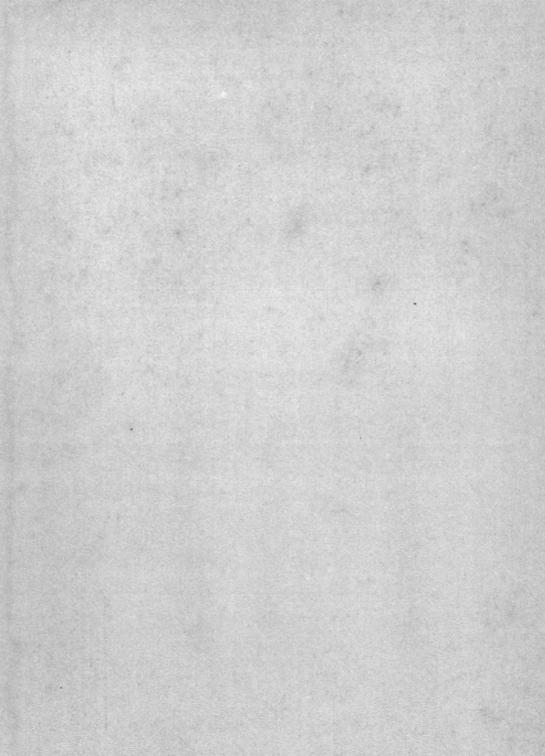
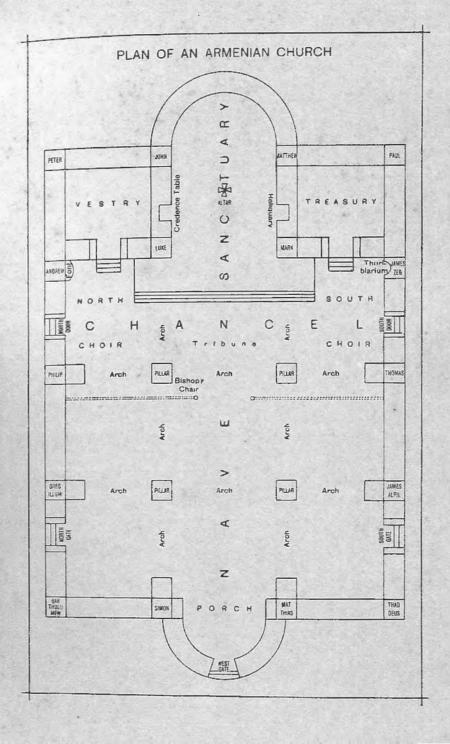


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CHRISTMAS AND EASTER

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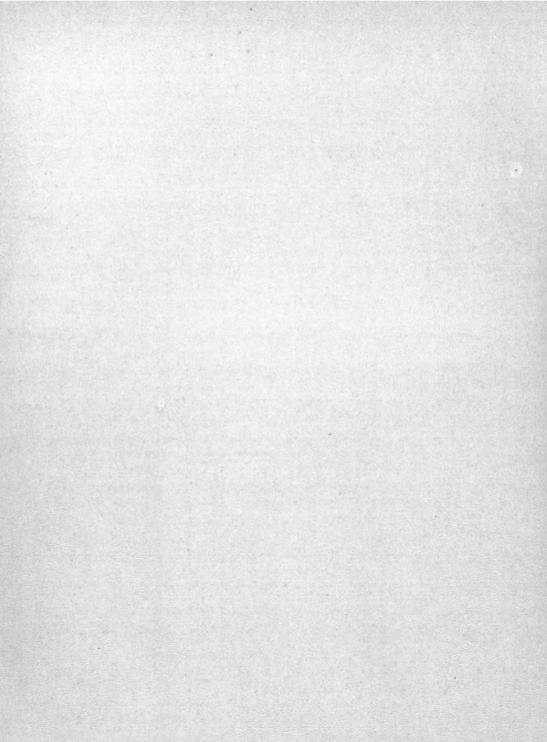
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FORGIVER OF ALL SINS,
PARDON US WHO HYMN THEE
TO SING THY GLORIES EVER!



INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

The present volume contains, as the title indicates, the melodies of Hymns for Christmas Eve and Day, and for Easter Eve. These melodies have been written down from the singing of the Rev. P. H. Jacob, and harmonised with the assistance of Mr. E. Slater, F. R. C. O., Organist of S. Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta, in the same way as were written and harmonised the melodies of the two volumes of Armenian Ecclesiastical airs, previously published by me, Melodies of the Armenian Liturgy, and Melodies of Five Offices in Holy Week.

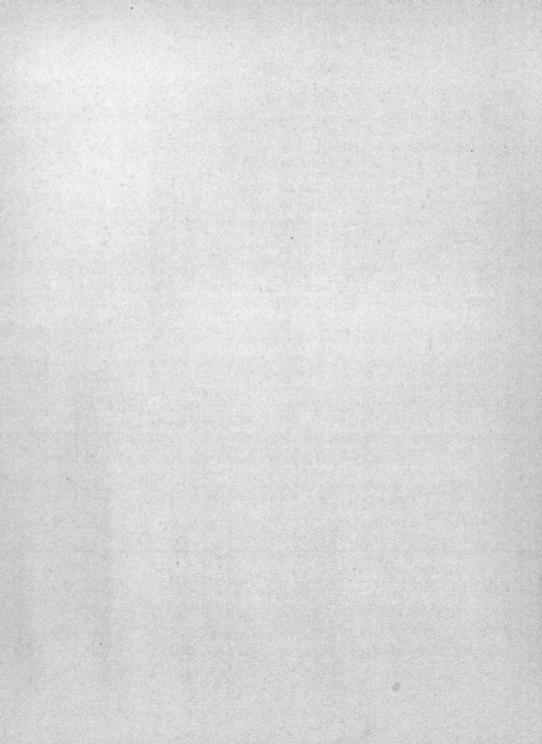
The transliteration below the music is intended for the help of the choir-master, and for those using the book who cannot read Armenian. I have mentioned in each of my previous hooks that no transliteration can accurately convey the correct pronunciation of Armenian, but I may add again, that the vowels are intended to be pronounced thus:

A as a in father, i as ee, ä as in fate, and the peculiar short sound of the two vowels no, is best rendered by the sound of wo in world, word, worm. Wo also is pronounced as in these words. The letter o in Ov is pronounced as o in bolt, in orh as the o in or, u as in lute, ŭ as in but.

As this volume is published for the use of the choir of the Armenian Holy Church of Nazareth, Calcutta, an Explanatory Note of the services and music, and the conduct of the services, is included as an appendix, at the end of the volume.

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#### POST COMMUNION HYMNS OF THE LITURGY.

[Immediately preceding the Hymns for Christmas Eve.]*)

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Դարձեալ ծածկեն զվարագոյըն և դալիրքն երգեն.

After all have communicated, the Priest shall make the sign of the Cross over them with the sacred offerings and shall say.

Give life to Thy congregation, O LORD, and bless Thine inheritance, cherish and exalt them henceforth and for ever.

The curtain is drawn again and the Choristers shall sing.

^{*)} Ի ճրագալուցի Ծննդեան և Ձատկի դպիրը ի բաց դիցեն զպատարագամատողցն և առցեն զայս մատեան վաղվաղակի զկնի բացման վարագուրին ի ժամու մբ Հաղորդութեան և մեկնեսցեն ի տեղի իւրեանց վասն նախատանակին։

^{*)} On the Eves of Christmas and Easter, as soon as the curtain is withdrawn for Holy Communion, the Choir will change their Liturgy books for this volume and take their places in the order appointed for the Christmas and Easter Hymns.

⁽See Note for Teacher and Choir, pp. 140, 141.)

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#### L'TSAK.

We have been filled, O LORD, with Thy goodness, in tasting of Thy Body and Blood. Glory in the highest be to Thee, Who hast fed us. O Thou Who continually feedest us, send upon us Thy spiritual blessing. Glory in the highest be to Thee, Who hast fed us.

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Deacon. Let us again pray to the LORD for peace. Let them who have received in faith the divine, holy, heavenly, immortal, immaculate, and incorruptible mysteries, render thanks unto the LORD.

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#### Գուսեսնե

#### KUOHANAMK.

We render thanks to Thee, O LORD, Who hast fed us at Thine immortal table, dispensing Thy Body and Thy Blood to the salvation of the world, and for life to our persons.





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#### KHUORHURT MIETS.

#### ՕՐՀՆՈՒԹԻՒՆ.

HYMN OF PRAISE.

