. The interesting and instructive class activities encourage students to think about their place in the Armenian Church and accept it as their "second home."

Theme: God blesses us; the Armenian Church loves and cares for us and is our second home.

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- Session 2—Caring for the Church
- Session 3—Gathered in My Name
- Session 4—The Church of the Living God

Unit II: Feasts

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- Session 2—Christmas in the Armenian Church
- Session 3—Easter in the Armenian Church
- Session 4—Pentecost

Unit III: Prayer

- Session 1—We Talk to God
- Session 2—Gregory of Narek
- Session 3—Prayer after Communion
- Session 4—The Prayer in the Temple

Unit IV: Sacraments

- Session 1—Sharing Faith
- Session 2—Baptism
- Session 3—Penance/Communion
- Session 4—Prayers for the Sick

Unit V: Special People of the Church

- Session 1—A Light Shining Through
- Session 2—The Mother of God
- Session 3—The Twelve Apostles
- Session 4—St. Gregory the Enlightener

Unit VI: History

- Session 1—Who Are We?
- Session 2—Etchmiadzin
- Session 3—St. Mesrob's Travels
- Session 4—The First Church in the United States

Unit VII: Badarak and Special Services

- Session 1—God in Our Lives
- Session 2—Home Blessing
- Session 3—How the Church Blesses Us
- Session 4—God Blesses What We Eat

Unit VIII: The Life of Christ

- Session 1—A Gift of Love
- Session 2—The Nativity
- Session 3—Jesus and His Family
- Session 4—Jesus and Healing

SCRIPTURE

The early church (Acts)
Pentecost (Acts 2)
Resurrection (Matthew)
Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)
Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-9)
Nativity (Matthew, Luke)
Psalm 43
Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)
Mary (Luke)
Jairus' daughter (Synoptics)
Apostles (Gospels)
The feeding of 5,000 (Gospels)
Wedding at Cana (John 2:1-11)
Last Supper (Synoptics)
John 3:16
Jesus' healings (Luke)

LIFE EXPERIENCE

The Bible contains stories about families like ours.
We can talk to God about anything.
The Armenian Church is our home; we take care of it.
We participate in the events of Christ's life in the church.
The Holy Spirit gives each of us gifts.
Through our baptism, we are welcomed into

God's family.
 We have special friends in the church.
 Mary loves her son just as our mothers
 love us.
 God blesses us every day in many ways.
 I can be like Jesus.
 I have a name day which I share with others.
 My home is blessed by my pastor.
 We have special ways of expressing our
 faith in the Armenian church.

DOCTRINE/FAITH

The Bible is God's book.
 The church is the gathering place for
 Christians.
 The Holy Spirit comes to God's people.
 Jesus is God's son.
 The resurrection is the most important day in
 the life of the church.
 Experience of God is furthered through prayer.
 God blesses his people through the
 sacraments.
 God blesses his people through the Divine
 Liturgy.
 Saints lived lives pleasing to God.
 Mary is first among the saints.
 The Armenian Church shares Christianity with
 other churches.

WORSHIP/PRAYER

Class prayers, including "I Confess with Faith"
 Hayr Mer
 Jashagestzook
 Easter greeting (Armenian)
 Pre-Communion creed

Songs and hymns:
 Soorp Asdvadz
 The Mesrob Song
 Amen Yeghitzi
 Amen Alleluia

Lighting of votive candles
 Prayer booklets

ARMENIAN CHURCH/HERITAGE

Armenian prayers/hymns (See **WORSHIP/PRAYER**)
 St. Gregory of Narek/Book of Narek
 Church calendar of feasts
 Vessels of the church
 St. Gregory the Enlightener/King Drtad
 Asdvadzadzin
 Sts. Thaddeus & Bartholomew
 Etchmiadzin
 St. Mesrob/Armenian alphabet

Home blessing service
 Blessing of Grapes
 Jashagestzook
 Name days
 Sacraments of the Armenian Church
 Christmas in the Armenian Church
 Easter in the Armenian Church

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTS

*Student Activity Packet; Prayers for Armenian
 Children* (Kalemkerian and Hovsepian) one for
 each child; *DRE Flash Card Set: "The ABC's of
 the Armenian Church"* (one for each child);
 DRE poster: *"Five Major Feast Days of the
 Armenian Church,"* Hayr Mer packet; Lamenta-
 tions of Narek; assortment of Arch Books:
*"The Boy Who Saved His Family," "O Happy
 Day," "The Little Sleeping Beauty."*

RECOMMENDED SUPPLEMENTS

*Sources of Our Faith; Pillars of the Armenian
 Church; Saints and Sacraments; Sacraments:
 The Symbols of our Faith; Faith of the Arme-
 nian Church; Great Stories: From the History of
 the Armenian Church; Saints for Children; DRE
 Flash Card Set: "Prayers of the Armenian Church";*
 pamphlet: "Home Blessings at Christmas and
 Easter"

Grade 2

The second grade is designed to help students realize they are part of the church community, both the church of yesterday and the church of today. From the first enlighteners of Armenia to the liturgical vestments worn by today's clergy, students will feel that they are part of a Christian community with ancient roots. Students will be challenged by class activities—from role play to arts and crafts projects—readings, and home assignments, all focusing on Christian concepts. But, most importantly, they will share in the special fellowship that comes from being part of the Armenian Church.

Theme: *We are contributing members of the Christian community; we are the people of the Bible, a community of centuries.*

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- Session 2—The Prophets
- Session 3—Matthew: The Line of David
- Session 4—Acts: The Early Church

Unit II: Feasts

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- Session 2—Sunday of the World Church
- Session 3—Lent
- Session 4—Pentecost

Unit III: Prayer

- Session 1—Talking to God
- Session 2—Praising the Lord
- Session 3—Hayr Mer
- Session 4—Praying for Others

Unit IV: Sacraments

- Session 1—Special Strength from God
- Session 2—Holy Orders
- Session 3—Penance
- Session 4—Holy Matrimony

Unit V: Special People of the Church

- Session 1—Thaddeus and Bartholomew
- Session 2—Isaiah
- Session 3—Saint Sahag and Saint Mesrob
- Session 4—King Drtad and Saint Gregory

Unit VI: History

- Session 1—Who Are We?
- Session 2—Early Heroes
- Session 3—St. Gregory the Illuminator
- Session 4—St. Nersess the Builder

Unit VII: Badarak and Special Services

- Session 1—Worshipping Together
- Session 2—The Havadamk
- Session 3—Reading God's Word
- Session 4—Vesting

Unit VIII: The Life of Christ

- Session 1—Jesus Unites Us All
- Session 2—John the Baptist
- Session 3—The Birth of Jesus
- Session 4—The Old Is the New in Jesus

SCRIPTURE

- Psalm 23
- Noah (Genesis 7:1-9:17)
- The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17)
- Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-11)
- Jesus' baptism/John the Baptist (Matthew 3:1-17)
- Pentecost/the early Church (Acts)
- Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)
- The Temptations (Matthew 4:1-11)
- Psalm 148
- Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)
- Wedding at Cana (John 2:1-11)
- Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37)
- Moses (Exodus)
- Stephen (Acts)
- Adam and Eve (Genesis)
- The Last Supper (Synoptics)
- Genealogy of Jesus (Matthew)
- Nativity (Matthew, Luke)

LIFE EXPERIENCE

- The Bible tells us many things including how to act.
- Jesus had a family tree just as we do.
- We have celebrations in the church just as we do in our families.
- Sometimes we misuse the things God has given us.

