

The Sacraments

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Lenten Sermon Series

Sundays
Feb.22-Mar.22
11:30-12:15 PM

For hundreds of years in the Armenian Church, Lent has been a time for study and growth in faith. After our shorter Lenten Badarak, and in place of a sermon, Fr. Hovnan will lead an interactive in-church study on the sacraments. Parishioners are encouraged to take notes and answer questions. Badarak will begin as usual at 10:30, the study will go from 11:30-12:15. Church will end at the regular time.

2/22	<p>Introduction to the Sacraments <i>What is a sacrament? How many are there? What is խորհուրդ, and what is the Armenian Church understanding of sacrament? Can all of life be a sacrament?</i></p>
3/01	<p>The Sacraments of Initiation (baptism, chrismation, communion) <i>Does the Armenian Church have confirmation? Why did the church fathers say there are 8 baptisms? Do we believe in the “real presence” of Christ in the bread and wine?</i></p>
3/08	<p>Sacraments of Reconciliation (communion, repentance, healing) <i>Why did the “penitent” use to exit the church during Badarak? What is the role of Godly tears in repentance? Does the Armenian Church have last rites?</i></p>
3/15	<p>Sacraments of Service (holy orders, marriage) <i>Do you have to be Armenian to become an Armenian priest? Were women ordained deacons in our church? Does the Armenian church grant annulments?</i></p>
3/22	<p>The Church as Sacrament <i>How does the Armenian Orthodox understand “the church”? How is this different from other churches and how is it the same? If the church houses sinful people and deeds, is it no longer a sacrament?</i></p>