

Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit

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11:00 a.m.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN - #8 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

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

Lord God, let Your Spirit make this hour a moment of truth for us, for each of us and all of us, we pray in Your divine strength. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who taught us to pray: "Our Father, Who art in heaven ..."

*GLORIA PATRI

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RESPONSIVE READING: A LITANY OF THE APOSTLES

PASTOR: Lord Jesus, we remember before you the men you chose to be Your disciples and trained to become Your apostles.

PEOPLE: They were laymen, Lord, every one of them, but You chose them for the extension of Your prophetic, priestly, and kingly ministry.

PASTOR: We remember Peter, that strange, uncouth rock made of such shifting sand.

PEOPLE: Help us, O Lord, like Peter, to find in You the Christ, the Son of the living God.

PASTOR: We remember Andrew, evangelist extraordinary, who was always bringing someone to you.

PEOPLE: Unlock our lips, O Lord, that, like Andrew, we may learn to talk about You with skill and grace.

PASTOR: We remember James and John, "Sons of Thunder", willing vehicles of an ambitious mother's ambition.

PEOPLE: Chasten and refine our ambitions, O Lord, that, like them, we may learn at last to seek only Your will.

PASTOR: We remember Philip, slow of wit, big of heart.

PEOPLE: Remind us, O Lord, that you place more stock in our hearts than in our wits.

PASTOR: We remember Thomas, the skeptic who ached because he wanted so badly to believe.

PEOPLE: As You did for Thomas, O Lord, convict us of the power and sufficiency of Your resurrection.

PASTOR: We remember Matthew, prosperous, despised, an outcast in the midst of his own people.

PEOPLE: Let us not forget, O Lord, that with You no human label ever sticks.

PASTOR: We remember James, Your brother, perhaps Your rival in Your family.

PEOPLE: Impress upon us, O Lord, both the rightful claims of bonds of blood and their insignificance compared with our debt to You.

PASTOR: We remember Simon, the Zealot.

PEOPLE: Keep all of our lesser loyalties, O Lord, even our love of country, subordinate to our loyalty to You.

PASTOR: We remember Thaddeus and Bartholomew, who evangelized our Fatherland -- Armenia.

PEOPLE: We know why You chose them, they surely served You well.

UNISON: Lord, we thank You for the whole company of Your Apostles, and for Your continuing invitation to discipleship.

NOTICES AND CONCERNS

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE READING:

Armenian: John 6: 66-69 (p. 1658)

English: Deuteronomy 6: 4-9 (p. 284)

ARMENIAN SERMON: If You Leave Out Christ

*HYMN-- # 97 "Brightly Beams Our Father's Mercy" (vs. 1, 3)

ENGLISH SERMON BY: Teach It, Talk It, Take It

*HAYR MER - # 133

*BENEDICTION

**Congregation is requested to stand.*

**** Latecomers may be seated.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WORD ON PLEDGES: In any mature and responsible household, it is proper to confront all members with their responsibilities for the good of all. It is the same for the Church also, which is, after all, a household of faith. For this reason, we remind each and all that the Church depends upon all doing their best to keep up to date on pledge payments in order to help the church balance its annual budget and maintain its programs. If you are behind and if it will not work undue hardship, won't you kindly make every effort to catch up? For your thoughtfulness, your church thanks you.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, JULY 31, 2005. We will vote on a resolution recommended by the ACC Council. The resolution is a gesture of deep appreciation honoring Rev. Tootikian for his many years of devoted service and numerous contributions to the Armenian Congregational Church. Here is a summary of the points of the resolution: -- Bestow on him the title of "Minister Emeritus" -- Invite him to continue using the ACC Armenian Heritage Committee Fund to promote Armenian culture -- Continue to provide for his family's health insurance premiums through the end of 2007 -- Dedicate the ACC Social Hall as the "Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian Hall."

ACC Council

INFORMATION

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Phone _____

Address _____

- I have recently moved into this area. I have moved, new address
- I am interested in membership. I wish to be on the mailing list
- I would appreciate a visit from the minister This person is sick