As members of the church, we have responsibilities.
We pray different types of prayers.
The sacraments give us strength.
We are shaped by our past, both as individuals and as a nation.
We are part of the worshipping community.
We recite the Nicene Creed as members of the Church.

DOCTRINE/FAITH

A prophet speaks for God.
Jesus is the son of God.
A feast is a church celebration.
Lent is a time of preparation for Easter.
Prayer is essential to the Christian life.
We pray for others in the Divine Liturgy.
The sacraments unite all things in Christ.
The church worships together.
The Old Testament provides prefigural types of Jesus.

WORSHIP/PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer (English and Armenian)
Class prayers
Nicene Creed
General Confession
Krisdos Asdvadz Mer
Arakelo Aghavno
Vork Zartaretzeen—Srpotz Tarkmanchatz
Kohanamk

ARMENIAN CHURCH/HERITAGE

Hayr Mer
Armenian prayers and hymns (see **WORSHIP**)
Sts. Thaddeus/Santookht and Sanadrook
Church calendar
Sunday of the World Church
Thaddeus and Bartholomew
Sts. Sahag and Mesrob/Armenian alphabet
St. Gregory/King Drtad
Etchmiadzin
Ara the Fair/Dikran the Great
St. Nersess the Builder
Liturgical vestments
Havadamk

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTS

Student Activity Packet; DRE Flash Card Set:
"Nicene Creed" one for each student

RECOMMENDED SUPPLEMENTS

Saints for Children; Living the Armenian

Church Year; Mesrob Mashdotz: A 5th Century Life; Great Stories: From the History of the Armenian Church; Saints and Sacraments; DRE Flash Cards #2 (Prayers); The Sacraments: The Symbols of Our Faith.

Grade 3

As Christians we know that God loves and cares for us, that this love is freely given and does not demand that we return the love, or do anything to secure it. But as Christians we choose to respond to that gift by loving God in return, a love we show in our worship—in the Armenian Church that tradition of worship is abundantly rich and fulfilling—and towards others. **We Believe, Grade Three** develops these ideas through its theme by drawing on Armenian Church history and by giving the children contemporary examples of how we are called to respond to this special gift of God. Almost every session of the eight curriculum units contains two stories which puts the theme into perspective for today's child. A healthy variety of accompanying activities are provided as well, to make for an interesting well-rounded lesson and a year of growth and discovery for each third grader.

Theme: *We believe that we are called to respond to God's gift of love.*

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- Session 1—A Special Gift
- Session 2—Moses
- Session 3—Paul
- Session 4—The Apostles

Unit II: Feasts

- Session 1—We Celebrate
- Session 2—The Transfiguration
- Session 3—The Feast of Sts. Thaddeus and Bartholomew
- Session 4—Vartanantz

Unit III: Prayer

- Session 1—Talking to God
- Session 2—The Psalms
- Session 3—The Lord's Prayer
- Session 4—St. Nersess

Unit IV: Sacraments

- Session 1—Saying Yes to God
- Session 2—Baptism and Chrismation

- Session 3—Penance
- Session 4—Ordination

Unit V: Special People of the Church

- Session 1—What Is a Saint?
- Session 2—St. Stephen
- Session 3—St. Santookht
- Session 4—St. Mary

Unit VI: History

- Session 1—An Ancient Church
- Session 2—The Conversion of Armenia
- Session 3—The Bible and the Alphabet
- Session 4—The Creed

Unit VII: Badarak and Special Services

- Session 1—Your Holy Place
- Session 2—Soorp Asdvadz
- Session 3—Havadamk
- Session 4—The Kiss of Peace

Unit VIII: The Life of Christ

- Session 1—Faith and Trust
- Session 2—The Annunciation
- Session 3—At the Temple
- Session 4—A Parable of Calling

SCRIPTURE

- Psalms 117
- Samuel 1 and 2
- Moses (Exodus, Deuteronomy)
- God calls Mary (Luke, Matthew)
- Zacharias (Luke); Gideon (Judges)
- Job
- The Story of Paul (Acts)
- The Twelve (Gospels)
- The Transfiguration (Synoptic Gospels)
- John 3:16 (For God so loved...)
- Light (1 John 1:5-7; Matthew 5:14)
- The Psalms
- The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6)
- Psalms 118:19-29
- John 3:1-7 (Nicodemus)
- The First Deacons (Acts 6)
- The Blind Men (Matthew 9:27-31)
- The Messiah (Isaiah 29)
- Matthew 6:25-33

The Golden Rule (Matthew, Leviticus, Deuteronomy)
Matthew 22:36-40
The Marriage Feast (Matthew 22:1-10)

LIFE EXPERIENCE

God's love is a special gift to us;
we can all respond to this gift.
The Ten Commandments can guide our lives
to God's will.
God's love changes our lives (St. Paul).
We celebrate God's love for us
when we come to church.
We let God in our lives when we pray.
Jesus taught us how to pray when he
gave us the Lord's Prayer.
We pray in many ways, at many times.
The sacraments are an expression of God's
love for us.
The saints are people we can ask
to help us speak to God.
We too can learn to make sacrifices
for Jesus.
We show God we believe in him and love
him in many ways, one of which is worship.
The Creed is our basic understanding
of faith and relationship with God,
which we proclaim and live.
We are called to live by God's great
commandments.

DOCTRINE/FAITH

The Bible is an historic account of God's calling
people, and their response to his gift of love.
The Holy Spirit was promised by Jesus to
guide and nurture the Church.
The Church celebrates special events and
special people.
The Transfiguration marks a further revelation
of Jesus as the Son of God.
The sacraments of initiation make us full
members of the Body of Christ.
Saints are people the Church honors for their
special service to God; we pray for their
intercession on our behalf.
Mary is the Mother of God, first among the saints.
We are an ancient Church founded by the
apostles.
We are Christians who worship God through
the traditions of the Armenian Church.

WORSHIP/PRAYER

The Hayr Mer
Establishment of a permanent classroom wor-
ship place and procedure.

Psalm 100
The Lord's Prayer
Havadov Khosdovanim
Classroom prayers
Psalm 43

ARMENIAN CHURCH/HERITAGE

Holy Communion in the Armenian Church
Vartavar
The Feast of Sts. Thaddeus and Bartholomew
Vartanantz
Vartanantz hymn: "Norahrash.."
The Hayr Mer
St. Nersess Shnorhali
Sacraments of the Armenian Church
St. Santookht
The Conversion of Armenia
The Holy Translators: First
Christian Educators
The Havadamk
The Badarak
Soorp Asdvadz
The Kiss of Peace
Prayers of St. Nersess

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTS

Student Activity Packet; DRE Flash Cards:
Prayers of the Armenian Church (one each);
DRE Flash Cards: The Nicene Creed (one each);
Hayr Mer Packet, (DRE) Several for reinforce-
ment activity; DRE Flash Cards: The ABC's of
the Armenian Church (one for extending the
lesson)

RECOMMENDED SUPPLEMENTS

*Saints for Children: From the Tradition of the
Armenian Church*, Kalemkerian and Hovsepian
(DRE); *God, I Know You're There All the Time*
(DRE); *The Sacraments: The Symbols of Our
Faith* (DRE) *Saints and Sacraments*, Abp.
Shnork Kaloustian; *Four Minor Orders* (DRE);
*Great Stories: From the History of the Arme-
nian Church*, H. Nersoyan (DRE); *The Trisagion*
(Diocese); *3 in 1*, Marx Housen; *Conversing
with God* (Diocese).

