

## Vor i lerinn aylagerbyal Որ ի լերինն ալլակերպեալ *(Hymn of the Transfiguration)*

It is known that in the Armenian Church, *Vartavař*, or the Feast of Transfiguration, has replaced a pre-Christian rite designed to glorify Asdghig, the goddess of love and beauty. On that occasion garlands of roses were set afire at her statues, thus naming the feast *Vartavař* (burning of the rose). Curiously, on *Vartavař*, rose petals are strewn in the sanctuary. *Vartavař* also glorifies the church, which in spiritual terms is a vessel like Noah's Ark that saved all created beings. To symbolize the Great Flood, water is sprinkled during the service. Furthermore, white doves are let loose in the church to recall the story of the Flood, when one of the birds brought back a living olive branch. "Vor i lerinn aylagerbyal" is the major hymn of the day.

*"By Your Transfiguration on the mountain You showed Your Divine power. We give You glory, O Light Divine."*

*In awe Ակնածաւորով*

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