[ ANTIPHON. Christmas Day only. Bless ye the LORD, for He hath triumphed gloriously.]

HYMN. Christmas Eve and Day. O great and marvellous mystery manifested on this day! Shepherds joining the angels in songs of glad tidings to the world!

A new King was born in the town of Bethlehem: praise Him, ye sons of men, since for us He became incarnate.

He Whom heaven and earth could not contain, was wrapped in swaddling bands; without being separated from the FATHER, He rested in the hely cave.

On this day did the heavens from above rejoice at the glorious tidings, and all creatures put on the garment of salvation.

On this day was CHRIST, the SON of GOD, presented at the cave, and multitudes of the fiery ones descended from heaven to earth.

On this day the shepherds beheld the Sun of righteousness, and with the angels they sang, Glory to GoD in the highest.

Thou didst shine forth from the FATHER, to give light to all creatures.

O LORD, Sun of righteousness, glory to Thee! Born at the cave, and presented at Bethlehem,

O LORD, Sun of righteousness, glory to Thee! [Glory.] Worshipped by magi, proclaimed unto shepherds,

O LORD, Sun of righteousness, glory to Thee! [Now and always.] We too shall hymn Thee, Incarnate of the Virgin,

O LORD, Sun of righteousness, glory to Thee!



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III. Mode. An - - pa-vie - lin ierk-ni iev ierk - ri.







IV. Side. Ai - - sor tsun-zan ier-kink i .











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IX. Mode. Huovatsn hai - - th-nie - tsar ier-kur - pa - kialt









X. Side. Iev miek ie - - r-kiestsuk vor i ku-sän mar - rm-na-tsar,



^{*)} Shu to 16, Ulpulhqul.

^{*)} Continue on Page 16, Anuskispun (after Deacon and Priest).

Dob: Եւ ևս խաղաղութեան զՏէր աղաչեսցութ:

ջան։ ՕրՀնութիւն և փառջ Հօր և Որդւոյ և Հոգւոյն սրբոյ, այժմ և միչտ և յաւիտեանըս յաւիտենից. Ամէն։ (ծես էջ 16, Անըսկիզբն էակից.)

Deacon. Let us again pray to the LORD for peace.

Priest. Blessing and glory to the FATHER, and to the SON, and to the HOLY GHOST, now and always, and to all eternity. Amen. (Contenue on Page 16, Anuskisp'n.)

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#### ANŬSKIZPŬN ÄAKITS.

**LULP8** 

TO THE GOD OF OUR FATHERS.

[ Antiphon. Blessed art Thou, LORD GOD of our fathers, blessed and glorified be Thy Name for ever. ]

Hymn. Word without beginning, Co-existent with the FATHER, Thou Who wast from before eternity, and didst come for the salvation of Thy creatures,

Thee do we praise, O GOD of our fathers!

Born of the Virgin, ineffable Unity, indivisible and ever existent, Thou didst not separate from the bosom of the FATHER,

Thee do we praise, O GoD of our fathers!

With gladness let us celebrate Thy holy Birth, Thou Who wast manifested to us, Light from Light, and Who with Thy Light didst fill the universe,

Thee do we praise, O GoD of our fathers!

[O ye works of the LORD, praise ye the LORD, and magnify Him for ever.]

[Glory.] Bless Him, Who was born of the Holy Virgin and magaify Him for ever.

[Now and always.] Praise the ineffable Birth of the Saviour, exceedingly magnify Him for ever.



I. Side. A-nus-kiz-pun ä-a-ki-ts pa-nuth

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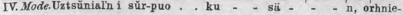


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^{*)} Continue on Page 24, Urakh lier.

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#### URAKH LIER.

#### ՄԵԾԱ8ՈՒՍՑԷ

TO THE HOLY VIRGIN.

[Antiphon. My soul doth magnify the LORD.]

Hymn. Bejoice, Birthgiver of God. Mother of Hope and Salvation, thee, the receiver of Light, do we magnify.

[Glory.] Thee, Mother of Light and Virgin, thee, treasure of Life, with godlike voices do we magnify.

[Now and ever.] Holy Mother of purest light, with angelic praises do we honour and magnify Thee.























^{*) 8}bu to 28, Udtifulmum:

^{*)} Continue on Page 28, Amenimasth.

## ԱՄԷՆԻՄԱՍՏ

#### AMENIMAST'H.

ողորՄեԱ.

OF PENITENCE.

[Antiphon. Have mercy upon me. (Ps. LI. 1.)]

All-wise FATHER of all, multi-provident Guardian, Creator and LORD of all, Uncreate First Cause of all beings, ever praised by the ranks of the bodiless ones with ceaseless voices!

[Glory.] Thou, the Similitude and Image of the FATHER, Who for us didst put on the form of a servant taken from the Virgin, Who wast resting on the throne of glory in the invisible heights above, and also at the cave in the manger of the dumb animals!

[Now and.] Come, oh ye congregation, let us with the shepherds glorify, and with the magi worship, the Word Incarnate of the Virgin, and with the hosts of heaven sing, Glory to GoD in the highest!

42. Mode 5.











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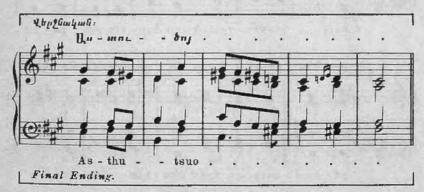












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#### CHARAKAIT'H.

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TO THE LORD OF HEAVEN.

[Antiphon. Bless the LORD of Heaven, bless Him in the highest.] Hymn. Ray and Image of the Being of the FATHER, Word of God, we glorify Thee, saying,

Glory to GOD in the highest.

Glory be to the FATHER, and to the SON, and to the HOLY SPIRIT. Thou True God, Who didst ineffably become united to us in body, we glorify Thee, saying,

Glory to GOD in the highest.

Now and always, unto all eternity, Amen. Thou Who didst take away the condemnation of the curse, we glorify Thee, saying,

Glory to GoD in the highest.







II. Side. P'hark Hor iev Wor-thuo iev Huo-kui - n sur - puo.

^{*} See Note for Teacher and Choir, P. 142.



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Deacon. Let us make the HOLY BIRTHGIVER of GOD, and all the saints our intercessors with the FATHER in heaven, that He may be pleased to have mercy, and in pity to regenerate His creation. Eternal LORD our GOD, save and have mercy.

Choristers. (Mode.) Save, LORD.

Choristers. (Side.) LORD, have mercy, LORD, have mercy, LORD, have mercy.



#### **Ա**ՂዐԹՔ

#### PRAYER

Ընկալ Տէր զաղաչանո մեր բարեխօսուխեամբ որբուհւոյ Աստուածածնին անարատ ծնողի միածնի Որդւոյ քո. և աղաչանօք ամենայն որբոց քոց։ Լուր մեզ Տէր, և ողորմեա. ներեա քաւեա և Թող զմեղո մեր։ Արժանաւորեա զոհուխեամբ փառաւորել զքեզ ընդ Որդւոյ և ընդ Սրբոյ Հողւոյդ. այժմ և միչա և յաւխտեանս յաւիտենից. ամէն։

Receive, O LORD, our supplications, through the intercession of the HOLY BIRTHGIVER of GOD, the MOTHER of Thine ONLY BE-GOTTEN SON, and through the supplications of all Thy saints. Hear, us, LORD, and have mercy; forgive, expiate, and remit oor sins. Make us worthy with thanksgiving to glorify Thee, with the SON and with the HOLY SPIRIT, now and ever, unto all eternity. Amen.

Օրենհալ Տէր մեր Ցիսուս Քրիստոս ամէն. Հայր մեր։ Blessed be our LORD JESUS CHRIST. Amen. Our FATHER.

- Սարկ։ Օրհնեալ է Աստուած լաժենայն ժաժ, յաժենայն ժաժ օրհնուԹիւն նորա ի բերան իժ
- Հան։ Օրենհալը հղերուք ի չնորեաց սուրբ Հոգւոյն հրխայք խաղաղութեամբ և Տէր եղիցի ընդ ձեզ և ընդ ամենեսեանդ. ամէն։
- Deacon. Blessed be GoD at every hour, at every hour shall His praises be in my mouth.
- Priest. Blessed be ye by the grace of the HOLY SPIRIT. Go in peace and may GoD be with ye and with all. Amen.

# COMMENSOR

## ԾեՆԴԵԱՆ ԿԱՐԳ ԶՈՒՐ ՕՐՀՆԵԼՈՅ

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And, after mass, they shall go with Cross and Gospel, and all the necessary ornaments. Hymn of the 7th Mode.