Grade 4

The general theme for **We Believe, Grade Four** stresses our ability to enjoy the Kingdom here and now, to make God the center of our lives, and to reflect this in our relationship with others. Unit I introduces the term "covenant" and traces our relationship with God from the Old Testament to the present; Unit II features the Easter cycle and salvation history; Unit III stresses the corporate body of the Church, affirming that the Kingdom is something we share, and that we pray for help to make this earth like the Kingdom for ourself and others; Unit IV looks at God's revelation of the Kingdom through the sacraments of the Church; Units V-VIII explore the saints and other role models of the Church, the growth and expansion of the New Covenant people, the Kingdom as it is manifested and glorified through worship, and the ultimate revelation of God through the covenant-gift of Jesus Christ.

Each unit has an overall project to aid understanding of concepts advanced over the four sessions and to add to the variety of activities and creative work already built into the fourth grade curriculum.

Theme: *We share in God's Kingdom even now in an everlasting covenant with him and with others.*

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Unit One: The Bible

- Session 1—Covenant
- Session 2—The Old Testament: Covenant and the Law
- Session 3—The Two Great Commandments
- Session 4—The Promise of the Spirit

Unit Two: Feasts

- Session 1—Feasts and Fasts
- Session 2—Great Lent
- Session 3—Holy Week
- Session 4—Easter

Unit Three: Prayer

- Session 1—How Do We Pray?

- Session 2—Thy Kingdom Come
- Session 3—Cry unto the Lord
- Session 4—The Prayer of General Intercession

Unit Four: Sacraments

- Session 1—Kingdom and Covenant
- Session 2—The Sacraments of Initiation
- Session 3—Ordination
- Session 4—The Church As Sacrament

Unit Five: Special People of the Church

- Session 1—Role Models
- Session 2—Sts. Vartan and Ghevont
- Session 3—Sts. Sahag and Mesrob
- Session 4—Priscilla, Aquilla and Phoebe

Unit Six: History

- Session 1—Who Are We?
- Session 2—Ecumenical Councils
- Session 3—St. Gregory of Tatev
- Session 4—Gomidas Vartabed

Unit Seven: Badarak and Special Services

- Session 1—A Kingdom of the Living and the Dead
- Session 2—The Kiss of Peace
- Session 3—Hokehankisd
- Session 4—The Last Blessing and Dismissal

Unit Eight: The Life of Christ

- Session 1—Jesus, Covenant and Kingdom
- Session 2—Jesus and the Old Testament
- Session 3—The Kingdom Now: The Beatitudes
- Session 4—Love One Another

SCRIPTURE

- The Covenants of Abraham and Moses (Genesis, Exodus)
- Using the Bible
- The Birth of Jesus (Matthew 1 and 2)
- The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)
- The Last Supper (Mark 14:12-25)
- The Two Great Commandments (Matthew)
- The Promise of the Spirit (John 14:1-26)
- The Temptations of Jesus (Synoptic Gospels)
- Psalms
- The Beatitudes (Matthew)
- Love (I Corinthians 13)
- The Old Testament for Christians

LIFE EXPERIENCE

We can share in God's Kingdom now.
God and the love of others—the Two Great Commandments—should be the center of our lives.

When we celebrate church feasts, we share in the kingdom.

Because Jesus shared himself with us, we can share in the kingdom.

We pray for ourselves and others.

We celebrate the lives of the saints.

We share with our Armenian forebears, the challenge of living and perpetuating our faith, despite obstacles.

We are all called to serve God in some way.

Living according to the teachings of Jesus can lead us to happy lives.

DOCTRINE/FAITH

The Church provides access to the covenant as well as foreknowledge of the Kingdom.
Jesus came to re-establish the covenant lost by Adam and Eve.

The Holy Spirit was promised to and guides the Church.

During Great Lent, we retrace salvation history from the Fall to readiness for Christ's coming.

The Church prays for those who are living and those who have died in Christ.

The Church, the living Body of Christ, is an extension of the Kingdom on earth.

WORSHIP/PRAYER

Classroom prayers

The Hayr Mer

Havadov Khosdovanim

Holy Week choral reading

A 4th Grade Book of Prayers

Psalm 100 antiphon

Psalms with musical instruments

Prayer of General Intercession

Prayer chain

ARMENIAN CHURCH/HERITAGE

Armenian vocabulary

Poon Paregentan

Great Lent/Holy Week

The sacraments of the Armenian Church

Sts. Vartan and Ghevont

Saints Days (Oratzooytz)

Sts. Sahag and Mesrob

The Armenian Church throughout the world

St. Gregory of Datev

Gomidas Vartabed

The Badarak

The Kiss of Peace

Hokehankisd

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENT

Student Activity Packet

RECOMMENDED SUPPLEMENTS

Conversing with God (Diocese); *The Sacraments: The Symbols of Our Faith*, Fr. Garabed Kochakian (DRE); *Saints and Sacraments*, Abp. Shnork Kaloustian (Diocese); *Saints for Children: From the Tradition of the Armenian Church*, Kalemkerian and Hovsepian (DRE); *About the Apostles and Paul*, Channing Bete; *About Women in the Bible*, Channing Bete; *Pillars of the Armenian Church*, Dikran Boyajian (out of print).

Grade 5

The Two Great Commandments of the New Testament tell us about God's love for us and our need to love each other. **We Believe, Grade Five** focuses on this message of love in its theme. Through the course of eight units designed to cover the main areas of church life and faith, fifth graders will journey through Scripture, tradition, and real-life situations that tie together the great truths of the Armenian Church with the challenges of growing up.

Some of the topics covered include the extraordinary parables of the Kingdom; special feast days of Lent and Easter in the Armenian Church; prayer as an important part of everyday life; the special call of Holy Orders; special people of the Church who have come to be known as believers, martyrs, defenders, and teachers; the conversion of Armenia; the Soorp Badarak as the dynamic experience of God's presence; and the names of Jesus.

