

## ARMENIAN CHURCH WEDDINGS

The sacrament of Holy Matrimony is the sanctification of the union between a man and a woman for a life in marriage in Christ. As in all Orthodox Churches, the Armenian Orthodox Church refers to this sacrament as, “Սուրբ Պսակ/Sourb Psak/Holy Crowns”.

The main part of this sacrament is when the bride and groom are crowned as king and queen of their small kingdom, which is their newly established family. They are called to faithfully love each other until the end of their lives and to rule their kingdom with faith and wisdom.

The rite of crowning is followed by the blessing of the common cup of wine. A cup of wine is blessed in remembrance of the Marriage at Cana of Galilee in the presence of Christ. Both the bride and groom drink from the same cup. This is the first act that the newly wed couple does together. It is also a reminder of what marriage is: something that is sweet, but takes years to become sweet. As the bride and groom drink from the cup they are called on to share everything in life from that moment on.

## WEDDING IN CANA QUESTIONS

- \_\_\_ 1. A ceremony joining a man and woman as husband and wife  
A. taste B. cheap C. wedding D. wine
- \_\_\_ 2. A beverage made of the fermented juice of grapes  
A. miracle B. servant C. wine D. best
- \_\_\_ 3. An event that cannot be explained by the laws of nature  
A. best B. wedding C. servant D. miracle
- \_\_\_ 4. One who is employed to perform services for someone else  
A. wine B. servant C. water D. taste
- \_\_\_ 5. To eat or drink a small amount  
A. wine B. miracle C. cheap D. taste
- \_\_\_ 6. A clear, colorless, odorless, and tasteless liquid, H<sub>2</sub>O  
A. taste B. water C. best D. servant
- \_\_\_ 7. Low in cost; of poor quality; inferior  
A. servant B. water C. cheap D. wedding
- \_\_\_ 8. Of the highest quality; One that surpasses all others  
A. best B. wine C. wedding D. water

Source: Sermons 4 Kids, Inc.



## Where Do You Find Help?

First Sunday of Theophany | Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11

Help comes in all forms. When we are in trouble, we turn to different people for help. If there are bad people around, we call the police. If there is a fire, we call firemen. If someone is really sick, we call a doctor. If there are bullies around, we call a teacher. But whom do we call in other situations?

In the Gospel reading, Jesus, His mother, and His disciples were invited to a wedding and were at the party. During the party, they ran out of wine. This was a horrible thing to have happen because a wedding is a time for celebrating and if there is no wine, people would think the celebration is over.

Mary, the Mother of God, knew that the wine had finished and went to Jesus for help. She did not go to the servants and send them to buy more wine, nor did she ask others to help, nor did she try to take care of the situation, but she knew to go to her son for help.

At first, Jesus said it wasn't His time to show His miracles and be glorified, but His mother knew He would take care of everything and told the servants to listen to Him.

Ultimately, He turned six big jars of water into wine in an instance. Wine takes months and years to make, but Jesus did it in a blink of an eye and it was the most delicious wine anyone had ever tasted.

When problems arise in our lives, we often go to other people for help and we forget to go to God first. Sometimes we try to take care of everything and not ask for help, but God is there to help us, we only need to ask. We do this in prayer and with humility, asking God to help, guide, and assist us in our troubles.

When you are in trouble, whom do you turn to?

Do you turn to God in prayer first or do you worry?

## ARMENIAN WORDS TO KNOW FROM HOLY BADARAK

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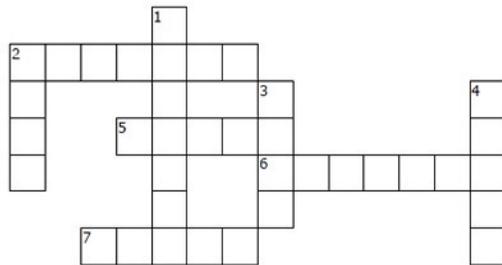
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Vasn amenayn soorp yev **ooghapar** yebeesgobosats uzDer aghachestsook.

