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MOTHER'S DAY

11:00 A.M.

MAY 8, 2005

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE

CHIMES & LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN - #104 - "There is Beauty All Around"

*INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

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LITANY FOR MOTHER'S DAY

PASTOR: Our Heavenly Father, we thank you that you have so planned that we should dwell in homes and families. We are grateful to you for our mothers whose love has sustained family life over the centuries.

PEOPLE: We thank you for motherhood that is a symbol of strength and unselfishness.

PASTOR: We thank you for all the mothers whose wisdom has guided their children through the developing years of life.

PEOPLE: We thank you for all the mothers whose trust has inspired youth to strive for high ideals, and whose lives have been a signpost pointing them to Christ.

PASTOR: Grant that we may express our gratitude to our mothers and honor them as we recall their loyalty and love, their kindness and patience, their sacrifice and perseverance.

PEOPLE: Grant that their example may motivate us to love and serve you more, and reach out and touch the lives of our neighbors.

PASTOR: We pray, that you will bless our mothers today as we honor them, and bless the memory of those who are with you in glory.

PEOPLE: Help us, O Lord, to grow in the love which gave us birth and guided our early steps.

PASTOR: Help us to bring about a true sense of love in our world beginning with our own homes.

PEOPLE: Inspire us by the example of our mothers' faith that we may build a stronger spiritual foundation for our lives.

UNISON: Unite us in your love, O Lord, and bind us together as you guide us into greater service to you, to our parents, and to others, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

ANTHEM

NOTICES AND CONCERNS

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH SOLO – Terri Waraniak

***DOXOLOGY and PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS INTO THE CHURCH

1. Confession of Faith

2. Welcome to the Church (The congregation will stand and read the following, in unison)

We then, as members of the Church, gladly welcome you to a part with us in the hopes, the labors, and the joys of the Armenian Congregational Church. We promise to walk with you in Christian love and sympathy, and to promote, as far as in us lies, your growth in Christian life.

SOLO – Terri Waraniak

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

SCRIPTURE READING:

Armenian: Proverbs 31:25-30 (pp. 1032-1033)

English: Acts 1:12 – 14 (p. 1691)

ARMENIAN SERMON: A Mother's Influence

***HYMN** - *"Faith of Our Mothers" (Tune: Hymn #88, "Faith of Our Fathers")*

*Faith of our mothers, living yet
In cradle song and bedtime prayer
In nursery love and fireside lore,
Thy presence still pervades the air.
Faith of our mothers, living faith
We will be true to thee till death.*

*Faith of our mothers, Christian faith
In truth beyond our man-made creeds,
Still serve the home and save the church,
And breathe their spirit through our deeds.
Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
We will be true to thee till death.*

ENGLISH SERMON: *Giving Back the Love We Have Received*

***HAYR MER - #133**

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE - *"Park Kéz Dér, Asdvads MÉR"*

QUIET MEDITATION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

** Congregation is Requested To Stand*

**** Latecomers May be Seated*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL MOTHERS: Our Mother's Day Banquet will be held today at 5:00 p.m., in the Social Hall.

WE WELCOME TO OUR CHANCEL THIS MORNING our guest organist Margaret Benian and our guest soloist Terri Waraniak.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR THIS MORNING are given by Mrs. Armina Boujoulian and family in memory of their husband, father and grandfather, Mr. Stephen Boujoulian.

TO BE RECEIVED INTO OUR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP are: 1. Genya Derian, 2. Peter Garabedian, 3. Susan Garabedian, 4. Monica Koehler.

TO BE BAPTIZED THIS MORNING is baby **Zachary Jordan**, son of Mr. & Mrs. Peter and Susan Garabedian, born on January 21, 2005 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Pontiac, MI.

THE MAY MEETING OF A.C.C. WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP will be held next Sunday, May 15, 2005, following the Coffee Hour.