Theme: *Jesus revealed God's everlasting love for us and proclaimed God's Kingdom.*

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Unit I: The Bible

- Session 1—Gospels Lead the Way
- Session 2—Parables of the Kingdom
- Session 3—The Word Is God
- Session 4—The Miracles of Lazarus and Jimmy

Unit II: Feasts

- Session 1—A Year of Celebration
- Session 2—Jesus Is Named
- Session 3—God Is with Us
- Session 4—"Blessed Are Those Who Have Not Seen and Yet Believe"

Unit III: Prayer

- Session 1—We Begin to Pray
- Session 2—The Journey of Hovhannes
- Session 3—The Holy Trinity
- Session 4—A Life of Prayer

Unit IV: Sacraments

- Session 1—The Seven Sacraments
- Session 2—Baptism: The First Sacrament

- Session 3—Holy Communion: The Most Blessed Sacrament

- Session 4—Holy Orders: The Call

Unit V: Special People of the Church

- Session 1—Believers
- Session 2—Martyrs
- Session 3—Defenders
- Session 4—Teachers

Unit VI: History

- Session 1—Who Are We?
- Session 2—The Spirit of St. Gregory
- Session 3—The Spirit of St. Gregory II
- Session 4—Armenians and the New World

Unit VII: Badarak and Special Services

- Session 1—The Way We Worship
- Session 2—Preparation and Synaxis
- Session 3—The Eucharist
- Session 4—Last Blessing and Dismissal

Unit VIII: The Life of Christ

- Session 1—Christ Is Revealed
- Session 2—The Father through the Son
- Session 3—We Name the Lord
- Session 4—The Promise of the Lord

SCRIPTURE

- Synoptic Gospels
- Seven Parables of the Kingdom (Matthew)
- In the beginning was the Word (John 1:1-5)
- The Raising of Lazarus (John 11)
- The Naming of Jesus (Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:21)
- The Baptism of Christ (Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11)
- The Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8; Luke 9:28-36)
- The Last Supper (Matthew 26)
- The Presentation (Luke 2:22-36)
- A Healing (John 5:2-24)
- The Names of Jesus (Isaiah, Daniel, Job, Gospels, Acts, I Corinthians, Revelation)

LIFE EXPERIENCE

- The teachings of Jesus, the Son, help us to understand God, the Father.
- God's love is with us every moment.

We celebrate the events in the life of Christ.
Our lives have many changes of which we should
be aware and to which we should be open.
Prayer is an important part of our daily lives.
We pray for others.
As we partake of the sacraments, the Kingdom
of Heaven is further revealed to us.
Baptism is the beginning of our life in God's
community.
The saints and fathers of the Church are all
examples to us of living a life faithful to Christ.
Our faith is revealed to God through worship.
We experience the Resurrection at every Divine
Liturgy.

DOCTRINE/FAITH

God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
The Church calendar re-experiences the life of
God's people from the beginning of time.
Jesus Christ was crucified, died, was buried,
and rose again on the third day.

WORSHIP/PRAYER

Classroom prayers
John 3:16
Signing of the cross
Intercessory prayer service
Jashou hymn
Soorp Asdvadz

ARMENIAN CHURCH/HERITAGE

Armenian vocabulary/hymns
Holy Tuesday/Lazarus Saturday customs
Easter in the Armenian Church
The Easter greeting
The Cross
The sacraments of the Armenian Church
The narod
The 40 martyrs of Sebastea
Ancient Ani
The Conversion of Armenia
Armenians in the New World
The Badarak: Preparation and Synaxis
The Badarak: Eucharist and Last Blessing

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTS

DRE Flash Cards: "The Nicene Creed" (one for
each student); *The Trisagion* (Diocese) (one for
each student).

RECOMMENDED SUPPLEMENTS

*Older Children: A Manual for Christian Educa-
tion: Shared Approaches*, Glee Yoder; *The
Sacraments: The Symbols of Our Faith*, Fr.
Garabed Kochakian (DRE).

Grade 6

Sixth graders are notoriously selective about what holds their interest. They are at an age where they will neglect activities that bore, and devote themselves passionately to what excites them. **We Believe, Grade Six** offers an especially abundant variety of activities and readings within the standard eight curriculum units.

Subjects covered include: The idea of covenant, both in its concrete scriptural form and in its looser sense of relationship; celebration as spiritual preparation and Christian joy; prayer as both a personal means of communication with God and as community worship; sacrament as the special saving bond with God; special people of the Church—both of years gone by and right now—who allow us special insight into God's relationship with humanity; Armenian Church history as illuminator of the present and guide to the future; worship as the journey of the particular Armenian Church towards God's Kingdom; and the life of Christ as the ultimate lesson of life and love. In every session, sixth graders are given the opportunity to explore the formal faith as well as their own evolving response.

Theme: *The Armenian Church continues the New Covenant established by Jesus.*

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Unit I: The Bible

- Session 1—A Living History
- Session 2—The Old Testament Covenant:
Abraham and Moses
- Session 3—The Law
- Session 4—The New Covenant

Unit II: Feasts

- Session 1—What Is a Feast?
- Session 2—Advent
- Session 3—The Feast of Ascension
- Session 4—Feasts of the Cross

Unit III: Prayer

- Session 1—Prayer in the Church
- Session 2—The Hayr Mer

- Session 3—Prayers of the Early Church
- Session 4—The Prayers of Narekatsi and Shnorhali

Unit IV: Sacraments

- Session 1—The Sacraments of the Armenian Church
- Session 2—Sacraments of Initiation
- Session 3—Penance and Communion
- Session 4—Holy Matrimony, Holy Orders, Anointing of the Sick

Unit V: Special People of the Church

- Session 1—Martyr Builders
- Session 2—Martyrs: St. Santookht
- Session 3—The Holy Translators
- Session 4—The Rise of Monasticism

Unit VI: History

- Session 1—Who Are We?
- Session 2—Defense and Debate
- Session 3—Hovhannes of Otzoon
- Session 4—Martyrdom and Rebirth

Unit VII: Badarak and Special Services

- Session 1—Nersess of Lambron
- Session 2—"Soorp, Soorp"
- Session 3—Khorhoort Khorin
- Session 4—The Last Blessing

Unit VIII: The Life of Christ

- Session 1—The Eternal Covenant
- Session 2—Jesus, Savior
- Session 3—The Holy Spirit
- Session 4—The Second Coming

SCRIPTURE

- Faith (Hebrews 11)
- Abraham and Moses (Genesis, Exodus)
- Ephesians 6:10-18
- The Ten Commandments
- Psalms 19:14
- Ecclesiastes 3
- Zechariah's Prophecy (Luke 1:67-79)
- Sacrifice (Old Testament)
- The Resurrected Body (1 Corinthians)
- The Ascension (Gospels)
- Gospels

The Bread of Life (John 6:35-40)
The Signs of Jesus (Isaiah 35)
Anointing (Synoptic Gospels)
Parable of the Marriage Feast (Matthew 22:1-14)
Parables (Synoptics)
Mark 1:1-11

LIFE EXPERIENCE

God reveals himself to us in the Bible.
We reveal ourselves in our journals.
God offers us a new covenant in the New Testament; we respond in faith.
We renew our covenant with God when we receive the sacraments.
We prepare spiritually for feasts.
Jesus comes into our lives through the sacraments, reading of Holy Scripture, prayer, the Church, and other people.
We forgive one another as God forgives us.
We praise, we confess, we intercede, we thank, and we ask in prayer.
We receive the sacraments as a special, saving bond with God.
We understand better our relationship with God today by seeing the relationship of God to people of the past.
We renew our own personal covenant with God through Holy Communion.
We are all granted gifts of the Spirit.

DOCTRINE/FAITH

The Bible is the inspired Word of God.
Jesus ascended to heaven and sat at the right hand of the Father.
The cross is the symbol of sacrifice and resurrection.
The sacraments are the sacred symbols of God's love and plan for man's salvation.
Each liturgical vestment symbolizes a Christian virtue.
God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Jesus will return at the Second Coming as judge.

