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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

11:00 a. m

January 23, 2005

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE

CHIMES

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN - #82 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" (vs. 1,2,4)

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

Hear now our prayers, O God:

They bring us now into your presence;

They expose us to your searching, loving eye;

They seek your will, that we may do it;

They bear our pledges, responding to your promises, and help us to hear you, O God, in your Word, in our music, in our prayers, and in silence. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who taught us to pray:

" Our Father, Who art in heaven..."

*GLORIA PATRI

A RESPONSIVE THANKSGIVING FOR EACH OTHER:

LEADER: God in His goodness has given us each other.

PEOPLE: Most of the time we are glad he did; God help us to be glad all the time.

LEADER: God in His artistry made us different: different in appearance and temperament, different in sound and style.

PEOPLE: Sometimes we are grateful for such differences; variety adds interest to living; one pattern would be monotonous.

LEADER: But sometimes the differences worry us; we are afraid of a different appearance, we are angered by a different disposition, we take ourselves for the norm and find everyone else wanting.

PEOPLE: Forgive us, our father, when we try to improve on your

design, when we suggest that you were not careful enough of our convenience, that we could have done better if we had been in charge of creation!

LEADER: Instead of that blasphemy, teach us how to delight in your variety.

PEOPLE: Encourage in us an interest in the experiences and attitudes of people.

LEADER: Enlarge in us an interest in the memories and the hopes of people older than we are.

PEOPLE: Encourage in us an interest in the anxieties and the visions of people younger than we are.

LEADER: Enlarge in us an interest in the views and concerns of people who don't think the way we do.

PEOPLE: In all of this keep us very much ourselves; it will not add to the richness of your variety if we let ourselves go characterless, spineless, or colorless.

LEADER: Instead, show us how to love each other in all our distinctness and difference.

UNISON: We praise you for honoring us by testing us with the way we handle this variety. We praise you for delighting us with a place in your many splended family. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

ANTHEM

NOTICES AND CONCERNS

OFFERTORY CHOIR RESPONSE

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READING

Armenian: John 17: 1-10 (p.1679-80)

English: Matthew 24: 1-14, 29-31 (pp. 1538-39)

SOLO - Daniel Haroutunian

ARMENIAN SERMON: *The Glory of Christ*

*HYMN - # 96 " I Love to Tell the Story " (v. 1 & 4)

ENGLISH SERMON: *The Second Coming of Christ*

*HAYR MER - # 133

***BENEDICTION**

*CHORAL RESPONSE: "*Park Kéz Dér, Asdvadz Mér*"

****Congregation is requested to stand***

****** Latecomers may be seated.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME ALL WHO ARE WORSHIPING WITH US, especially guests. We extend a very cordial welcome to newcomers to take part in the worship, to engage in the activities of the Church and make this your church home.

WE WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT THIS MORNING our Honorary Life Deacon David Terzibashian. Our Minister is in Chicago to be the guest speaker of the Anniversary Banquet of the Armenian Evangelical Church of Chicago. This church is in the process of building a new sanctuary and a Christian Education Building.

WE WELCOME TO OUR CHANCEL this morning our own soloist, Daniel Haroutunian.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR THIS MORNING are given by Mr. and Mrs. Movses and Maggie Avakian, in memory of her Mother Mrs. Ossanna Takessian.

THE COFFEE HOUR TODAY is sponsored by Mrs. Nella Lommert, in loving memory of Jan Lommert.

PLEASE RESERVE THE FOLLOWING DATE: Friday, February 11, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. for a Family Night, for all ages. Donation is \$12.00 for adults; \$6.00 for children 6-12 years old; no charge for children under 6 years. Delicious menu, games, Armenian Folkloric dances. Please write your names on the sign up sheet on the bulletin.

THE GREATER DETROIT ARMENIAN CHURCHES ARE SPONSORING A UNITED VARTANANTZ OBSERVANCE, on Thursday, February 3, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, 29125 Six Mile Road, (South East of Middlebelt) in Livonia. The host church is St. Vartan Armenian Catholic Church. All are invited to attend.

THE JANUARY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE DEACON'S will be held on Sunday, January 30th, following the Coffee Hour.

WE HAVE A NEW TREASURER in the person of Bob Jacobs, for all financial aspects of the church you may contact him. We take this opportunity to thank the outgoing treasurer Ralph Garabedian.

OUR MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE, all those who need prayers please stay in the Sanctuary.