Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit

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11:00 A.M.

October 30, 2005

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE
CHIMES AND LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES
CALL TO WORSHIP
*OPENING HYMNS - # 54 "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing"
74 "Take My Life and Let It Be" (vs. 1-4)

*RESPONSIVE READING - # 390 "A Litany For Stewardship"

PASTOR: Our God of Spirit and truth, we live in a money-motivated culture Where a person is judged not by who he is on inside, but by what He is on the outside.

PEOPLE: In our daily tasks we have submerged the Christian values of Stewardship, comradeship, integrity, and hard work beneath underhanded dishonesty, blind ambition, cushioned greed, faulty workmanship.

PASTOR: Why have we wasted our time?

PEOPLE: What have we done with our talents?

PASTOR: Why have we lost faith in what you can do through us?

PEOPLE: We are guilty, Lord, for betraying you into the hands of Material security and for selling our souls for less than thirty pieces of silver.

PASTOR: Liberate us from the illusion that money buys everything and that everything comes at the right price.

PEOPLE: Forgive us...help us...love us...so that we may possess the Vision To recognize the right, the courage to accept your truth, the Wisdom to love others.

PASTOR: Lord God our provider and Sustainer, have we forgotten how to be Thankful in an age of luxury and economic growth?

PEOPLE: Does our wealth blind us to the poverty of others?

PASTOR: We have been extravagant with our use of material possessions. We have surrendered to low ideals. We have ignored eternal hope.

UNISON: Lord, deliver us. We beg forgiveness. Provide us then with a new opportunity to prove ourselves worthy of your blessings. And may we seek to follow our Lord and Master with thankful and Joyful heart. Amen. *INVOCATION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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ANTHEM
GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY
PASTORAL PRAYER
CHORAL RESPONSE
PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH SOLO
*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 20:32-35 (Pages 1730)

ARMENIAN SERMON: "It is more Blessed to Give Than To Receive."

*HYMN # 239 "His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

*HYMN #75 "All To Jesus I Surrender"

ENGLISH SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (Pages 1803)

ENGLISH SERMON: "Sowing Generously"

*HAYR MER - #133

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Park K²ez D²er, Asdvadz M²er

QUIET MEDITATION ORGAN POSTLUDE

* Congregation is requested to stand *** Latecomers may be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME ALL WHO ARE WORSHIPING WITH US, especially guests. We extend a very cordial welcome to newcomers to take part in worship, to engage in the activities of the Church and make this your Church home.

THE CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on November 6th, 2005, following the Morning Worship Service.

"YOUTH LOCK-IN." All youth ages 12-17 are invited to a sleepover at the church on November 4th, and a one-day seminar on Saturday the 5th. AEYF Eastern Region Pastor Ara Jizmejian will lead the seminars, and the youth from our sister church in Chicago are expected to join us also.

THE INSTALLATION SERVICE for Rev. Makarios Darawi will be on November 13th, 2005 during the normal Sunday morning worship hour. It will be followed by a luncheon in the church social hall.

CHURCH PRAYER CONCERNS. The following persons and their families remain in our prayers: Joseph Perry and Ray Jernukian.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will have a meeting today, October 30, 2005, following the fellowship hour.

PRAYER TIME. Come join us every third Sunday of the month for a prayer time right here in the sanctuary immediately following the Sunday Morning Worship.

PLEASE RESERVE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20th, 2005. Our annual traditional thanksgiving Banquet will be held on Sunday, November 20th, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. In addition to the delicious menu, we are planning a most entertaining program. Back by popular demand Renee Papelian & the band. This is your invitation to take part in this wonderful occasion. Be present and share the joy of the evening with us, and your church family, support the banquet with your contributions. The Co-chairpersons of the banquet are Jim Derian and Joe Papelian. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults-\$10.00 per child 6-12 years- No charge for children under 6 years old.

We need Sponsors \$2,000 and over; Benefactor \$500.00 and over; Patron \$250.00 and over; Contributor \$100.00 and over.

Reservation and Contribution Form

I/we will attend the "Thanksgiving Banquet" on Sunday, November 20,
2004 at 5:00 p.m.
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Please Make your checks payable to: Armenian Congregational Church
Memo: Thanksgiving banquet.
For Tickets please see Alice Kakousian or Frances Garabedian