Light from Light, Thou wert sent from the FATHER, and didst become Incarnate of the Holy Virgin to regenerate corrupted Adam.

Thou, O GOD, didst appear on earth, and didst walk amongst men; and didst save the universe from the curse on Adam.

The Voice of Thy FATHER from heaven bore witness, saying, This is My Son: and the HOLY GHOST, in the form of a Dove, revealed Thee.

We shall all praise Thee as God and Saviour, Who didst wipe out the corruption of mankind by the Spirit and by fire.

The Saviour appeared and saved the world from the deception of the enemy, graciously affiliating us through baptism.

The Redeemer that appeared and consumed (literally, burnt up) our sins with water this day, calms the world by the sacred water.

The Saviour bruised the head of the serpent in the river of Jordan, and revivified us all with His own power.

Having restored fallen man, the Saviour comes to be baptised today that he may regenerate our corrupt nature with water, bestowing on us garments of purity instead.

CHRIST is baptised, and all creatures are sanctified, and He bestows on us forgiveness of sins, having thoroughly purified our souls through water and the Spirit.

^{*)} Rubric, And they shall go, etc. This ceremony takes place in Armenia by the side of a viver. For the order of the Procession and for this service in general, see directions in Explanatory Note for Teacher and Choir, p. 146.

#### Nº 1.*)

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MODE 7.







^{*)} See Explanatory Note for Teacher and Choir, Christmas Day, p.146.





*) See Explanatory Note regarding breathmarks, p. 148.

## Լոзս է Լուսոз

#### Luis I Lusuo.

Nº 2.









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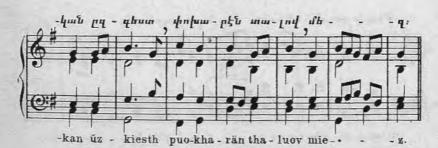


















### ት 25/15

#### I TSIERUN.

F2:

MODE 3.

The Illuminator, taking in his hands
The relic of the holy Fore-runner,
Blessed the four sides of the world
By the grace of the Word-anointer's right hand.
"Here may no enemies gather strength,
From disunion may no evils spring."
From the heavens came the Voice divine
"Accorded shall thy entreaties be."

[The Celebrant, after censing, receives the Holy Chrism and raises it up to the sight of the congregation.

To be sung by the Choir at the moment of the elevation of the Holy Chrism by the Celebrant.]







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Զկնի։ Սազմոս իր. Ձայնիշ։ Կցորդ։ Ձայն ան'ի վր ջուրց և Ած։ Մատուցէք ան. որդիք այ. մատուցէք ան։

Ps. XXVIII. The Voice of the LORD over the waters. Offer to the LORD, O ye sons of God. [English version Ps. XXIX.]

Ընթերցուած Ցելից։ ԳԼ. 15. հմը. 22։

Ընթերցուած ի Ցեսուայ։ ԳԼ. Ձ. հմր. 14:

Ընթերցուած 'ի Ձորրորդ Թազաւորունց։ ԳԼ. Ձ. հմր. 19:

Ընքերցուած Ցեսայեայ Մարզարէ է։ ԳԼ. 15. հմր. 3։

Ընթերցուած Ցեզեկիէլէ Մարգարէ է։ ԳԼ. 47. նմը. 1։

Պողոսի Առաքելոյ ի Կորնթացւոց։ Առաջին թղթոյն է Ընթերցուածս։ ԳԼ. 10. հմը. 1։

Ալելուիայ։ դկ։ Սադմոս դեւ

իւրով աիեզերը և ամ ընակեալքն ի նմա։ ցնծասցէ երկիր զուարճասցի ծով լրիւ Ուրախ լիցին այսօր երկինք և

AL. S. Sup. 1:

Lection from the Books of Exodus,

XV. 22.

Joshua,

III. 14.

Kings, II. 19.

The Prophets Isaiah,

XV. 8.

and Exechiel,

XLVII. 1.

First Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians.

X. 1.

Alleluia, Mode 7.

Psalm XCV.

(English version XCVI.)

The heavens rejoice today and the earth is glad.

Gospel.

Matt. III. 1.

## ՅԱՄԵՆԱՅՆ ԺԱՄ

#### HAMIENAIN JZHAM.

Ձկնի Աւետարանին ասի քարոզս այս ձայնիւ ՚ի վերայ ջրոյն զոր ասագեալ է Ցովհաննէս Պլուզ վարդապետն Ծործորեցի։

After the Gospel, they shall sing over the water the Exhortation which was said by the Archimandrite John Plouze of Tsuortsuor.

At every hour do we praise Thee, Blessed Saviour Emmanuel! Thou wert born of the Virgin, and wert born again by being baptised this day in the Jordan by John; through his intercession receive the prayers of Thy worshippers, we beseech Thee,

Hear, LORD, and have mercy.

Thou, O Purifier of the world, Who didst purify the waters of Jordan, giving the sign of regeneration to the sons of Sion, purify the Holy Church, and grant freedom to Thy people, we beseech Thee,

Hear, LORD, and have mercy.

*P) Pour forth on us, O LORD, the grace of the SPIRIT that, according to ordinance, Thou didst receive at the Jordan, the Spirit of wisdom, knowledge, and power, the Spirit of understanding and of the mystery of the worship of GoD; fill us with the Spirit of the fear of GoD, we be seech Thee,

Hear, LORD, and have mercy.

*) Through the intercession of our Lady, Thy true Mother and Virgin, Mary, Birthgiver of God, and of the angel in human form [lit: dust-made] who was standing beside Thee, who did this day consecrate Thee at the Jordan; and of the re-opener of the heavens, Stephen the first martyr, and of our father, holy Gregory the Illuminator; with all the Saints, LORD, who have been pleasing unto Thee, we beseech Thee,

Remember, LORD, and have mercy.

Moreover, for the growth amongst us of overflowing love and good works let us beseech,

Grant us, LORD GOD.

Let us commit ourselves and one another unto the LORD Eternal, LORD, unto Thee let us be committed.

Have mercy upon us, O LORD GOD, according to Thy great mercy. Let us all say together with one accord, LORD have mercy, LORD have mercy, hear, LORD, and have mercy.

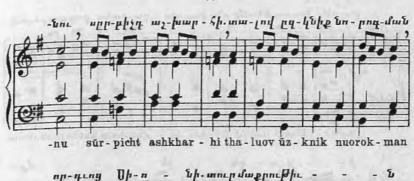
[The verses marked with an asterisk should be omitted on account of the extreme length of the service. See pp. 60, 62.





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^{*)} Omit this and the following verse, on account of the length of the service.





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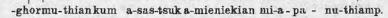
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Kiez Thiar-nuth hansn ie - ghi - tsu

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^{*)} This versicle is slower than the others.

# ՈՎ ՁԱՐՄԱՆԱԼԻ

### OV ZARMANALI.

Ցորդորակ ի Գրիգորէ Կաթուղիկոսէ։ Exhortation or Homily of the Catholicos Gregory.

O wonderful and great mystery made manifest! GOD the Creator coming to Jordan.

He willed to be baptised of His servant, and the Fore-runner would fain not baptise.

Hearing this, the Jordan turned to fly, wave after wave becoming a messenger.

O river, fear not, for I am thy Creator, I have come to baptise and wash away sins. JESUS went with His Divinity into the waters; JESUS went into the river together with John.

The heavens opened, and the Voice from heaven came down, the Voice of the FATHER from the highest, bearing witness to His Son.

This is My Son, in Whom I am well pleased, hearken unto Him, ye sons of the font.

The HOLY GHOST descended in the form of a dove, and revealing, declared the Son, Co-glorified with the FATHER.

Now blessed be the FATHER, and the Consubstantial SON. Glory for ever to the True Spirit. Amen.



^{*)} See Note for Teacher and Choir, p. 147.



## LIBUOR QUISTL

#### AISOR TSAIN'N.

Uji Sun Uliniz Apophibrug: Another sweet song over the Water.

1. This day the Voice of the FATHER came down from heaven, well-pleased, the Witness of the Beloved Son.

O exhort, O river, exhort, O river Jordan, with exultant voice sang John the great Fore-runner.

2. This day the earth resembled heaven at the sight of the Son of God, coming in love to baptism.

O exhort, O river, exhort, O river Jordan, etc.

3. This day the higher ranks of the angels rejoiced at the holy advent, the Son of GoD at the Jordan.

O exhort, O river, exhort, O river Jordan, etc.