WORSHIP/PRAYER

Varying worship procedures
The Hayr Mer
Classroom prayers
Law of Love worship service
Responsorial prayers
John the Baptist choral reading
Advent song
Zoroootyoon Soorp Khachi
Prayer Before a Meeting (Shnorhali: Imasdootiun Hor Hisoos)
Havadov Khosdovanim

Soorp, Soorp
Vesting Choral reading
Prayers from the Divine Liturgy
Parousia echo pantomime

ARMENIAN CHURCH/HERITAGE

Armenian vocabulary
Daghavar feasts
Feasts of St. Gregory
Hampartzoom
Feasts of the Cross
Soorp Badarak
Havadamk
Narekatzi/Shnorhali
Sacraments of the Armenian Church
The 40 Martyrs of Sebastea
St. Santookht
The Holy Translators
St. Hagop of Medzpin
Hovhannes of Otzoon
The Genocide
Nersess Lambronzatzi
Soorp, Soorp/Khorhoort Khorin
Vestments of the Armenian Church

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTS

Student Activity Packet; DRE Flash Cards:
"Prayers of the Armenian Church"; DRE Flash Cards: "The Nicene Creed"; *Great Stories: From the History of the Armenian Church* (all: one for each student).

RECOMMENDED SUPPLEMENTS

Lamentations of Narek, tr. Mischa Kudian;
Anthology of Armenian Poetry, tr. Diana Der Hovanesian and Marzbed Margossian.

Grade 7

The seventh grade seeks to teach students the importance of knowledge of God. Through their study of the Bible, the Divine Liturgy and all the holy traditions of the church, students will realize that as Christians, we are called to know God as his son Jesus Christ shows him to us. And that the way to know God is to "experience" him. This is the special privilege of Christians.

Theme: We believe that the Kingdom of God is present when we grow in knowledge of Jesus, and in love of ourselves and others through building the Christian community.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Unit I: The Bible

- Session 1—Growing in Knowledge
- Session 2—We Are Responsible for Knowing
- Session 3—How Do We Know?
- Session 4—St. Paul

Unit II: Feasts

- Session 1—Feasting and Fasting
- Session 2—St. Gregory the Enlightener
- Session 3—Holy Week
- Session 4—Exalt the Cross!

Unit III: Prayer

- Session 1—So Many Kinds of Prayer
- Session 2—The Lord's Prayer
- Session 3—We Pray Together
- Session 4—We Pray for Ourselves

Unit IV: Sacraments

- Session 1—Mysteries
- Session 2—Baptism
- Session 3—Serving the Church
- Session 4—The Church and the Sacraments

Unit V: Special People of the Church

- Session 1—Who Are the Saints?
- Session 2—The Apostle Peter
- Session 3—Moses the Historian
- Session 4—Nersess of Lambron

Unit VI: History

- Session 1—Who Are We?

- Session 2—The Years of Muslim Rule
- Session 3—How Our Church Is Organized
- Session 4—The Church Finds a New Life

Unit VII: Badarak and Special Services

- Session 1—We Learn from the Liturgy
- Session 2—The Bible and the Badarak
- Session 3—The Creed: Our Statement of Faith
- Session 4—The Creed: How It Came to Be

Unit VIII: The Life of Christ

- Session 1—Christ and the Law
- Session 2—The Life of Jesus
- Session 3—Jesus the Teacher
- Session 4—Jesus, God and Savior

SCRIPTURE

- Gospels
 - Parables of the Vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16)
 - Thomas (John 20:24-29)
 - Paul (Acts)
 - The Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31)
 - Bible Concordance
 - The Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55)
 - Hannah and Samuel (1 Samuel 1:9-2:11)
 - Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)
 - Psalms
 - Transfiguration (Synoptics)
 - Adam and Eve (Genesis)
 - Peter (Matthew 26:69-75)
 - Jeremiah
 - Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15:1-21)
 - Epistles
 - The great commandments (Matthew 22:34-40)
 - Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12)

LIFE EXPERIENCE

- We are each called to know God.
- Changes provide opportunities for growth in life.
- As human beings, we are always anticipating and remembering.
- We pray in many different circumstances.
- The Lord's Prayer is the center of our personal prayer life and church worship.
- Ritual is present in every part of our lives.
- We can use our gifts and talents to serve the

Church.
In suffering, we follow the example of Christ.
Decision-making is part of life and not always easy.

DOCTRINE/FAITH

God changes lives.
The cross is a sign of victory brought out of defeat.
The sacraments transform God's people.
There are varieties of service in the church.
Saints chose Christ.
The Nicene Creed is our statement of faith.
Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of the Old Testament.
Jesus Christ is perfect God and perfect man.

WORSHIP/PRAYER

The Nicene Creed
The Lord's Prayer
Matins litany
Requiem service hymn
Class prayers

ARMENIAN CHURCH/HERITAGE

St. Gregory the Enlightener
Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross
Moses of Khoren
Nersess of Lambron
Muslim rule in Armenia
The Armenian Genocide
Havadamk
Badarak
Sacraments of the Armenian Church

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTS

Enlighteners of Ancient Kingdoms; Living the Armenian Church Year (several); Divine Liturgy (one for each); Book of Hours (one for each); *The Sacraments: Symbols of our Faith* (several); *Great Stories: From the History of the Armenian Church*; Diocesan calendar (several); Set-of-Six puzzles (8th grade) - one for each student.

RECOMMENDED SUPPLEMENTS

100 Armenian Tales; filmstrip: "Council of Nicaea"

Grade 8

The eighth grade attempts to assure students that they have a place in God's plan for the world and that he will help them to fill it. Through a variety of activities, discussion, Bible exercises and study, students will come to see their place as members of the Armenian Church with all the gifts of tradition and worship that such membership bestows.

Theme: *We receive God's grace in many ways. What have you done with what God gave you . . . ?*

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Unit I: The Bible

- Session 1—Beginnings
- Session 2—Gifts
- Session 3—Gospels
- Session 4—Epistles

Unit II: Feasts

- Session 1—Joy in the Church
- Session 2—Pentecost
- Session 3—The Nativity of Mary, Asdvadzadzin
- Session 4—The Angels

Unit III: Prayer

- Session 1—What Is It?
- Session 2—Thy Will Be Done
- Session 3—Intercession—For Others
- Session 4—St. Gregory of Narek

Unit IV: Sacraments

- Session 1—The Sacraments
- Session 2—Baptism
- Session 3—Holy Communion
- Session 4—Marriage

Unit V: Special People of the Church

- Session 1—People Who Put God First
- Session 2—Two Men for God
- Session 3—Jonah the Reluctant
- Session 4—Forty Special Martyrs

Unit VI: History

- Session 1—Historians
- Session 2—Spirituality
- Session 3—Church Law and Organization
- Session 4—Three Theologians

Unit VII: Badarak and Special Services

- Session 1—How the Church Worships
- Session 2—The Midday Service
- Session 3—The Eucharist
- Session 4—Services of Blessing

Unit VIII: The Life of Christ

- Session 1—Meeting Christ
- Session 2—They Met Christ
- Session 3—Believers and Unbelievers
- Session 4—Friends and Foes

SCRIPTURE

Wisdom literature
Gospels
Epistles
Prophets
Pentecost (Leviticus 23; Acts 2:1-13)
Bible dictionary
Hannah (1 Samuel 1:9-2:11)
Mary (Luke)
Wedding at Cana (John 2:1-11)
Rich Young Man (Mark 10:17-23)
Jonah
Bible Concordance
Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)
Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52)
Simon the Pharisee (Luke 7:36-50)
The Samaritan Woman (John 4:7-42)
Healing of Roman Officer's servant
(Matthew 8:5-13)
The Sabbath (Matthew 12:1-4)
The Syro-Phoenician Woman (Matthew 15:21-28)
Thomas (John 20:24-29)

LIFE EXPERIENCE

We need to develop and use our gifts for God's glory.
The Holy Spirit empowers us to do God's work.
We celebrate God's love for us in the feasts.
As Christians, we should establish a serious prayer life.
God enters our lives through the sacraments.
We can identify with the saints of the Church.
Theologians help us know and understand God.

