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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

11:00 A. M.

April 17, 2005

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE AND CHIMES

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN - #4 "Worship The Lord"

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

God, our Father, forgive us for the proud thoughts and selfish ways which keep us from each other and from You. Grant us clean hearts, we pray, that we may truly love You and so be free to cherish one another in Your name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

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

*GLORIA PATRI

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RESPONSIVE READING AND PRAYER:

PASTOR: Shepherd and sheep were common in the biblical world. Jesus uses the shepherd and his sheep as an analogy. He is our shepherd and comes through the gate of the fold, as distinguished from a thief or robber.

PEOPLE: We recognize his voice and follow him. In a sense, he is the gate through which we enter into life abundant.

PASTOR: Christ is the Good Shepherd who cares for the sheep and guides them toward green pastures. Let us pray for all those who have gone astray and not followed the True Shepherd of our lives: Almighty God, we pray for those who seek the self-defeating goals of life.

PEOPLE: Almighty God, we pray for those who measure their success in economic terms.

PASTOR: Lord God, we pray for those who hide from themselves in their pursuits of happiness.

PEOPLE: Lord God, we pray for those who see the worldly celebrity as the epitome of the good life.

PASTOR: Gracious Lord, we pray for those whose every act of kindness is calculated.

PEOPLE: Gracious Lord, we pray for those who are trying to follow Jesus for all the wrong reasons.

PASTOR: O God, in the life and death of Jesus you have offered us yourself. You have such hopes and dreams for us. However, we all, like sheep, have gone astray. We continue to break your heart by choosing our own ways.

PEOPLE: Lord, give us wisdom to see where we are going and the courage to take up our crosses and follow Jesus.

UNISON: We pray in His name. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

ANTHEM

NOTICES AND CONCERNS

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE READING:

Armenian: John 10:7-10 (page 1666)

English: Lamentations 3:52-60, (pp. 1280-81)

ARMENIAN SERMON: *The Ingredients of Life*

*HYMN - #198 "Thine Is The Glory" (vs. 1, 3)

ENGLISH SERMON: *Saving the Best Things in Life*

*HAYR MER - # 133

***BENEDICTION**

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

** Congregation is requested to stand.*

**** Latecomers may be seated.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR THIS MORNING are given by Mr. & Mrs. Leo and Cathy Brito in memory of Mrs. Eugenie Toukhanian (on the 40th day of her passing).

THE APRIL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Christian Education Room.

DETROIT UNITED COMMITTEE FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE invites all to the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave. Dearborn, (between Greenfield and Southfield Roads), today, April 17, 2005 at 2:00-4:30 p.m. for the observation of the 90th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

MOTHER'S DAY, SUNDAY MAY 8, 2005 this is your invitation to join us in the Morning Worship Service to pay tribute to our mothers. That afternoon at 5:00 p.m. is our annual Mother's Day Banquet. the Co-Chairpersons are Gayaneh Kachadourian and Aram Kakousian. Tickets are now available for sale. Donation: Adults \$20.00, (Ages 6-12 years) \$10.00. Ages under 6 years are free. We need sponsors, patrons and donors.

Please reserve for: Name: _____

Total Number Attending: _____

\$20.00 per Adult x _____ = \$ _____

\$10.00 (Ages 6-12) x _____ = \$ _____

Free (Under 6 years old)

Tickets are available now. Deadline for reservations is May 1st.

Please mail your payment with this reservation slip to: **Armenian Congregational Church P. O. Box 531, Southfield, Michigan 48037** or Give your payment and reservations slip to Banquet Co-Chairs, Gayaneh Kachadourian or Aram Kakousian.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON (John 10: 7-10)

According to Jesus himself, the primary purpose of his coming to this world was that we might have life and life abundant. Abundant life is made up of ingredients. The essential ingredients of abundant life are:

1. **“Kerygma”**- The proclamation that God was in Christ. In brokenness and estrangement from God we need a redeeming word.
2. **“Koinonia”** is the New Testament for “fellowship.” Christian faith is a community experience. We need to belong to a spiritual family preserved and empowered by the Rison Lord.
3. **“Diakonia”** is the New Testament word for service. It refers to Christ-like service in the church and to the world. It means serving Christ by serving others.

These three ingredients represent God’s will for us as followers of Jesus Christ. Christ came that we “may have life, and have it abundantly.” But will we “realize life” while we live it?