4. This day the SON of GOD comes humbly into the river Jordan, to be baptised of John.

O exhort, O river, exhort, O river Jordan, etc.

5. This day John the Baptist withdrew from baptising,- 'Tis I should be baptised of Thee.

O exhort, O river, exhort, O river Jordan, etc.

6. This day the Son of God with sweetness addressed the Fore-runner,- The Law must be fulfilled.

O exhort, O river, exhort, O river Jordan, etc.

7. This day with trembling hands, John baptised the LORD in the great floods of the Jordan.

O exhort, O river, exhort, O river Jordan, etc.

8. The heavens, closed by the sin of Adam, this day were opened, and the FATHER proclaimed Him to be His SON.

O exhort, O river, exhort, O river Jordan, etc.

9. This day the Spirit in the form of a dove, coming down from heaven into the Jordan, hore witness to His Co-equal in glory.

O exhort, O river, exhort, O river Jordan, etc.

40. This day the heavens became resplendent, and the earth rejoiced with flowers, to see the SON of GOD in the Jordan.

O exhort, O river, exhort, O river Jordan, etc.

11. This day the angels rejoice in circling rhythm, all heavenly assemblies praise and bless the Baptised GoD.

O exhort, O river, exhort, O river Jordan, with exultant voice sang John the great Fore-runner.







*) Repeat from second bar, for 3rd Verse.

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Վասն խաղաղութեան։ և այլն։

And the Deacon shall exhort.

For peace from above and for the salvation of our souls let us besecch the LORD.

For the peace of. etc.

Օրճնութիւն Հրոյ զոր ասացեալ է Սրբոյն Բարսդի Կեսարացւոյն։ Blessing of the Water which was said by the holy Basil of Cesarea.

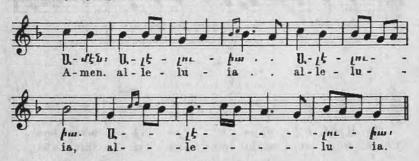
Optibul to Stp Unanemo militurini: (h mili:) Blessed be the Lord God Almighty. (etc.)

be when bufulnumus unline 'f stris quip buis le quip Thansis:

And then the Bishop shall take in his hands the holy Cross and
the holy Chrism.

եւ Քանանայքն առընվեր կացցեն։ Եւ ընկեսցէ գխաչն՝ի Հուրն։ Եւ Տեառնագրեսցէ ասելով։

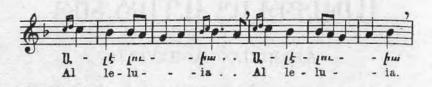
And the Priests shall stand beside him. And he shall drop the Cross into the water and bless, making the sign of the Cross over the water, saying.



Blessed and purified be this water by the sign of this holy Cross, and holy Gospel, and holy Chrism, and by the grace of this day; in the Name of the FATHER and of the SON and of the HOLY SPIRIT. (Thrice.)

Choir. Now and ever, unto all eternity. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (Thrice.)







Priests. Blessing and glory to the FATHER, SON, and HOLY SPIRIT. Choir. Now and ever to all eternity. Amen.









^{*)} That is, from the words Orhniestsi, etc. the Blessing.

# ԱՌԱՔԵԼՈՅ ԱՂԱԻՆԻՈՅ

### ARAKIELUO AGHAVNUO.

Եւ յետ անագրուեն նեղու զՄեռոնն ի Հուրն խաչանիչ. Եւ ասեն շարական դձ. Առաջելոյ աղաւնւոյ։

And after the Blessing, he shall drop the Holy Oil crosswise into the water. And they shall sing the hymn of the 7th Mode, The Dove that was sent. *)

The Dove that was sent forth, descending from the highest with a mighty sound in the form of radiant light, armed the disciples with unconsuming fire as they sat in the holy upper chamber.

O immaterial DOVE, and incomprehensible, that searcheth the unfathomable mysteries of God, Who, coming from the FATHER, preschedst the awful second advent, and Who wast proclaimed consubstantially!

Blessing in the highest to the HOLY SPIRIT proceeding from the FATHER, by Whom the apostles were filled from the immortal cup through which they invited earth to heaven.

Life giving God, Spirit that lovest man, Thou didst illumine with fiery tongues those assembled in united love, therefore this day do we also celebrate Thy holy Advent.

The holy apostles were filled with joy at Thy coming, calling together those separated from one another by divers sounding tongues, therefore this day do we also celebrate Thy holy Advent.

Through holy spiritual baptism Thou didst adorn the universe with them in garments of light and renewed plumage, therefore this day do we also celebrate Thy holy Advent.

^{*)} See Explanatory Note for Teacher and Choir, one verse at a time, p. 147.



hra-zi-niats an - ki - zie-li za - sha - kie -



















*) See Explanatory Note. For Christmas Day, p. 147.



*) See Explanatory Note. For Christmas Day, p. 147.



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ka - lus-thia - m - pu -

V. Zvar - cha - tsan











VI. Huo-kie-vuo-ra-ka - n su-rp mu-kur-thuthiamp zartha-



iev nuo - rapie-thu- - rs, vas'n vo - ruoiev miek



## ԱՐԵԳԱԿԱՆՆ ԱՐԴԱՐՈՒԹԵԱՆ

#### ARIEKAKAN'N ARTHARUTHIAN.

Եւ 'ի դառնալն սկսանին չարական ակ։ Արեգականն արդարութեան։ And, turning, they shall begin the hymn of the 2nd Mode, Dawn-Star to the Sun.

Dawn-star to the Sun of righteousness, fore-runner in the path of the Son of Divine dispensation, holy John,

Intercede with CHRIST for our souls.

Knower of the ineffable thoughts of the Highest, through the wisdom of the Spirit, from the womb a pure temple of GoD and abode of holy Trinity,

Intercede with CHRIST for our souls.

The archangel Gabriel was sent to Zacharias to proclaim thy wonderful holy birth of the aged and barren Elizabeth;

Intercede with CHRIST for our souls.

The chief of the heavenly hosts appearing to the high priest as he entered the holy of holies offering incense according to ordinance.

Intercede with CHRIST for our souls.

And seeing the immaterial in bodily form on the right of the altar, awe-struck he trembled with the terror of death, and was calmed by the words of the angel,

Intercede with CHRIST for our souls.

Hearing of the supernatural mode of thy birth, Zacharias was terrified and amazed, and dumbfounded, he was punished with a silent tongue,

Intercede with CHRIST for our souls.

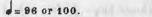
Hasten to our help in ascending the heights, holy John, apostle, prophet, fore-runner and baptiser of the SON of GOD,

Intercede with CHRIST for our souls.

To the High Priest CHRIST, Who offered Himself on the Cross, the Self sacrificing Priest, present our supplication to grant absolution to us, praise-singers and feast-commemorators,

Intercede with CHRIST for our souls.

[This Hymn is written in the form of an alphabetical acrostic of 39 verses. Being too long for insertion, only the first six and the two last verses are here given.]





A - rie-ka-kann ar-tha-ru - thian tsakma - n a - ru - siakt



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A-s - thu - tsuo thnorä-nu-thian surp Hov - ha-n-näs ar-



Christos pa-rie-khosia . vasn antsants mie - ruo-



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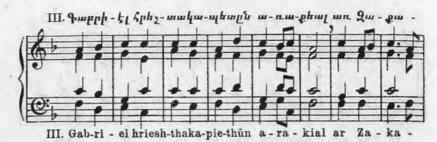




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Christos pa-rie-kho-sia . vas'n antsants mie - ruo - -ts.









Christos pa-rie-kho-sia . vasn antsants mie - ruo - ts.



IV. Tha-sa-piethn ierk-nits zo - ra-tsn ie-rie - via - l









































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# ՃՐԱԳԱԼՈՅՑ ԶԱՏԿԻ ՆԱԽԱՏՕՆԱԿ

EASTER EVE

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#### POST COMMUNION HYMNS OF THE LITURGY.

[Immediately preceding the Hymns for Easter Eve.]*)

եւ յետ հաղորդելոյն Քահանայն խաչակնքեսցէ զժողոկուրդն ընծայիւն և ասասցէ.

Կեցո Տէր զժողովուրդս քո. և օրհնեա զժառանդութիւնս քո. հովուեա և բարձրացո զսոսա յայսմհետէ մինչև յաւիտեան։

Դարձևալ ժաժկեն զվարագոյըն և դպիրքն հրգեն.