Historians help tell us who we are.
We both receive God's blessings and bless him ourselves.
Belief depends on our hearts.
Friendship is part of the love Christ showed us—he had friends and we are called to be friends to others.

DOCTRINE/FAITH

The Gospels are central to the Christian faith.
Angels are messengers of God.
Mary is the foremost saint of the Church.
Prayer is essential to Christian life.
The sacraments are signs of God's love.
The prophets and saints put God first in their lives.
The church expresses her faith through her spirituality.
The church has a structure and hierarchy.
The church's worship is based in Scripture.
The eucharist is central to the Divine Liturgy.
Jesus Christ is judge.

WORSHIP/PRAYER

Class prayers
Personal prayer books

ARMENIAN CHURCH/HERITAGE

Oratzooytz
Donatzooytz
Asdvadzadzin
St. Gregory of Narek
Book of Hours
"The Foolish Man Who Went to See God"
(Hovhannes Toumanian)
Lamentations of Narek
Marriage service
Armenian terms for sacraments
40 Martyrs of Sebastea
John of Otzoon
Agathangelos
Lazar of Pharbe
Moses of Khoren
St. Nersess Shnorhali
Gomidas Vartabed
Magar Ekmalian
St. Gregory/King Drtad
St. Gregory of Datev
Hovhannes Mantagooni
Yeznik of Koghpa (the Theologian)
Antasdan
Daily services of the church

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTS

Sacraments: The Symbols of Our Faith (one for

each); *Conversing with God* (one for each); *Lamentations of Narek* (several); *Sources of Our Faith*; Divine Liturgy (one for each); Bible dictionary; Bible concordance; *Living the Armenian Church Year* (one for each); *Great Stories: From the History of the Armenian Church* (one for each); *Enlighteners of Ancient Kingdoms*; *Conversion of Armenia*; *The Christian Literature and Fine Arts of the Armenians* (several); Diocesan calendars (one for each).

RECOMMENDED SUPPLEMENTS

The Order of Baptism (Nersoyan); *Pillars of the Armenian Church*.

Grade 9

Young people of junior high age are searching to discover themselves and to relate creatively to an expanding world and to their own growing faith. Central to their search is the question, "Who am I?", which is implicit in the theme of **We Believe, Grade Nine**.

Areas of interest at this age level covered in the eight curriculum units include: God and our relationship to him; a Christian understanding of oneself as a free and responsible person; what the Church is and does; the meaning of commitment which leads to discipleship, meaningful participation in the life and ministries of the Church; achieving Christian maturity; and accepting Christian responsibility.

Underneath the variety of outward teenage personality is a desire to discover the meaning of life at a deeper level. Christian education at this level—with the help of this text—can appeal to young people's depth of yearning for God, their capacity for heroic courage, and their response to the call for sacrifice.

Theme: *We are made in God's image, free to choose, to grow, to make wrong choices, to sin, to turn from God and others; our faith helps us be reconciled.*

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Unit Four: Sacraments

- Session 1—Freedom to Be in God's Image
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Unit Five: Special People of the Church

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Unit Seven: Badarak and Special Services

- Session 1—Lent and Holy Week
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- Session 4—The Eucharist

Unit Eight: The Life of Christ

- Session 1—The Trinity and The Incarnation
- Session 2—The Temptations of Jesus
- Session 3—Forgiveness
- Session 4—Jesus Identifies Himself

SCRIPTURE

- Daily Scripture reading guide
- The Choosing of the 12 (Luke)
- The Pharisee and the Publican (Luke 18:9-14)
- Jonah
- Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
- Prophets
- Miracles (Luke, Mark, John)
- The Resurrection (Gospels)
- Jesus As a Young Man (Luke 2)
- The Denial of Peter (Matthew 26)
- The Marys (Gospels, Epistles)
- Psalms
- The Last Words of Jesus (Gospels)

Bible concordance and dictionary exercises

LIFE EXPERIENCE

The disciples, who had human weaknesses just as we do, were gradually transformed by Christ as we can be, into apostles of the Good News.

The Bible leads us to decision and action. We chart our spiritual growth in journals. God loves us even when we fail and make wrong choices

The Easter message is our triumph over anything that separates us from God.

Prayer is essential to our Christian growth. When we seek the will of God first, everything else in our lives falls into place.

Sometimes it is difficult to live according to our Christian beliefs.

Meaning and direction for life comes only through Christ.

Baptism and chrismation start us on our life's journey to a right relationship with God.

DOCTRINE/FAITH

God the Father reveals himself through God the Son and Holy Spirit.

We are made in God's image.

Christ is risen!

Man fell because of pride and disobedience; Christ redeems us.

Holy Communion is the Body and Blood of Christ.

Our Church Fathers are a continuing beacon of orthodoxy to the faithful.

Saints are human beings chosen by God to be used in a special way.

The sacrament of Christ is the perfect, final sacrifice.

WORSHIP/PRAYER

Classroom prayers

Prayer partners

Opening meditations

Psalm 25

John 11:25-27

Prayer for the blessing of grapes (Shnorhali)

The Prayer of St. Ephraim

The Prayer of Life Today

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ARMENIAN CHURCH/HERITAGE

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H. Toumanian

Gregory of Narek

The pre-Christian era

The conversion of Armenia

Vahan of Kokhten

The Genocide

Sundays of Lent/Turunpatzek

Khavaroom

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTS

The Sacraments: The Symbols of Our Faith, Fr. Garabed Kochakian (one for each student); *A Sampler of Saints* (one); DRE Flash Cards: "The Nicene Creed" (one for each); *Great Stories: From the History of the Armenian Church*, H. Nersoyan (one each); *The Orthodox Way*, Fr. Kallistos Ware (one); *A Pictorial Guide to the Badarak* (Diocese) (one each); *Passage to Ararat*, Michael Arlen; *The Road From Home*, David Kherdian; *Rebirth*, Elise Hagopian Taft. (The preceding three titles should be available in multiple copies as a permanent part of the Sunday School library.)

RECOMMENDED SUPPLEMENT

God, I Know You're There All the Time (DRE).

Grade 10

The tenth grade seeks to provide an environment in which teens can question and probe their faith while knowing that the Church is there to guide and encourage them.

The curriculum provides a balance of activities: discussion, brainstorming, directed reading, role play and more, all designed to make them feel enthusiastic and privileged to be part of a church family.

