

RAISING SAINTS



CHILDREN + FAMILY MINISTRY // WEEKLY GUIDE FOR STUDENTS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - RED SUNDAY LEVEL 1: AGES 5 - 8

Last Sunday was the Sunday of the World Church which we also call Green Sunday. You learned that in the spring trees come back to life when their green leaves grow. This Sunday, April 30, is the Fourth Sunday of Easter which we also call Red Sunday. Can you guess why? Find out by filling in the blanks with the letter which matches the color of the line. What word do you read?

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- It is still spring and you see many flowers blooming. You probably see e tulips, azalea bushes blooming in r d flowers.
- Jesus grew up and lived in what we now call Holy Land. There, and in the neighboring countries of the Middle East e wild poppies bloomed on the hillsides.
- Our people have given St. Vartan a nickname “ga m i Vartan” that is “ e Vartan” because he shed his r d blood when he died in the battle of Avarayr to defend his people’s freedom to worship Jesus Christ.
- Of course, Jesus our Lord shed his red blood on the cross for our sake. At Easter Divine Liturgy we sing this at the beginning of the service:

*Krisdos har-yav ee me-re-lotz, mah-vamp uz-mah
gokh-yatz, yev ha-roo-tyam-pun yu-rov,
mez uz-gya-nus bar-kev-yatz.
Numa park ha-vid-yans. Amen.*

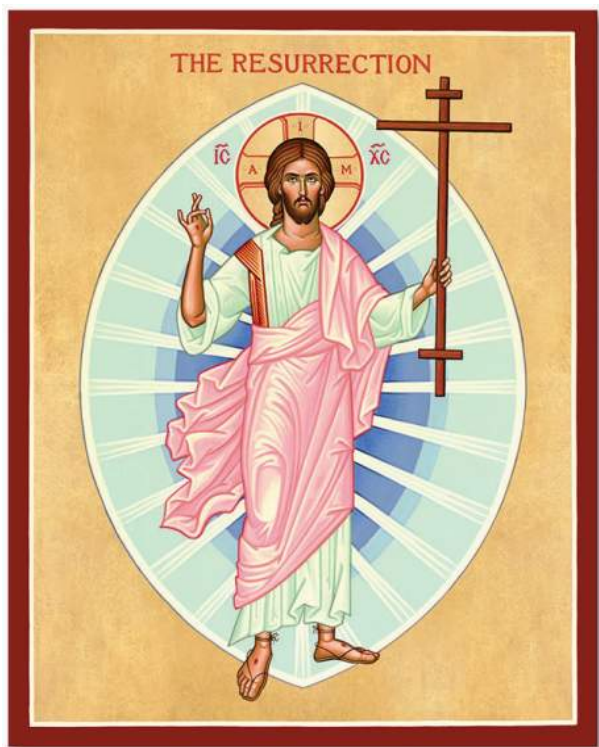
Christ is risen from the dead. Trampling down death by death, and through his resurrection he granted us life. To him be glory forever. Amen.



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LEVEL 2: AGES 9 - 12 & LEVEL 3: AGES 13 - 17

April 30 this year is the fourth Sunday of Easter, also popularly called Red Sunday. The third Sunday which fell on April 23 as the Sunday of the World Church was popularly called Green Sunday. Our Church has given these popular colorful names, because we are reminded that through Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross and his resurrection, we are given new life, just as in the spring new growth in colors of green leaves and red tulips and poppies are signs of a newness of life.



The color red is associated with confronting struggle. For example:

- A red cloth held up to a bull during a bullfight invites the bull to combat the man holding it.
- Our people have given St. Vartan a nickname as "garmir Vartan" that is "red Vartan" to indicate that he shed his red blood for the defense of his country's freedom to worship Christ.
- Christendom depicted the risen Christ in many icons clothed in red and holding a red flag with the sign of the cross on it. The red color reminds us of the blood of Christ shed on the Cross. As Christ's sacrifice resulted in victory, our own sacrifices in this world to overcome sin or evil will result in ultimate victory in Christ.

How frequently do you struggle to:

- choose between good and evil,
- strive to live honestly,
- stand up for justice for all,
- and above all try to love everyone, despite our differences?

Write your thoughts here and explain what you do succeed in behaving with these virtues? To whom do you turn when you find it difficult?

When the challenge to live and behave virtuously becomes difficult for you, remember to turn to our Lord Jesus Christ, because through his death and resurrection he has given us the ability to crush the power of the Evil One and come out victorious. Pray the Easter Introit which is chanted at the beginning of Easter Divine Liturgy to find your strength.

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God bless you always.

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