After all have communicated, the Priest shall make the sign of the Cross over them with the sacred offerings and shall say.

Give life to Thy congregation, O LORD, and bless Thine inheritance, cherish and exalt them henceforth and for ever.

The curtain is drawn again and the Choristers shall sing.

^{*)} Ի ճրագալուցի Ծննդեան և Զատկի դպիրք ի բաց դիցեն զպատարագամաաղյցն և առցեն զայս մատեան վաղվաղակի զկնի բացման վարագուրին ի ժամու մր Հաղորդունեան և մեկնեսցեն ի տեղի իւրեանց վասն նախատօնակին։

^{*)} On the Eves of Christmas and Easter, as soon as the curtain is withdrawn for Holy Communion, the Choir will change their Liturgy books for this volume and take their places in the order appointed for the Christmas and Easter Hymns.

⁽See Note for Teacher and Choir, pp. 140.)

### LSUP

#### L'TSAK.

We have been filled, O LORD, with Thy goodness in tasting of Thy Body and Blood. Glory in the highest to Thee, Who hast fed us. O Thou Who continually feedest us, send upon us Thy spiritual blessing. Glory in the highest to Thee Who hast fed us.







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^{*)} Start from a tuning fork.







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Deacon. Let us again pray to the LORD for peace. Let them who have received with faith the divine, holy, heavenly, immortal, immaculate, and incorruptible sacrament, render thanks unto the LORD.

### ԳԱԱՄԱԱՄՔ

#### KUOHANAMK.

Choir. We render thanks unto Thee, O LORD, Who hast fed us at Thine immortal table, dispensing Thy Body and Thy Blood to the salvation of the world, and for life to our persons.





^{*)} Start from a tuning fork.







^{*)} Ձայն անմիջապէս սկսանի Այսօր յարեաւ առանց դադարի։ Տես էջ 103.

^{*)} Mode begins Aisor hariav immediately without any pause. See Page 103. (See Note for Teacher and Choir.)

### Usuor Burbur

#### AISOR HARIAV.

#### **ዐ**ዮጳኒበՒԹԻՒՆ

HYMN OF PRAISE.

ANTIPHON. Easter Day only. Bless ye the LORD, for He hath triumphed gloriously.

HYMN. Easter Eve and Day. This day arose from the dead the Immortal and Heavenly Bridegroom: tidings of joy to thee, O Church, the bride from earth. Praise with the voice of gladness thy God, O Sion.

This day the ineffable Light from Light illuminated thy children; shine forth, O Jerusalem, for CHRIST, thy Light, hath risen. Praise with the voice of gladness thy God, O Sion.

This day the darkness of ignorance was dispelled by the Triune Light, and upon thee shone forth the Light of knowledge, Christ, risen from the dead. Praise with the voice of gladness thy God, O Sion.

This day, being our Easter through the sacrifice of CHRIST, let us, who have been regenerated from the foulness of sin, celebrate the feast of gladness, saying, CHRIST is risen from the dead.

[Glory.] This day the radiant angels descended from heaven and awed the watchmen, and declared to the holy women, Christ is risen from the dead.

[Now and.] This day let us, the new Israelites, called to CHRIST and saved by the Blood of the Lamb of God, rejoice in rhythmic circling with the heavenly ones, saying, CHRIST is risen from the dead.



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Mode. Phark Ho-r iev Wor-thuo iev Huokui - n sur - puo.



-luov, Christos ha - riav i mie - rie-luo -

- ts.*)









Սարկ։ Եւ ևս խաղաղութեան ըզՏէր աղաչևսցուք։

Քան։ Օրենութիւն և փառը Հօր և Որդւոյ և Հոգւոյն Սրբոյ, այժմ և միչա և յաւիտեանս յաւիտենից. Ամէն.

Deacon. Let us pray to the LORD in peace.

Priest. Blessing and glory to the FATHER, and to the SON, and to the HOLY GHOST. Amen.

^{*)} Shu th 113 Uyuop alto welting.

^{*)} See Aisor miets aviethik, Page 113 (after Deacon and Priest).

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#### AISOR MIETS AVIET'HIK.

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TO THE GOD OF OUR FATHERS.

ANTIPHON. Easter Day only. Blessed be the LORD GOD of our fathers, blessed and glorified be His Name for ever.

HYMN. Easter Eve and Day. This day tidings of great gladness were given to Adam, the first created: Awake, thou that sleepest, the risen Christ hath brought thee light, the God of our fathers.

This day, through her incense-bearing daughters, tidings of gladness resound unto Eve. We have seen Christ, thy risen Saviour, the GOD of our fathers.

This day the angels, descended from heaven, give glad tidings to men. The Crucified hath risen and hath raised ye with Him, the GOD of our fathers.

#### Easter Day only.

[O all ye works of the LORD, bless ye the LORD and magnify Him in the highest for ever. O ye heavens, bless ye the LORD and magnify Him in the highest for ever.]

[Glory.] Easter Eve and Day. This day our LORD arose; come, let us rejoice with the angels in songs of victory; bless and magnify Him in the highest for ever.

[Now and always.] This day CHRIST, the pillar of light for the holy Church, has risen from the dead; bless and magnify Him in the highest for ever. **м**оре 8.











































^{*)} Shu to 121, Աստпւшծшծին։

^{*)} See Astvatsatsin, Page 121.

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#### ASTWATSATSIN THACHAR.

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TO THE HOLY VIRGIN.

[Antiphon. (Easter Day.) My soul doth magnify the LORD, and my spirit hath rejoiced in GOD my Saviour.]

Hymn. Birthgiver of GOD, temple of Light, who didst give birth to the Ineffable Incarnate Word of GOD: with praises do we magnify thee. [Glory.]

Be glad and rejoice, Mother and Virgin, for He Who was born of thy virginity, this day having risen again, was born of the virgin grave: with praises do we magnify thee. [Now and ever.]

Rejoice and be glad, thou Bride on the earth and in heaven, for the celestial beings, having descended this day, gave thee joyful tidings of thy SON, the Only-Begotten: with praises do we magnify thee.

ጉካ፣ Mode 8.











-vats zkiez pa - rie-pa - nia - 1 mie-tsa - tsu-tsa - niemk.



















^{*) 86}и 126 Цлор ащиньр.

^{*)} See Aisor uspasiek, Page 126.

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#### AISOR SPASIEK.

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OF PENITENCE.

[ Antiphon: Easter Day only. Have mercy. Ps. LI. I.]

Hymn. Easter Eve and Day. This day Thou didst change the
passover of the sufferings of the Jewish exodus into the Easter
of the salvation of souls, through Thy holy resurrection, O Christ.

This day with the blood of the dumb lamb symbolically offered, Thou, O Lamb of God, didst bestow on us Thy salvation giving Blood.

This day in place of the firstborn, Thou didst redeem those in bondage, Thou, Fruit of Life and First Bisen of the dead!

**Ч**4: Моде 8.



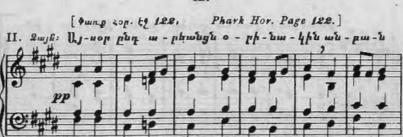












II. Mode. Ai-sor unth a - riansn o - ri-na - kin an - pa - n



ka-ran - tsun zien-mants par-kie-vie - tsier miez karn As -





III. Side. Ai - sor unth an - tran-katsn a - za - thu - thiun a -



thietsier ŭz-kie-rialsn, pŭ-thugh kie-nats nun-





*) Shu to 130, Ujuon fintermulet

^{*)} See Aisor hrieshthah'k. P. 130, and Note for Teacher and Choir.

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## AISOR HRIESHTHAK'K.

**Տ**ԷՐ ՑԵՐԿՆԻՑ

TO THE LORD OF HEAVEN.

[Antiphon. Easter Day only. Bless the LORD of heaven, bless

Him in the highest.]

Hymn. Easter Eve and Day. This day the angels in the heights rejoice with mankind, those who descended from the heavens to give glad tidings to the world, Rejoice this day, Christ is risen from the dead.

This day the angel in the sepulchre proclaimed with joyful voice to the incense-bearing holy women, to impart to the dis-

ciples, Rejoice this day, Christ is risen from the dead.

Glory to the FATHER, and to the SON, and to the HOLY SPIRIT.
This day the Rock of Faith, and Johannes the Beloved, going in doubt to the tomb of the Risen One, having beheld it proclaimed, Rejoice this day, Christ is risen from the dead.

Now and ever, unto all eternity; Amen.

