

Understanding the Liturgical Calendar of the Armenian Church

Test Your Knowledge

Select the correct answer(s):

1. In the Armenian Church, days are classified as:
 - a. Rest days or holy days or work days
 - b. Dominical days or saints' days or fasting days
 - c. Holidays or feast days or work days
 - d. Feast days and fasting days

2. The first day of the week is
 - a. Monday
 - b. Sunday
 - c. *miyashapat*
 - d. *Giragi*

3. Which of the following is a dominical feast?
 - a. Any Sunday
 - b. The feast of St. Sarkis
 - c. The entire Easter Season (until Ascension)
 - d. Feasts related to Jesus Christ that occur during the week

4. Saints are
 - a. Celebrated on any day of the week
 - b. Commemorated on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays
 - c. Not commemorated during the forty days of Easter (until Ascension)
 - d. Commemorated on Saturdays only during Great Lent

5. In the Armenian Church
 - a. We don't fast
 - b. Fasting is forbidden from Easter to Ascension
 - c. Fasting and celebration don't go together
 - d. Fasting is observed on every Wednesday and Friday throughout the year without exception

6. The Armenian Church year starts on
 - a. January 1
 - b. The first Sunday of Advent
 - c. September 1
 - d. The Feast of Nativity-Epiphany—January 6

7. Easter
 - a. Can fall between March 22 and April 25
 - b. Is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the fall equinox
 - c. Determines the entire church calendar
 - d. Is celebrated on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox

8. The most important feast of the church is
 - a. The Assumption of the Mother of God
 - b. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ
 - c. The Nativity (Christmas)
 - d. Vartanantz

9. In the Armenian Church, Great Lent starts on
 - a. Ash Wednesday
 - b. The day after *Mardi Gras*
 - c. The day after the *Poon Paregentan* Sunday (7 weeks before Easter)
 - d. The day after the Fast of the Catechumens (10 weeks before Easter)

10. The following seasons have fixed number of weeks
 - a. Advent, Christmas, Pre-Lent, Great Lent
 - b. Great Lent, Easter, Pentecost, transfiguration
 - c. Great Lent, Easter, Pentecost
 - d. Assumption, Christmas, Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Answers:

1. b, d
2. b, c, d
3. a, c, d
4. b, c, d
5. b, c
6. d
7. a, c, d
8. b
9. c
10. c