Theme: *The Armenian Church as a believing community passes on our faith and heritage, and continues Christ's work as his mystical body.*

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- Session 1—The Celebration of a Life in Christ
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- Session 3—"I Have Called You"
- Session 4—Love in Christ

Unit V: Special People of the Church

- Session 1—Called to Be Saints
- Session 2—The Cappadocian Fathers
- Session 3—The Doctor, the Saint
- Session 4—The Great Women

Unit VI: History

- Session 1—A Believing Community
- Session 2—Conversion to Dispersion

Session 3—The Armenian Church in the New World

Session 4—A Family of Churches

Unit VII: Badarak and Special Services

- Session 1—Soorp Badarak
- Session 2—Liturgy as Instruction; Liturgy as Thanksgiving
- Session 3—For Those Who Sleep
- Session 4—Behold the Lamb of God

Unit VIII: The Life of Christ

- Session 1—The Mystical Body
- Session 2—One Body, Many Gifts
- Session 3—The Authority of Christ
- Session 4—Christ: The Armenian Church

SCRIPTURE

- Parable of the Wise and Foolish Maidens (Matthew 25:1-13)
- Cure of the Demoniak (Mark 5:1-20)
- Jairus' daughter (Mark 5:21-23)
- Stephen (Acts 6:1-15, 54-60)
- Pentecost (Acts 2:1-21)
- Salvation history
- The early Church (Acts 2:41-47)
- The Jesus Prayer (Thess 5:17)
- Parable of Publican and Pharisee (Luke 18:9-14)
- Jesus and the apostles (Luke 6:12-13, Jn 17:18, 22, 23; 20:21-23; Mark 6:7-13; Matthew 18:19-20)
- Ordaining of deacons (Acts 6:1-8)
- Sainthood (Rom 1:1-7; Psalm 16:3; 30:4; 97:10; 116:15)
- Paul (Acts 20:18-38)
- Beatitudes (Matt 5:1-11)
- The Last Supper (Luke 24:28-31; Jn 6:35, 51-58)
- Passover (Exodus 12:1-13, 21-27; Mk 14:12-26)
- The Living and the Dead (Eph 4:15-16; Rom 14:8-9; 2 Tim 1:18; 2 Maccabees 12:43b-45; Rev 14:13; Ruth 2:20)
- Sacrificial lamb

LIFE EXPERIENCE

We seek spiritual healing every time we confess our sins.

God has endowed us with the ability to reflect upon human history.
 As members of the church, we are part of history.
 We pray for each other.
 We prepare ourselves through prayer to be with God.
 When we participate in the sacraments, we are "born again."
 We are the successors of the apostles and as such continue the work of Christ.
 We are all called to be saints.
 Our people's acceptance of Christ has been the origin of their moral, ethical, spiritual and national unity, and victory over the struggles of this earth, throughout the ages.
 During the Divine Liturgy, we remember and experience Christ's sacrifice and offer ourselves as sacrifice through our participation.
 In receiving communion, we are united with all believers, both those living and those dead.
 Each of us has unique gifts which the Holy Spirit helps us understand and use for God's glory.

DOCTRINE/FAITH

The Church is the body of Christ.
 The Church remembers the past in the written word.
 The Church celebrates the presence of God.
 The Church is the guardian of the faith.
 Prayer is an encounter between a soul and God.
 The sacraments give new life.
 In sainthood, God's divinity and omnipotent power are made manifest.
 Incarnation/deification.
 The body of Christ grows.
 Intercession of saints.
 Mary is first among the saints.
 Through the Divine Liturgy, the community celebrates the Lord's presence.
 The Christian Church is the mystical body of Christ.

WORSHIP/PRAYER

Class prayers
 Havadamk
 Hayr Mer
 Jesus, wisdom of the Father
 Divine Liturgy attendance
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 Writing a worship service
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ARMENIAN CHURCH/HERITAGE

King Drtad/St. Gregory

St. Gregory of Narek/Lamentations
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 Feast of Etchmiadzin
 Donatzooytz
 The conversion of Armenia
 Vartanank/Treaty of Navarsak
 Priest's prayer of preparation
 Havadov Khosdovanim
 St. Nersess Shnorhali
 Der Voghormia
 Baptismal narod
 Holy Muron
 John of Otzoon
 St. Gregory of Datev/Book of Questions
 Divine Liturgy litanies
 Genocide of 1915
 Madagh
 Ordination service prayer

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTS

Nicene Creed tract (AACCA) for each student;
Donatzooytz (Book of Feasts) (one); Divine Liturgy books for each student; *The Sacraments: The Symbols of our Faith* (one for each); *The Four Minor Orders* (one for each).

RECOMMENDED SUPPLEMENTS

Biblical and Liturgical Charts; Yeghishe's *The History of Vartan and the Armenian War*.

Grade 11

The eleventh grade consists of four "mini-courses," the duration of each ranging from five to eight weeks. Each mini-course is designed to stand on its own: therefore, they do not necessarily have to be taught in sequence. The topics chosen are those crucial to teenagers personally ("Identity" and "Morality") and to their future as members of the Body of Christ ("The Church" and "Stewardship"). Class sessions are designed to be student-centered and the teacher's role is that of facilitator, guiding and directing students to reach their own conclusions and relating content to their own life experience. This new and different approach to religious education promises to be a challenge to your young people.

IDENTITY: Our faith and heritage shape who we are.
MORALITY: Our faith helps us make the right decisions in life.

THE CHURCH: Knowing our faith can help us live it.
STEWARDSHIP: Serving the Church, the community, and the world is a vital element of our faith.

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IDENTITY

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- Session 4—Where Is My Community?
- Session 5—Who Are My Friends?
- Session 6—Why Should I Care?
- Session 7—Do I Make Time for God?
- Session 8—Where Am I Going?

MORALITY

- Session 1—What's Right? What's Wrong?
- Session 2—Love
- Session 3—Love
- Session 4—The Future
- Session 5—What's Important?

THE CHURCH

- Session 1—The Bible

- Session 2—Feasts
- Session 3—Prayer
- Session 4—Sacraments
- Session 5—Special People of the Church
- Session 6—History
- Session 7—Badarak and Special Services
- Session 8—The Life of Christ

STEWARDSHIP

- Session 1—God's Stewards
- Session 2—The Earth
- Session 3—The Body
- Session 4—The Other
- Session 5—Money

SCRIPTURE

- Identity* (Jeremiah 1:4-9; Isaiah 43:1-3; Ephesians 4:1-7)
- Family Relationships (Proverbs 22:6; 23:22-25; Mark 7:10; 2 Corinthians 12:14; Ephesians 5:21,25; 6:1-4; Colossians 3:12-17, 19-21)
- Friendship (Matthew 7:12; Romans 12:9-18; Galatians 5:14-15; Colossians 3:5-15)
- Caring for the poor and hungry (Isaiah 55:1-5; Matthew 15:29-39; 25:31-36; Luke 12:22-31; John 7:37; James 2:14-17)
- Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-42)
- Temptations of Jesus (Matthew 4:1-11)
- Parable of the Treasure and Pearl (Matthew 13:44-46)
- The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17)
- Morality* (Proverbs 24:1-6; Matthew 6:19-21; 22:36-40; 25:14-30; John 15:5-16; Romans 8:19-25; 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Galatians 3:23-28; 5:14; Ephesians 1:17-23; Philippians 4:8; Colossians 1:5-17; 1 John 4:7-21; Revelation 2:1-5)
- Stewardship* (Genesis 1:26-31; Deuteronomy 14:28-29; 15:1-2; 24:19-22; Proverbs 19:17; Matthew 6:19-21; Mark 10:17-31; Luke 6:38; 18:18-25; 21:1-4; Romans 12:1-3; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 4:1-2; 6:12-21; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8; Galatians 5:16-24; 1 Peter 4:10)
- Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30)

LIFE EXPERIENCE

Each of us must discover who we are as unique and special in God's eyes.