This day let us, gladdened by this feast, shine with joy, and being reconciled with God, lovingly embrace one another, and unanimously cry aloud, Christ is risen from the dead.







I. Mode. Aisorhriesthakuk i partsuns u-ra-kha-nan unth marthkan,









surp kananten puoghär tsai-ni-v tsun-zu-thiamp path-



-miel a - sha-kier - tha-atsn a - sie - luov, tsun-za -





Side. P'hark Hor iev Wor-thuo iev Huo-kui - n sur - puo.



III. Side. Ai -sor vi - mi - n ha-va-thuo iev Huovhan-nu .



-luo unth haka-ra-ks untha-tsial i kieriesman harutsie-luin



zur thie-sia-l pathmä-in, Christos ha-riav i mierie-luots.



IV. Mode. Aijm iev misht iev ha-vi-thianus ha -

*) Ungula, Side, sings two verses. See Explanatory Note. p. 145.



IV. Ai - sor iev mie - k zvar-cha-tsialk pai-tsa-ras - tsu - k



nivs, unth hashthu-thiaan'n Asthutsuo mimiants arktho -





Mode and Side sing together, and slower, up to the end.

Սարկ։ խնդրեսցուք Հաւատով միաբանուԹեամբ՚ի Տեառնէ զի զոզորմուԹեան զչնորհս իւր արասցէ՚ի վերայ մեր։ Տէրն ամենակալ կեցուսցէ և ողորմեսցի։

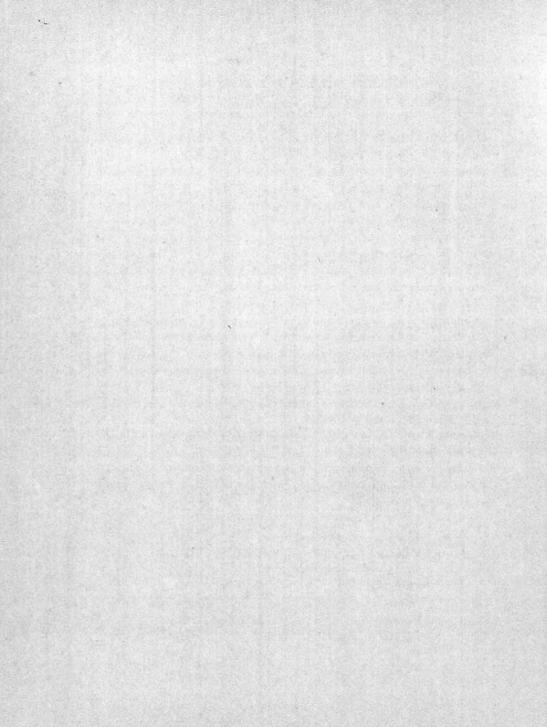
Deacon. Let us be seech the LORD with faith and unity, that He may extend to us the grace of His mercy. May the LORD Almighty save and have mercy upon us.

Choristers. (Mode) Save, LORD.

Choristers. (Side) LORD have mercy, LORD have mercy, LORD, have mercy.



- Քան։ Թագաւոր խաղաղութնետն օգնական և փրկիչ անձանց մերոց
  Քրիստոս Աստուած մեր, պարսպետլ պահետ գժողովուրդս ջո
  ընդ Հովանետւ սուրբ և պատուական խաչիւրդ ջո ի խաղաղութեան։ Փրկեա յհրեւելի և յաներեւոյթ թչնամւոյն արժանաւորեա գոՀութեամբ փառաւորել զջեղ ընդ Հօր և ընդ սրբոյ
  Հոգւոյդ այժմ և միչտ և յաւիտեանս յաւիտենից. Ամէն։
- Priest. King of Peace, Sustainer and Deliverer of our being, O Christ our Gon, keep Thy people sheltered under the shadow of Thy holy and precious Cross in peace. Deliver them from their enemies visible and invisible, and render us worthy to thankfully glorify Thee with the FATHER. and with the HOLY SPIRIT, now and ever, to all eternity. Amen.
- Հայր մեր։ Հայր մեր։
- Priest. Blessed be our LORD JESUS CHRIST. Amen. Our FATHER.
- Սարկ։ Օրհնեալ է Աստուած յամենայն ժամ, յամենայն ժամ օրհնու-Թիւն նորա 'ի բերան իմ։
- «ան։ ՕրՀնեալը եղերուը՝ի չնորհաց սուրբ Հոգւոյն․ երԹայը խաղաղութեամբ և Տէր եղիցի ընդ ձեզ և ընդ ամենեսեանդ։ Ամէն։
- Deacon. Blessed be GoD at every hour; at every hour shall His praises be in my mouth.
- Priest. Blessed be ye by the grace of the HOLY SPIRIT. Go in peace, and may GoD be with ye and with all. Amen.



## EXPLANATORY NOTE.

(For Teacher and Choir.)

From the Plan of an Armenian Church (see frontispiece), it will be seen that the Chancel is divided into three portions.

During the antiphonal singing of the daily offices, the singers stand in the two choirs, and the Priests in the Tribune (Umbut), — the singers on the one side being called Tsain (2uju), and on the other, Kuoghm'n (4njth). At the Celebration of the Holy Oblation (Unipa manupuma), the Deacon, or Umphumuma, and those who serve at the Altar (who would in English be called acolytes), stand above near the Celebrant in the Sanctuary, and the Choristers (nupped) below in the Tribune, facing the Altar, and the other Priests, if any, behind them.

The Vigil, or Eve, of a great day is celebrated at the close of the evening service by the antiphonal (side to side) singing of the principal hymns of the morrow's services. This celebration, called in Armenian Nakhathonak (Tumumonumu, takes place at the end of the Celebration of the Holy Oblation on the Eves of Christmas and Easter.

In the Calendar (Opwgnjg) of the Armenian Church, published yearly, each day is distinguished by two ecclesiastical letters. Eight of these double letters are used in rotation.

Beginning with the first day of Lent, Monday, each day is lettered with one of the first four letters of the alphabet in conjunction with the initial letters, Tsa, 2, and Kien, 4, of one of the two words referred to above, Tsain, 2 ufu, and Kuoghm'n, 4 ugfu, — Mode, literally Voice, and Side.

Thus -

Monday,	Aip-Tsa,		11.2.
Tuesday,		Aip-Kien,	14.
Wednesday,	Pien-Tsa,		F2.
Thursday,		Pien-Kien,	<b>β</b> ų.
Friday,	Kiem-Tsa,		42.
Saturday,		Kiem-Kien,	44.
Sunday,	Tha-Tsa,		42.
Mnnday,		Tha-Kien,	<b>֏4.</b>

This completes the set of eight. So, on the next day, Tuesday, we begin again with Aip-Tsa and continue as before, throughout one year, till the following Lent, when again we must start afresh with Aip-Tsa on the first day of Lent, Monday.

These letters regulate the services, prayers as well as hymns, and also distinguish the eight modes of singing, which are called by the same names, Aip-Tsa, Aip-Kien, and so on.

In this volume I have distinguished these by numbering the Modes. Aip-Tsa is Mode 1, and Aip-Kien Mode 2, and so on.

On referring to the hymns, it will be seen that the verses are appointed to be sung verse about, by Tsain (Mode), and by Kuoghm'n (Side), Quift L 4njffi:

# RULE FOR A YEAR, THE DATE OF WHICH FORMS AN EVEN NUMBER.

During a year, the date of which forms an Even number, such as 1908, 1910, 1912, Tsain falls to the North Choir, from the first day of Lent, Monday.

Thus. On all days lettered in the Calendar, Aip-Tsa, U.Q., Pien-Tsa, PQ, Kiem-Tsa, PQ, Tha-Tsa, PQ,

The Singers standing in the North Choir, or, (for the Nakhathonak), at the North end of the Tribune, will sing all the hymns appointed for Tsain, and all verses of the Nakhathonak appointed to be sung by Tsain (Quiju).

And the Priest standing at the North end of the Tribune will say all the prayers appointed for Tsain,  $2\omega/\nu$ .

Meanwhile, on all such days,

The singers standing in the SOUTH CHOIR, or, (for the Nakhathonak), at the SOUTH end of the Tribune, will sing all appointed for Kuoghm'n, 4nnfl, (Side)

And the Priest likewise.

But, on the days in these years lettered Aip Kien, Il, 4, Pien Kien, 64, Kiem Kien, 64, Tha Kien, 64,

The singers standing in the South Choir must sing all appointed to be sung by Tsain, Quyu, Mode, and those in the North all appointed for Kuoghm'n, \undergammangth, Side.

