

## WHAT IS A LITANY?

A litany is a request, made by the deacon, with a response from the people. Some litanies begin with Եւ եւս խաղաղութեան... (Yev yevus khaghaghootyan), վասն... (vasn), and սուրբ խաչիւ... (soorp khacheevus). Almost all litanies do two things: first, they ask God for something, like peace, rest, or forgiveness and second, it reminds the people that everything comes from God. When the deacon chants a litany, he reminds us that we depend on God. Sometimes we forget this when we are at home, school or with friends, but we must try not to forget that God is always with us and all we have are gifts from Him.

## CROSSWORD



WMOAN       
9 3

RFUIT       
8 5

ERTE      
7 2

GNERDA        
6 10

SPERENT          
4 1

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Unscramble each word, then use the marked letters to reveal the secret word.

HERE ARE SOME CLUES IN CASE YOU NEED HELP!

The opposite of man. Genesis 3:1

Apples, oranges, bananas, peaches, etc. Genesis 3:3

A large plant with a wooden trunk and branches. Genesis 3:1

A beautiful place with trees, plants, and flowers. Genesis 3:1

Another word for a snake. Genesis 3:1

Final Answer: Something that makes you want to do something that you know you should not.



## RAISING SAINTS

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## CROWNS OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:1-12

Weddings are a beautiful time when two people come together and promise to love and help each other for the rest of their lives. During the wedding ceremony, the bride and groom have crowns placed upon their heads, symbolizing that they are king and queen of a new kingdom (family) together.

Traditionally, the wedding crowns in the Armenian Church are not golden crowns decorated with jewels and gems, but three braided strings, one red, one white and one green. These crowns that the bride and groom wear teach us what our life and our little kingdoms (families) are supposed to be.

The red string represents sacrifice. As Christians, we are called to make sacrifices, that is, we are supposed to give things up and not do things that we want to do in order to help others and serve God. For example, we may not want to do our chores, but we do them because it helps others in our family.

The white string teaches us that we are to live a life of purity and cleanliness. This is not just around our house and room, but also in our spiritual life. We are called to live a life where we do not use bad words, lie, cheat, steal, gossip, or do other bad things, but rather pray, help others and attend church often.

The green string symbolizes growth and life, both spiritually and also in our families. We are invited to create life among us. That means we are called to build up others and not tear them down, make fun of or hurt them, but bring life into our friendships.

You may not be getting married soon, but how can you prepare to wear these crowns one day?

How do your parents sacrifice, create life and live in purity?

## ARMENIAN WORDS TO KNOW FROM HOLY BADARAK

Աշխարհ => ash-kharh => world

Զխաղաղութիւն պարգեւեա ամենայն **աշխարհի**:

Uzkhaghaghootyoon barkevya amenayn **ashkharhee**.

Grant peace to the whole **world**.

(This example is on page 52 in the Divine Liturgy Book)

## And It Was Very Good

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1 (NIV)

Choose the word that best matches the definition.



- \_\_\_ 1. To cause something to exist, or to make  
A. animals B. heavens C. man D. created
- \_\_\_ 2. The space that seems to be over the earth like a dome  
A. plants B. heavens C. earth D. birds
- \_\_\_ 3. The planet on which we live  
A. birds B. man C. earth D. heavens
- \_\_\_ 4. The waters that cover most of the surface of the earth  
A. animals B. sea C. created D. birds
- \_\_\_ 5. Living things that have a stem, leaves, roots, and sometimes flowers  
A. sea B. animals C. earth D. plants
- \_\_\_ 6. Living things that can move and eat  
A. sea B. heavens C. animals D. man
- \_\_\_ 7. Creatures with feathers and wings, usually able to fly  
A. heavens B. created C. plants D. birds
- \_\_\_ 8. General term for the human race, or any member or group of it  
A. animals B. man C. sea D. heavens



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ըստ պատկերի Աստուծոյ արար զնա, արու եւ  
էգ արար զնոսա: (Ծննդոց Ա.27)

And God created man in His image, according to God's image He made him, man and woman, He made them. (Genesis 1:27)