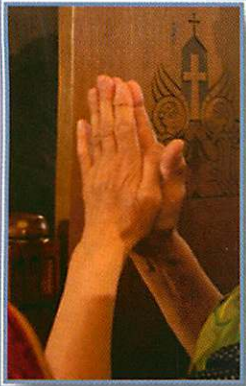


Unit One: A Community Over Time

Lesson 5

Lives of the Saints



Pray Together

Hanoon Hor, yev Vortvo, yev Hokvooyñ Surpo, Amen.

If the faith of a mustard seed
Can cast a great mountain
Into the depths of the sea, then truly
We should accept it as the first step
Toward eternal life.

Faith means setting aside doubt
To see the future and the hidden
With the eye of the soul.

*St. Gregory of Nareg
Speaking With God From the Depths of My Heart
Prayer 10*

Quick Quiz

Write the correct answer in the space.

1. The leaders of the Armenian Church realized that people might have trouble understanding God's word because they could not _____.
2. Church law may also be called _____ law.
3. In 325, the king of _____ organized a meeting of church leaders in the city of Nicaea.
4. The First Ecumenical Council developed the _____.
5. The Armenian representative at the Council in Nicaea was Aristakes, the son of _____.

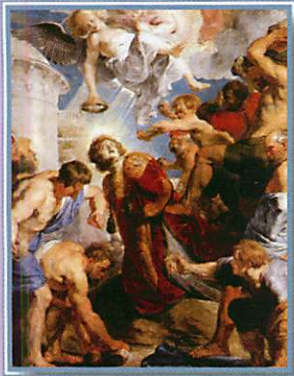
Who's Your Role Model?

We all have someone we admire. When we think about their accomplishments, sometimes we would like to be just like them.

Who is your role model?

Scripture and church history are full of men and women who were living examples of God's principles. Many of them were so loyal to Jesus that they gave up their lives rather than disobey him. These individuals and their special qualities help God's Word and our church teachings come alive for us so many years later. We can look to their actions as models for our own lives.

Which quality – faith, obedience, courage, forgiveness, humility – best describes these saints? Choose one for each saint and write it on the line below.



Stephen

As he was being stoned to death for teaching about Jesus, he cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them."

(Acts 7:59)



John the Baptist

Even though he was a great teacher, he didn't want anyone to think he was important, so he said, "After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie."

(Mark 1:7)



Vartan Mamigonian

After the Persian ruler ordered Armenia to start worshipping the sun and fire, Vartan was killed leading Armenian troops against a much larger Persian army in 451 AD.



Centurion

He had a sick servant at his home and asked Jesus to heal him. When Jesus offered to go to the centurion's house to heal the servant, the centurion said "Lord, I do not

deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed."

Matthew 8:5-13



Mary, Mother of Jesus

She willingly carried out God's plan for Jesus' birth, even though she did not fully understand it.

Rules for God's Role Models

Read Colossians 3:12-17

1. Who are the "chosen people" referred to in verse 12?
2. Do you think verse 16 authorizes you to judge people every time you see them behaving in a non-Christian way?
3. Read verse 17 again. How could this be put into effect by: rock stars, police officers, doctors, business leaders

Here I Am, Lord

"Here I Am, Lord" is a hymn written and composed by Dan Schutte in the 1970's. It describes a person seeking to respond to God's call to shed his light everywhere. Some of the words are as follows:

I

I, the Lord of the sea and sky,
I, have heard my people cry.
I, who made the stars of night.
I, will make their darkness bright.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

Here I am, Lord
Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

II

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

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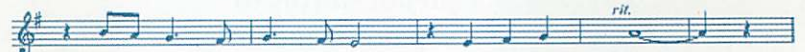
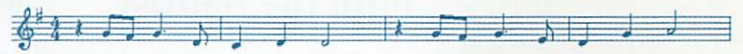
When he calls, how will you answer?

Here I Am, Lord

Based on Is 6

Dan Schutte

VERSE: *Majestically*





Words to Live By

“Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.”

Colossians 3:13



Did You Know?

King Drtad and his family needed a new hobby. Drtad's father was murdered while he was hunting. Drtad lost his sanity while on a hunt, and he was eventually wounded by a traitor while he was hunting, and finished off with poison immediately after. Perhaps painting or tennis might have been safer!

Our Armenian Way

In the time of St. Gregory the Enlightener, a beautiful nun named Hripsimeh, her abbess Gayaneh, and 36 other women came to Armenia to escape the persecution of Christians in the Roman Empire. When King Drtad heard about Hripsimeh's beauty, he had her brought to his palace so he could meet her. Even though King Drtad was already married to Queen Ashkhen, he offered Hripsimeh marriage and all the luxuries of the palace. Hripsimeh refused him, and she and her friends tried to run away. Unfortunately, King Drtad's soldiers caught up with the women and executed them all. This wicked act led to Drtad's mental illness, which was only cured when Gregory was brought from the pit to heal him.

I never knew that _____.

I'm amazed that _____.

Lord, in the hope that I might live in the spirit of the saints, please help me be more _____.