During the whole of the year, from Lent to Lent, Tsain, Quifu, is said to be on the North.

## RULE FOR A YEAR, THE DATE OF WHICH FORMS AN UNEVEN NUMBER.

During a year, the date of which forms an UNEVEN number, such as 1909, 1911, 1913, Tsain is on the South, from the first day of Lent. On days lettered Aip Tsa, U.Q., Pien Tsa, FQ, Kiem Tsa, FQ, Tha Tsa, FQ,

The singers in the South Choir, or, (for the Nakhathonak), at the South end of the Tribune, sing all appointed for Tsain, Qufu, Mode, those, in the North Choir, or at the North end, taking all appointed for Kuoghm'n,  $\eta_{nq}fu$ , Side, and the Priest likewise.

On days lettered Aip Kien, U, 4, Pien Kien, F4, Kiem Kien, A4, Tha Kien, A4, the Singers in the North Choir take all appointed for Tsain, 2014, Mode, and those to the South all for Kuoghm'n, 4014, Side. The Priest likewise.

I have explained that the rule changes from Monday, the first day of Lent, continuing for one year until the first day of the following Lent. It necessarily occurs, therefore, that the beginning of the new year on January 1st, must be disregarded, and the rule of the preceding year followed for the next eight or ten weeks which must elapse before Lent begins. Christmas Eve and Day, 18th and 19th January, therefore, fall under the rule of the preceding year, notwithstanding the date of the actual year having changed to an even or uneven number, as the case may be. February 26, Candlemas Eve, will perhaps occur after Lent has begun, and must be calculated for accordingly. The Modes for the whole of Lent up to Easter being fixed, the letters are the same every year, and only the date of the year is to be considered. As the hymns for Christmas Eve and Day, and for

Palm Sunday and Holy Week must be practised by the Choir during the months of the previous year if they are to be rendered with any degree of facility, it is necessary for the teacher to consider all these rules and arrange the work accordingly for the two divisions of the choir. If one side is of male voices and the other of trebles, it will be wasting time to teach the whole to the singers on both sides.

#### THE CHOIR AND THE SERVICE.

Before the service all the books for the Nakhathonak huhumohulu must be kept at hand in the two choirs.

On Christmas and Easter Eves, when, in the Liturgy, the curtain closes for the Communion of the Celebrant, immediately after he says h unipp, h unipp, I surp, i surp (see Melodies of the Armenian Liturgy), the Acolytes, Umphuimq.p., having nothing further to sing in the Sanctuary, should come down, take their books, and stand waiting in whichever choir may be nearest the end of the Tribune, Umbuiu, where they will stand for the Nakhathonak, Umhumuolumh, according to the part they will sing, whether Tsain, Quib, or Kuoghm'n, Unquil, Mode, or Side.

Meanwhile the Liturgy continues, the Choristers in the Tribune singing Christos Patharakial, \$\mathbb{P}\text{phumau ummumpmqhm}\text{Liturgy}\), until, after the Celebrant's Communion, the curtain opens for the Communion of the congregation. The Choristers stop singing, and move to their end of the Tribune, or \$\mathbb{U}\text{mhmh}\text{Lit}\). (It is more convenient for them, on account of the communicants, to stand at the South end on Christmas and Easter Eves). They must immediately fall into position for the Nakhathonak, \$\mathbb{U}\text{mhmmohmh}\text{Liturgy}\text{ During the Communion the hymn Pashkhā zmarmin, \$\mathbb{E}\text{mumohmh}\text{Liturgy}\text{ book, meanwhile one chorister should take the books of the other choristers, and

another should hand them the books for the Nakhathonak, "whomostudy, in which, for the convenience of the choristers, I have included the two post-communion hymns from the Liturgy, L'tsak, Lgmp, and Kuohanamk, Andminudp. Communicants at an evening mass are rare, if any, there are only a few moments of time available in which the books can be changed, as the slightest pause in the service is inadmissible. As soon as the Choristers begin to sing Lgmp, L'tsak, the Umphununp, Acolytes, must enter, and stand at their end of, the Tribune, Umbuú:

In Western Churches the Choir are conveniently placed in stalls, with their books on desks in front of them. In an Armenian Church neither stalls nor desks are found. In addition to his book, every one during the singing of the humanium, Nakhathonak, must hold a lighted candle. With such complications of movement and ritual to deal with, it becomes necessary for the teacher to carefully rehearse all these matters beforehand, and to see that every member of the choir fully understands what he has to do, and where he has to stand, otherwise unseemly confusion must inevitably result.

The Post Communion Hymns are given in two keys, pp. 2 and 4 for Christmas, and pp. 98 and 100 for Easter. When the Choir are practising the first verse of bupsarpy dbd, Khuorhurt miets, (Christmas, p. 7, line 2), and the first verse of by Juppar, Aisor hariav, (Easter, p. 103, line 3), they should always sing firstly the last four bars of aster. This is to ensure that no mistake may occur in passing from and when he (Kuohanamk) to the Christmas or Easter hymn (change of key not being an easy matter without an accompaniment). The teacher and choir will bear in mind that the Antiphons Optibugarp of Stp. (Orhniestsuk uzTār), p. 7, line 1, and p. 103, line 1, are never sung in the evening.

At all other celebrations of the Holy Oblation, one of a set of appropriate hymns, called Pauli (Kans), follows Paramumal (Kuchanamk). As the Juminonium (Nakhathonak) takes the place of the Kans on

the Eves of Christmas and Easter, no Kans is sung on those evenings. All other celebrations, of course, take place in the morning.

The two first hymns, Christmas, pp. 6 and 15, Easter, pp. 101 and 112 (I refer to the pages of the titles), are sung in slow time. The third and fourth hymns, Christmas, pp. 23 and 27, Easter, 120 and 125, are in a lower key, and are very softly and rapidly sung, almost sotto voce. These require great practice in order to gain distinct utterance in quick time, and the accents must be strongly marked, especially on p. 26, and p. 29, first line, or else confusion results. The fifth and last hymn (Christmas, p. 32, and Easter, p. 129), returns to a higher key, and here again a difficulty occurs in passing from one key to the other, especially for Christmas, from the last bar on line 2, p. 31, to the first bar of p. 33. It is more effective for both sides to sing together the words  $\Phi mng' h \mu mp \lambda n \lambda n u U mn \lambda n u highest'', as well as most appropriate, and it helps the side which sings Mode to overcome the difficulty of the change of key.$ 

In every place where an Antiphon is printed in this book, I have mentioned that it is *sung in the morning only*. No Antiphons are ever sung at an evening service.

Only one Doxology is sung, the one for the fifth and last hymn, to be found on pp. 33 and 34 for Christmas, the last line of each page, and for Easter on p. 131, last line, and 132, last line.

All Antiphons, and all doxologies (excepting pp. 33, 34, 131, 132), are printed in smaller music type, and are omitted from the evening service. They are merely included in this volume for the sake of completeness. Those excepted, i. e. the Doxologies, pp. 33, 34, 131, 132, are sung in the evening.

Two endings are given for most of the hymns, the Ordinary Ending, used in the evening, when the hymns are sung in aggregation, one after another, and the Final Ending, used in the morning. In every case where two endings are given, it is indicated which is to be sung in the evening, and which in the morning. Everything, moreover, which is not sung in the evening, is enclosed in brackets.

p. 33, and the bars on p. 31 to be sung by both sides, already referred to.

To sum up. The Choir turn from p. 5 to p. 7, line 2, without an instant's pause, see foot note on p. 5, and sing without a break to the end of p. 14, then they pause for the words said by Deacon and Priest on p. 15; then, starting from a tuning fork, they immediately begin the last line of p. 16, omit the third and fourth lines of p. 19, and the whole of p. 20, and sing straight on, omitting the third line of p. 21, up to the end of the ordinary ending on p. 22; turn immediately to p. 24, omit the last line, sing p. 25, omitting the last line; then sing the first and second lines of p. 26, go straight to the second line of 28, continuing to the end of line 2 on p. 31, turn to p. 33 top line, and sing to the end of p. 35. At the end of p. 35, the Deacon says a short prayer, and the Choir answer with Save, Lord, on p. 36, while the Priest raises up the Gospel. He then says the Prayers and Dismissal on p. 37, when the service ends.

The Post Communion Hymns must both be started from a tuning fork, also the second hymn of the Juhumolud, Nakhathonak, on p. 16, after the words said by the Deacon and Priest.

Difficult passages in the Easter Juhumobul (Nakhathonak), pp. 103 to 133.

