

**Armenian Congregational Church of
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ARMENIAN MARTYRS' SUNDAY

11:00 a.m.

April 24, 2005

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE

CHIMES

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN: # 21 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"**

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

Lord, fill us with the love of life, your life of love, which faces death in all its forms and rises stronger than before. Raise us and call us to venture out again. Help us to take the plunge and challenge all the powers that masquerade as being in control of this, our world. This day we want to celebrate your resurrection with our own! Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who taught us to pray: " Our Father, who art in heaven...."

***GLORIA PATRI**

A LITANY OF COMMEMORATION:

PASTOR: Our loving and gracious Heavenly Father, for all those who have stood firm in their Christian faith in the face of persecution, exile, and death.

PEOPLE: We praise you, O God!

PASTOR: For all those Armenian men, women, and children who were deported, driven on death marches, and massacred mercilessly because they refused to deny their faith.

PEOPLE: We lift up our cries to you, O God.

PASTOR: For all those who directly or indirectly participated in the murder of this small Christian nation and washed their hands saying: "I am innocent of their blood,"

PEOPLE: We lift up our cries to you, O God.

PASTOR: For all those who continue to trample on truth, justice, and human rights.

PEOPLE: We lift up our cries to you, O God.

PASTOR: That the Armenian people may not perish but prosper under Your Fatherly care.

PEOPLE: We pray to you, O God.

PASTOR: Grant that we may appreciate the freedom and the security we are privileged to enjoy in this beautiful country,

PEOPLE: Hear our prayer, O God.

PASTOR: Grant that your power of resurrection may inspire us to live as righteous people prepared for every good work.

PEOPLE: Hear our prayer, O God.

PASTOR: Grant that we may be compassionate, forgiving and loving people.

UNISON: Hear our prayer, O God, and grant us a right spirit. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

ANTHEM

NOTICES AND CONCERNS

OFFERTORY CHOIR RESPONSE

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND SOLO – *Gayaneh*

Kachadourian

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READING: Armenian: *Romans 8:31-39* (p. 1758)

English: Hebrews 11:32-39, (pp. 1876 –77)

SOLO - *Gayaneh Kachadourian*

ARMENIAN MESSAGE: *Lest We Forget*

***HYMN: # 88 "Faith of Our Fathers"** (vss. 1,3)

ENGLISH MESSAGE: *The 90th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide*

***HAYR MER** - # 133

***BENEDICTION**

CONGREGATIONAL 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 our own soloist Gayaneh Kachadourian.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR THIS MORNING are given by Mr. & Mrs. Aram and Alice Kakousian in memory of the one and a half million Armenian martyrs who were massacred by the Turks.

THE COFFEE HOUR TODAY is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Antranik Bederian, on the third anniversary of his mother, Mrs. Naomi Bederian's passing.

THE MAY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DEACONS will be held Sunday, May 1st, 2005.

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, Aram Kakousian, or Alice Kakousian.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON

Why do we want to remember the tragic event of the Armenian martyrdom? We remember our dead because they were martyrs of our Christian faith, "The cloud of witnesses." Each one of those dead had the chance to deny his/her faith in Jesus Christ and become a Muslim, and thus save himself or herself. It is those martyrs, the heroes of faith, that we remember. It is with the blood of the martyrs that Christ built his church. We lost our lands. We lost our churches, leaders, writers, intellectuals, saints but we have kept the faith. Therefore, today we have risen from the ashes. We have built new and better churches. We remember the genocide because we continue to believe that God will vindicate our just cause.