

Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit
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11:00 A.M.

April 23, 2006

*We welcome all who are worshipping with us, especially guests and newcomers. We invite you to take part in worship, to engage in the activities of the church and make this your home church.
A supervised nursery is available for children age four and under.*

ORGAN PRELUDE

GREETINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

***OPENING HYMNS-#21 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (vs. 1,2 & 3)**
#41 Faith Of Our Fathers"" (vs. 1 & 2)

RESPONSIVE READING -#382 "A Litany For Armenian Martyrs"
Day" (see insert)

***INVOCATION**

***GLORIA PATRI - #295**

ANTHEM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER**

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: Romans 8:35-39 (pg. 1758)

SERMON IN ARMENIAN: "What Does April 24 Mean to Us Today?"
-Rev. Dr. Vahan Tootikian

***HYMNS -#112 "For All The Saints" (vs. 1,2)**

#263 "Once To Every Man And Nation" (vs. 1,2)

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: 1 Peter 1: 3-9 (pp. 1886-87)

SERMON IN ENGLISH: "Keep Hope Alive"

***HAYR MER - # 133**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** "Park K0ez D0er, Asdvadz M0er"

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT THIS MORNING our Minister Emeritus the Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian.

91st ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE.

- Sunday April 23, at 2:00 p.m. at St. John Armenian Apostolic Church.
- Monday April 24, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church.

MISSION SUNDAY will be held on Sunday May 7th, 2006. The AMAA field director, Pastor Dikran Youmshakian, will bring us both the Armenian and English messages during our morning worship service. Later during our Mission Luncheon, he will be give an up-to-date report on the work and ministry of the AMAA in Armenia and around the world.

THE SPRING SEMINAR FOR WOMEN will be held on Saturday, May 13, 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Mrs. Cathy Tanana will be our guest speaker. Please register by May 7 (forms in foyer). Questions? Contact Mrs. Jennifer Darawi.

AEUNA BIENNIAL CONVENTION The 18th Biennial Convention will take place in Paramus, NJ from *Thursday June 29th- Sunday July 2nd 2006* at Hilton Woodcliff Lake. For more information please speak to Pastor Mak.

CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS Please continue to pray for Mrs. Anahid Haroutunian, Raymond Jernukian, and Mary Marburger.

MOTHER'S DAY, SUNDAY MAY 14, 2006 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 Mark Kadian and Aram Kakousian. Tickets are now available for sale. Donation: Adult \$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)

****Congregation is requested to stand**

***** Latecomers may be seated**

SYNOPSIS FOR THE ARMENIAN SERMON

For Armenians all over the world, April 24 – the Armenian Martyrs’ Day – has become a symbol expressing their deepest afflictions and affections, their profound disappointment and frustrations, their loftiest ideals and dreams, and their uttermost dedications and consecrations.

First of all, April 24 is the observance of a most calamitous tragedy, which obliterated half of the Armenian race, made our homeland a land of bloody turmoil, pillage and plunder, destruction and death. The first genocide of the 20th century perpetrated by the Turkish government from 1915-22 still gives us a haunting awareness of loss and a profound sense of sorrow.

Second, although April 24 is beyond our powers of comprehension, it can deepen our purpose of faith. As a nation, Armenians have learned that their Christian faith does not offer immunity from evil and suffering, but it offers them purpose, power and perspective to utilize their creative forces no matter where they have been. By the grace of God, the genocide did not paralyze the faith and the willpower of our people, for the surviving remnants achieved new life in the four corners of the world, in their homeland and in the Diaspora.

Third, April 24 is a reminder of man’s inhumanity to man, and a time to remember unfulfilled claims. Genocides can easily be committed, (and are being committed today), when nations put their self-interests above justice and their possessions above people. Armenian new generations and the whole world should be reminded that Armenian inalienable rights still remain on the agenda of unfinished business.

Fourth, April 24 is not only a day of commemoration, but also a day of rededication. **We are now being called to rededicate ourselves to the Christian principles and to Christ for which the unnumbered masses of Armenian martyrs made their supreme sacrifice.**