Practise the last bars of a full wind p (Kuohanamk), p. 100, and the first bar of U. Juop Juphue, Aisor hariav, p. 103, in the same way as for Christmas.

Aisor hariav, p. 103, belongs to the First Mode, second kind (there are two ways of singing the First Mode). Verses L, II., and III. resemble one another, more or less. It is best, when teaching verses that resemble each other, to take the passages that differ in each verse, and teach those first, to impress them on the minds of the choir. Then to teach each verse as a whole. All three verses have the same refrain. The melody however, being more tuneful, is certainly easier than that of the Christmas hymn, but on the other hand, the passages are somewhat complicated. In the second bar, line 2 of p. 104, the

choir will seldom sing one syllable, as written, but will attempt very often to sing the syllable of the following bar on the note B. From verse IV., the melody is condensed into fewer bars. This is the short way of singing the elaborate passages of the other verses.

Page 113, the second hymn, is in the Eighth Mode and is quite different in character. The second verse is rather puzzling.

From p. 121, the quick sotto voce singing occurs again, as for Christmas, (the accents to be carefully observed on pp. 121, 122, 123) up to p. 130. The third and fourth bars of the second line on p. 130 are somewhat different to other verses, and the Choir are apt to find this passage difficult.

Two verses with the first half of the Doxology fall to \(\frac{\pi_n \cdot \vec{p}_n}{\text{th}}\), Kuogh'mn, Side, because the number of verses in this hymn is unequal, and it is the rule for Side to sing the first half of the Doxology, because they must commence the second hymn, \(\begin{align*}
\limits_{\cdot \pi_0 \cdot \pi_0} \div \text{th} \cdot \text{th} \text{th} \text{th} \text{th}, \(\text{Aisor miets} \) aviethik, p. 111.

The whole choir should join fortissimo in the last words, p. 133, Christos hariav i mierieluots, "Christ is risen from the dead".

The service ends in the same way as on Christmas Eve, with \(\psi bgn\), Kietsuo, Save, Lord, and some short prayers.

The Choir must turn from p. 111 to p. 113, last line; from the end of the first line on p. 117 to p. 118; from the Ordinary Ending ou p. 118 to the second line on p. 121; from the Ordinary Ending on p. 124 to p. 126, second line; again from the Ordinary Ending on p. 128, to the first line of p. 130, then continue on to the end. As in the Christmas Eve service, all the omissions are enclosed in brackets, and can easily be distinguished. Foot-notes direct the teacher to this Explanatory Note in most places where difficulties may occur.

### CHRISTMAS DAY.

After the service of the Liturgy (commonly called mass), the Armenian Church celebrates the Baptism of Christ by a ceremony called the Blessing of the Water, Page 40.

At the end of the Liturgy, instead of descending to the Tribune for the final Gospel, (see *Melodies of the Armenian Liturgy*), the Celehrant reads it from the Sanctuary, and the remainder of the Liturgy is completed there.

Meanwhile the trebles, and perhaps a few of the best male voices, as soon as the curtain is opened during the Quita, Kans, should retire to the vestry to fall into procession. Acolytes must remain in the Sanctuary for Ilatu bryligh, Amen, ieghitsi, (see Melodies of the Armenian Liturgy), and two should walk in the procession, holding candles and the veil which is carried before the Holy Chrism. When the service outside in the Sanctuary is ended, the Choristers should begin Lagu h parany, Luis i lusuo, (Light from Light), No. 1, p. 41, or No. 2, p. 44, pianissimo, in the inner vestry (as if in the distance), and come out slowly, singing, pass across the chancel, ascend to the Sanctuary by the South steps, pass behind the Altar and range themselves on the North side * facing South, the Acolytes meanwhile should remain on the South side *, and stand facing North. Two ways of singing the two first verses of laju h jacung, Luis i lusuo, are given. If the procession is a very short one, No. 2 may be used. It is difficult for young boys to learn two ways of singing the same air, so that it is better to choose one way and keep to it. Three or four verses are generally sufficient, ending, if possible, with verse IX, but if this verse, which is the last, is used, the Choir must be certain that no more will be needed. When the Priest with the Chrism, following the Choir, censer, and candlebearers, reaches the Sanctuary, the Celebrant censes first and then receives the Chrism from his hands, and raises it aloft. At the same moment, the Choir, ending a verse of Lagu fo forway, Luis i lusuo, should start h abagic wabus, I tsierun arial, p. 52, "The Illuminator taking in his hands". This is not at all easy for the Choir to accomplish at the right moment (the pace

^{*} Of the Sanctuary.

of the procession - in full number - must be carefully rehearsed previously on the spot), but it can be done if the Celebrant be induced to help in the matter by slightly prolonging, or hastening, his censing according to the point the Choir have reached in their singing when the Priest has attained the Sanctuary with the Chrism. If the Celebrant's movements are unexpected, the most careful rehearing will be of no avail. Meanwhile, the Choir have to quicken the time of the singing if they are in position much before the end of a verse, or they have to sing another verse, in quicker measure, if they have not reached their places. Luis i lusuo is best suited to treble voices, as the pitch is apt to drop during the long slow walking, but a few male voices may join. I tsierun arial should only be sung by trebles. Lengthy reading follows, ended by a Gospel, after which three hymns are sung, Sudbunju dud, Hamienain jzham, p. 55, is the first of these. The versicles should be sung by the Acolytes, and the responses by the Choristers. This is very long, the whole is not printed, but even of what is given, if verses I. and II. (or only I.), are sung, and followed by verse V. to the end, it will be ample. All querifutuel, Ov zarmanali, 66, follows immediately (four or five verses will be enough two lines of words to each verse), and after that p. 69, 11,100p & with, Aisor tsainun, three or five verses. These two hymns may be sung by the Choir in unison. Unison singing should be avoided as a rule, as it invariably spoils the tone of the trebles. The Blessing of the water by the Celebrant and other Priests follows, p. 73, the Choir, or only the Acolytes singing the responses, p. 74. After the blessing, "he shall drop the Holy Oil crosswise into the water", p. 76, and after each drop, the Choir should sing one verse of [ numbing unquiting, p. 73. It is customary to drop the oil thrice only, so a final ending is given for the third verse, but three more verses are given in case of need. The next hymn on p. 84, is sung while the congregation is dispersing, by priests and deacon, and it is not necessary for the Choir to learn it.

There is nothing specially difficult in the hymns for this ceremony except that they occur after the Choir have already gone through a long and fatiguing service. The breathmarks should be carefully attended to in Lymp h present, Luis i lusuo, and throughout the rest. The

processional is most effective if the beginning is sung pianissimo in the vestry, and it should throughout be very smoothly and sustainedly rendered, and from the third verse, sung in quicker time. The first couple of a procession of eighteen boys, exclusive of candlebearers, should almost reach the South pillar at the beginning of Verse II, on page 43. The Acolytes can sing Verse IX while the Celebrant is censing. In U. Juop amjuh, Aisor tsainun, the Choir are apt to confuse the half ending, bars 26 and 27, with the final ending, bars 39, 40, 41. Verse III. begins differently, see p. 72, and then repeats the melody from the second bar.

The breathmarks have been very carefully and thoughtfully inserted, after an experience of many years in teaching these melodies. To one unaccustomed to this style of music, they may seem occasionally to be placed in unusual positions, but this is not so in reality. As the music is intended to be sung by trebles, there are many breathing places allowed. If the teacher, after due experience, finds that there are too many breathmarks given, some may be omitted, provided the Choir can do without them, but they should, in no case, be permitted to breathe anywhere else but in the places indicated. If they do, the phrasing will be altered, the character of the singing suffer, and the melodies will not be correctly rendered. The melodies have a peculiar character of their own, and in teaching them several things must be guarded against, such as wrong breathing, jerky singing, and forcing the chest voice up in the higher register. Most of this music can scarcely be called vocal, in the sense of being easy to sing, or of being comfortably situated for the voice, and its character seems to bring about of itself certain defects of vocalisation which are difficult to prevent.

The teacher will find that if the difficult passages are first used as singing exercises in various keys, the hymns will be far more satisfactorily rendered.

The time is throughout indicated by the metronome, which shows the exact time required, and should in all cases be strictly followed. The metronome, although it is exclusively used for instrumental music, was, I considered, the only reliable means of indicating the right time, of course making due allowance for breathing.

The metr. time of the Antiphons is what would be required when the hymns are sung in the morning, pp. 23 to 31, and 119 to 127.