For all holy and **orthodox** bishops, let us beseech the Lord.

(An example is on page 15 in the Liturgy Book)

## WEDDING CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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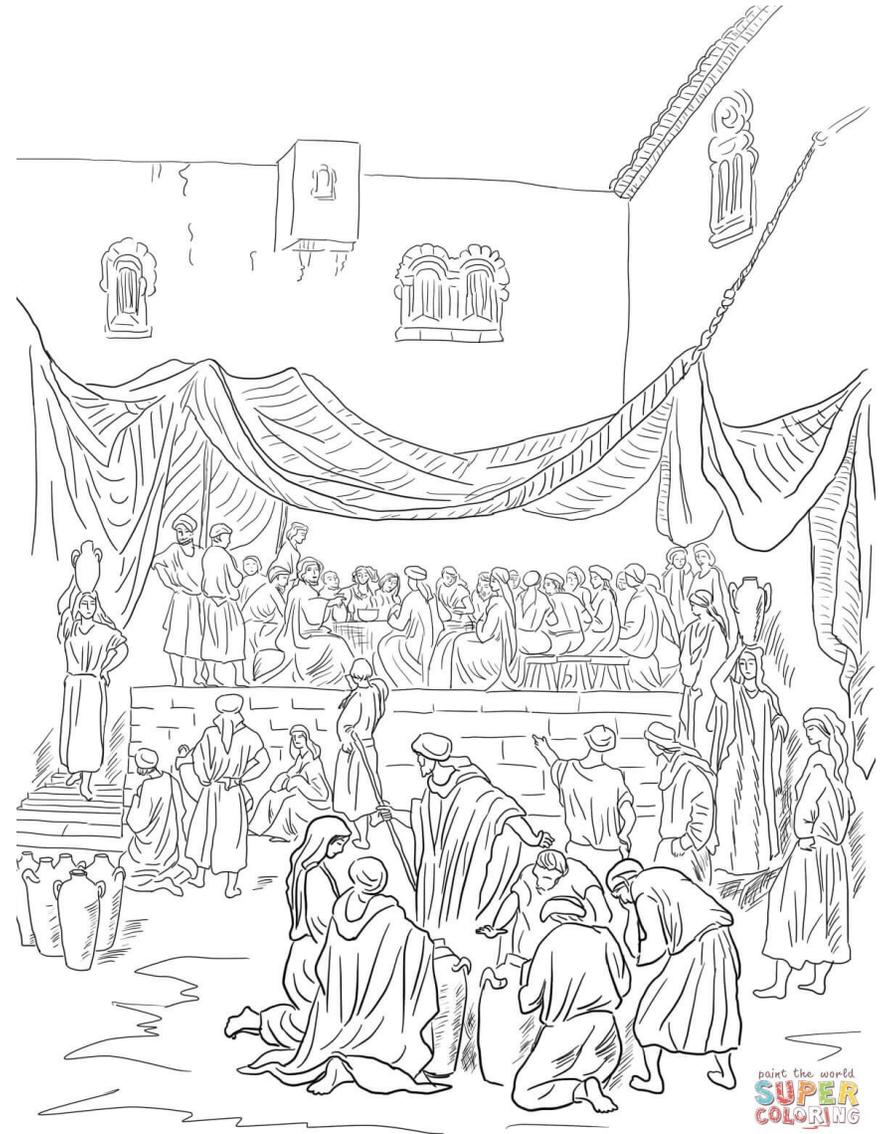
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## SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

There are so many believers who ask for a sign from the Lord, so that they may believe. Dear fellow believers, we must not forget that believing without demanding proof makes us worthy of a great reward (Jn. 20:29). If we are going to believe only after seeing dreams and visions or signs of miracles, be sure that we will lose that reward which God promises to those who believe without demanding proof.



His mother said to the servants, "Whatsoever He says to you, do it."

John 2:5

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