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PALM SUNDAY

11:00 a.m.

March 20, 2005

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE

CHIMES AND LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT

*HYMN: # 93 "Jesus Shall Reign" (vss. 1,2,5)

RESPONSIVE LITANY:

PASTOR: Lift up your heads, O you gates!

PEOPLE: Be lifted up, you ancient doors!

PASTOR: That the King of glory may come in.

PEOPLE: Who is this King of Glory?

PASTOR: The Lord strong and mighty.

UNISON: O Jesus, on this day You showed Yourself to the people as a King of peace, receiving the tribute of the little and the humble. Give us the grace to welcome You as they did, with holy joy. Help us to be ready for your coming. May we accept you as King of glory, and Lord of our lives. May we be able to say : Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord: Through Your precious name we pray: "Our Father who art in Heaven..."

*GLORIA PATRI

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CHILDREN'S CHOIR- Under the direction of Susan Gasparian

PALM SUNDAY LITANY:

PASTOR: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion, behold your king is coming to you;

PEOPLE: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

PASTOR: Blessed be the kingdom of our father David that is coming!

PEOPLE: Hosanna in the highest!

PASTOR: Father, on this day, as we recall the entrance of our Savior into Jerusalem, grant that we may open our hearts and let him enter in and triumph within us anew.

PEOPLE: Grant us depth of faith, honesty of purpose, and divine wisdom not to receive you like the mob on that first Palm Sunday.

PASTOR: Give us the grace to cut from life the vital branches of sacrifice; and may our garments of righteousness be cast upon the highway of his coming.

PEOPLE: Grant us, O Lord, responsive spirits that we receive Jesus as our Lord and King.

PASTOR: Help us to break down every barrier which we have built against his entrance in our lives.

PEOPLE: May the doors of our hearts be lifted up that the King of Glory may come in.

UNISON: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest! Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE "Soorp Asdvads"

ANTHEM

NOTICES AND CONCERNS

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND ANTHEM: "Ovsanna"

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

BAPTISMAL SERVICE

1. Brief Address

2. Parent's Vow

3. Congregation's Vow (*Congregation stands and reads in unison*)

We, members of the Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit, receive this child into our love and care, and we do promise that, so far as in us lies, we will uphold and encourage the parents in the fulfillment of their covenant.

4. The Baptism

SOLO - Dina Kessler

SCRIPTURE READING

Armenian: Mark 11:1-10 (pp. 1572-73)- Sarine Krikorian

English: Matthew 21:1- 11 (pp. 1531-32)- Stephen Pope

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ARMENIAN MESSAGE: Four Questions Regarding Palm Sunday

*HYMN: #190 "All glory, Laud and Honor" (vss. 1,3)

ENGLISH MESSAGE: The Triumphal Entry

*HAYR MÉR - # 133

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE: "Park Kéz Dér, Asdvadz Mér"

QUIET MEDITATION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

** Congregation is requested to stand*

**** Latecomers to be seated*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME TO OUR CHANCEL TODAY our guest soloist Dina Kessler, the Church School Junior Choir & their director, Co-Superintendent Susan Gasparian. Scripture readers: Stephen Pope and Sarine Krikorian.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR THIS MORNING Mr. & Mrs. Raymond and Thelma Jernukian in honor of their granddaughter Kaley's baptism.

THE COFFEE HOUR TODAY IS SPONSORED by Mr. & Mrs. Matthew and Kathy Moultrup on the arrival of their grandson, Brady Alan, son of Mr. & Mrs. Derek and Lori Moultrup.

TO BE BAPTIZED TODAY is baby Kaley Alise Jernukian, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Jr. and Lisa Jernukian, born on June 8, 2004, at St. John's hospital. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Raymond and Thelma Jernukian, and Mr. & Mrs. Victor and Shirley Nader.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE will be held on Thursday, March 24, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. The Sacrament of Communion will be administered. Following the service, there will be a slide presentation on the Holy Land by Deacon David Terzibashian.

EASTER SUNDAY March 27, 2005 will begin with our annual Easter Breakfast, sponsored by the youth of the church, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. donation \$6.00. Please do come and encourage our youth. Easter Services are at 11:00 a.m.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON: The first Palm Sunday, the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, raises the following four questions:

- 1. What characterizes a triumphal life?* Jesus' entry into Jerusalem was a triumph over a precarious situation. He knew that Jerusalem was a danger zone where he would be treated with violently, but he took a courageous stance by marching forward to demonstrate in person that He was the Way, the Truth and the Life.
- 2. What is the measure of success and greatness?* By human standards, Jesus' mission was a failure. Palm Sunday events demonstrated that true greatness is not based on brute force. Jesus did not stir people with military talk, but spoke of love, peace, and service. Many kingdoms have come and gone. His Kingdom is forever!
- 3. Where do people take their cues from?* Many take their cue from the mob. When life is easy, they will shout "Hosanna," but in the time of trial they would shout "Crucify him." It is important to know who and what decides the course of our lives.
- 4. What kind of priority does God get with us?* God was always the highest priority in Jesus' life. He was not affected by the public opinion. We have to wisely discern the most important issues of life, and give ourselves to them without reservation.