Life presents many dilemmas in which male/female roles conflict.

Scripture helps us deal with family relationships. Our ethnic background is an important part of who we are.

Relationships involve responsibility.

As Christians, we are called to care for the poor and hungry of the world; as Armenians, we have been poor and hungry.

In a busy world, it is important to take time to cultivate a personal relationship with God.

Our life goals are an important part of who we are.

Examining our moral values in light of the Ten Commandments can give us insight into ourselves.

Love is more than words and feelings; it is action.

The qualities of love and Christian morality expressed in Scripture are useful in everyday living.

We must work to make the Church effective in the world.

The things that are important to us—our values, beliefs, etc.—shape our lives.

The Bible has relevance for us today.

The feasts of the church involve us in the life of Christ.

Prayer is a means of cultivating a personal relationship with God.

By participating in the sacraments, we celebrate the sanctity of life.

There is much in the lives of the saints after which we can model ourselves.

History helps us know better who we are today.

The life and teachings of Christ are the cornerstone of our religious education.

God asks that we be good stewards of our own talents and abilities.

God gave the responsibility to us, as stewards of Creation, to care for his earth.

It is our responsibility to be good stewards of our bodies.

DOCTRINE/FAITH

The Bible gives direction in humanity's search for identity.

The family unit is an integral part of Christian life.

Male and female are created in the image of God and as such are equal.

The Ten Commandments are guidelines for the moral conduct of God's people.

There are different kinds of love, but all are

rooted in God.

Christians are responsible for the care of the world.

A Christian's goals are compatible with Christ's teachings.

The Church Calendar provides structure and continuity to its celebrations.

Prayer takes many forms.

There are seven sacraments in the church, each fulfilling a specific need.

Saints are people with special qualities which the Church honors.

The Divine Liturgy, as well as the worship place, the vessels and vestments of the Church, are rich in symbolism and meaning.

Jesus is the center of the Christian faith.

Christian stewardship is the responsibility of the Church.

God is the creator; therefore, all the earth's resources are his.

The human body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. Christians, as stewards of God, have an obligation to serve those less fortunate.

WORSHIP/PRAYER

Daily class prayers

ARMENIAN CHURCH/HERITAGE

The Armenian Genocide

"The Foolish Man Who Went To See God" (Hovhannes Toumanian)

"Do You Want to Be Admired?" (Nahabed Kouchag)

"The Advice" (Barouyr Sevag)

"Again, O Love" (Vahan Tekeyan)

"I Loved" (Vahan Tekeyan)

"Prayer on the Threshold of Tomorrow" (Vahan Tekeyan)

Feasts of the Church

Church Calendar

Prayers of St. Nersess the Grace-filled

Sacraments

Saints of the Armenian Church

Armenian Church history

Divine Liturgy

The worship place

"Everyone Has His Own Road" (Medakse)

"The Mother Is Newly Made Bread" (Armenian Folk Poem)

"My Eyes Are Inherited" (Razmig Tavoyan)

"The Armenian Spirit" (Vahan Tekeyan)

"Ararat" (Kevork Emin)

"Tillers" (Daniel Varoujan)

"Money" (Baghdasar Tbir)

Continued after Grade 12

Grade 12

The twelfth grade is designed primarily to help the student adjust from "Sunday School" Christianity to real living. It explores basic Christian themes as derived from the Beatitudes, reviews and refreshes the student's grasp of Armenian Church history and doctrine and reinforces the idea of Christian community within the Armenian Church. The formal class sessions help students in their personal faith journeys as well as strengthen their Armenian Christian identity.

Students get together once a month for 1-1/2 hour classes while they spend the rest of their time in actual service to the church community, either teaching as assistants, serving on the altar, working in the church office, bookstore, as a hokadar, a youth worker, running a food-for-the-needy program, or in any other church project to which they have chosen to contribute their abilities.

Theme: Each member of the Body of Christ, lay or ordained, is called to serve.

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Blessed are the merciful

Session Seven

Blessed are the pure in heart

Session Eight

Blessed are the peacemakers

Session Nine

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake

Session Ten

Living the Beatitudes

SCRIPTURE

The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew, Luke)

The Parables of the Kingdom

(Synoptic Gospels)

The Grain of Wheat (John)

On Suffering (Job)

On the Light of the Lord (Isaiah)

The Story of Lazarus (John)

Stephen, the First Martyr (Acts)

Righteous Anger (Acts)

Jesus and the Money Changers (Matthew)

Knock and It Shall Be Opened (Matthew)

The Prodigal Son/Good Samaritan (Luke)

The Annunciation (Luke)

On Peace (John, Ephesians)

On Peace, War, Justice (Jeremiah, Deuteronomy, Isaiah, John, Colossians, Ephesians)

LIFE EXPERIENCE

We are called personally to respond to the Beatitudes.

We need God for real happiness.

To be human, free, to live and grow, all of this can bring death, loss and mourning.

A good life is a life with God at the center.

The Truth sets us free by making us fearless.

We incorporate the Christian ethic into our own lives: through service to our loved ones and family; through service to our larger family, the Armenian Church; through service to humanity.

We remember God's mercy in being merciful to others.

DOCTRINE/FAITH

The two great commandments of the New Testament: Love God with all your heart; love your neighbor as you do yourself.

God extends hope.
The Incarnation is *the* example of mercy.

WORSHIP/PRAYER

The Hayr Mer
Scripture Prayers
The Lamentations of Narek

ARMENIAN CHURCH/HERITAGE

The Life of Mashtotz (Koriun)
The Lamentations (Krikor Naregatz)
Jesus Son (St. Nersess Shnorhali)
Vahan Tekeyan
On Death (Abp. Shnork Kaloustian)
"The Seas of My Behavior" (Mesrob Mashdotz)
Vartan and the Armenian War (Yeghishe)
Movses Khorenatzi
"The Advice" (Barouyr Sevag)
Men Without Childhood (Andranik Zaroukian)
"Do You Want to be Admired?" (Nahabed Kouchag)
The Urchin (Kerop Bedoukian)
Daughter of the Euphrates (Elizabeth Caraman)
Scenes From an Armenian Childhood (Vahan Totovents)
Khrimian Hayrig

Grade 11, continued

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTS

Dictionary (several). You will need one copy of the following for each student: Bible Concordance; Bible dictionary; Divine Liturgy book; *The Sacraments: The Symbols of Our Faith*, Fr. G. Kochakian; Diocesan calendars; *Dictionary of the Armenian Church*, M. Ormanian; *Saints and Sacraments*, Bishop S. Kaloustian; *Living the Armenian Church Year*; DRE poster: "The Five Major Feasts of the Armenian Church"; "I Confess with Faith," prayer of St. Nersess the Grace-filled; *God, I Know You're There All the Time*; *The Four Minor Orders of the Armenian Church*, Fr. G. Kochakian; *Sources of Our Faith*, V. Goekjian Zahirsky; Biblical and Liturgical Charts; *Great Stories: From The History of the Armenian Church*, H. Nersoyan; *The Armenian Church: A Brief Outline*; *The Conversion of Armenia*; *Book of Hours*; *The Divine Liturgy*, Archbishop T. Nersoyan; *Interpreting the Parables*, A.M. Hunter; *Sacraments and Prayers of the Armenian Church*, ACYOA.



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