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**SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE**

**11:00 A.M. December 27, 2020**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

**CHORAL INTROIT:** *Sourp Adsvaz*

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN***: #125 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”*

**\*INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)**

Lord God, as we close this year, we reflect on our lives and everything that has happened. Although none of us expected the things we witnessed this year with this pandemic and the war in Artsakh and Armenia, we are still very much thankful that you kept us and protected our lives to this day by your grace. You were faithful in your promise of never leaving us or forsaking us. We know we can rely on your love every day. We pray that you prepare us for the New Year. We ask you to bless us and make us fruitful. Heal our world from this pandemic and heal our people in Artsakh and Armenia who continue to receive threats from their enemies. Protect them under your wings with your unfailing love. We give you all the glory and honor, who taught us to pray, “Our Father, Who art in heaven….”

**\*GLORIA PATRI**- *#79* *Glory be to the Father and to the* Son a*nd to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

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**RESPONSIVE READING*: End of The Year Sunday***

**PASTOR:** O God, in the quietness of your house we await the closing moments of another year.

**PEOPLE: We lift up our hearts to you, O Lord.**

**PASTOR:** For your presence with us during the past months, we thank you, our Father.

**PEOPLE: For the pleasant signs of your presence, we thank you.**

**PASTOR:** Successes long anticipated; happiness long hoped for; pleasures long looked forward to.

**PEOPLE:** **But even more, we are grateful for satisfactions we had little reason to expect, joys that surprised us, sudden delights that seemed to come from nowhere.**

**PASTOR:** Your presence, Father, was comforting, but not always comfortable.

**PEOPLE:** **O Lord, some things that happened in this year reminded us again of your mystery, of how your will is not always our will, of how much more you know than we do.**

**PASTOR:** But here we are, going into the New Year, rejoice and wondering, and talking to you.

**PEOPLE:** **Accept our gratitude for all the obvious marks of your goodness.**

**PASTOR:** Help us to make amends in the New Year for whatever wrong we did in the old.

**UNISON: And grant us humility and courage to live with the mysteries that remain, trusting you, the beginning and the end, in whom we have all our beginnings and endings. Amen.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

**\*THE APOSTLES’ CREED (in unison)**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#129 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE:** *Philippians 3:12-16 (p. 1829)*

**ENGLISH SERMON:  New Year with New Perspective**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *2nd Corinthians 4:16-18 (p. 1798)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Eternal Glory Awaits Us**

**\*HAYR MER *-*** *#275*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Park Kéz Dér, Asdvadz Mér"**

**QUIET MEDITATION**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

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***\*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 the worship, to engage in the activities of the Church and make this your church home.

**NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 3RD, 2021** is the Epiphany of our Lord, Armenian Christmas Sunday, New Year and Communion Sunday.

**CHURCH JOYS AND CONCERNS:** Please continue praying for Artsakh and Armenia.

**2021 OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES** are available by the entrance of the church. Those of you who have made a pledge may pick up your envelopes after the Service. Pledge cards are available for those who have not yet made their pledge for 2021; you may obtain them from the Church Office.

**Church Schedule:**

1. **Monday prayer** 6:30 p.m. online via Zoom app.
2. **Wednesday Bible Study** is being held every Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. online via Zoom app.
3. We will continue to provide **online Sunday Service** while we meet in person via Facebook live streaming. It will be posted, so you can watch it over again. It will also be posted on our website/YouTube by next day, Monday.