**In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.**

**First semester/ grade 8**

**Name: Worksheet: 1**

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**Keeping faith from generation to generation (the Church)**

Q1: What is the meaning of the word church?

The Church means the community of believers who are bound by one faith in Jesus Christ.

Q 2: When was the church founded?

Fifty days after the resurrection of Lord Jesus Christ (when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples at Pentecost)

Q 3: Write the characteristics of the church and what it means.

1- One: the unity of faith, teaching, thinking and hope

2- Holy: because it is sanctuary by Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit works in it

3- Catholic: because it conveys the message of salvation to all people

4- Apostolic: because it is based on the teachings of the disciples

Q4: The church is built in many shapes name them

1- The shape of the ship because it leads the believers to salvation

2- The shape of the cross symbolizes the cross of Lord Jesus

3- An octagon and symbolizes the Day of Resurrection (the eighth day)

Q5: Write down the sections of the church.

1- The entrance (where the candles are lit in front of the icons)

2- The nave of the church (where the people stands)

3- The Temple (in which the sacrifice is performed)

Q6: Why is the church building heading to the east (where the sun rises)?

Because Lord Christ is the Sun of Righteousness, and His second coming will be from the East.

Q7: What does the icon in the middle of the church symbolize?

It symbolizes that Lord Jesus is the ruler of creation, embracing and blessing all the world.

Q 8: How can we know the name of the church?

Through the icon next to the icon of Virgin Mary (on the iconostasis "icon holder")

Q 9: Where did the Christians perform prayers before the construction of churches and in the time of persecutions?

In caves and homes of believers.