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**11:00 A.M. April 11, 2021**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN***: #219 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”*

**\*INVOCATION** and the Lord’s Prayer (in Unison)

Almighty God, Who has brought from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, and Who used His death upon the cross to bring about our redemption, grant us the faith to believe that every good which seems to be overcome by evil and every love which seems to be buried in darkness and death, shall rise again to life immortal; through Christ, the risen Lord, 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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**THE POST EASTER LITANY**

**PASTOR:** Following His resurrection, Christ appeared in a new and glorified body, whereby He testified to the fact that His spiritual presence would always be with His followers.

**PEOPLE:** **As He appeared to Mary Magdalene, burdened with tears of sorrow at the death of her Master, He revealed that He had conquered death. May the spirit of the risen Christ comfort us in our sorrows and remind us of the promise of eternal life.**

**PASTOR:** As he came to Thomas, in the midst of his suspicion and doubt, He restored the faith of His disciples in God, and in Himself.

**PEOPLE:** **May the spirit of the risen Christ help us to return to a strong spiritual faith from the depths of doubt and skepticism.**

**PASTOR:** As he prepared the disciples for His final departure, He assured them that His spiritual presence would always be with them.

**PEOPLE: May the spirit of the risen Christ speak to us, as he did to His disciples long ago…”Lo, I am with you always.”**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**CHORAL RESPONSE:**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE:** *1 Corinthians 15:12-19 (pp. 1789-1790)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: “If Christ Has Not Been Raised”**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#201 “Low in The Grave He Lay” (vs. 1,2,3)*

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *Romans 6:8-10 (p. 1754)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: “Why Do I Believe in The Resurrection of Christ?”**

**\*HAYR MER:** *#275*

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE WELCOME ALL WHO ARE WORSHIPPING 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.

**WE WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT** this morning our Minister Emeritus Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian; who will conduct the Worship Service. Pastor Hagop and his wife Nuné are in California. They will be back on April the 16th.

**A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ANAHID HAROUTUNIAN** will be held on Saturday, April 17, AT 11:00 A.M. in our Sanctuary.

**CHURCH JOYS AND CONCERNS:** Please pray forLee Savalle (Sandra Haroutunian’s sister). Please continue praying for Glen Harrison, Haig Arabian, Artsakh, Armenia, our government and the pandemic.

**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.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of the Christian faith. It is a major doctrine of the Christian Church. I believe in the Resurrection of Christ not because it is a doctrine, but it is a deep conviction in me for the following reasons:

**First, I believe in the Resurrection of Christ because it validates his identity and mission.** Jesus as God incarnate came to save mankind. Without his resurrection his mission would not have been accomplished. Christianity survived and became a power not on the basis of Jesus’ words, or life, or death, but on the basis of his resurrection. Christ’s Resurrection was the stamp and seal of what he claimed to be and do.

**Second, I believe in the Resurrection of Christ because I believe and trust in his words.** Jesus would have not been truthful had he not been risen from the dead. During his life on earth he told his disciples and followers that he would suffer at the hands of people, and will be crucified, but he will rise again. This is what exactly happened. There was no gap between Jesus’ utterance and performance. His words matched his deeds. All his claims and prophesies came to pass. I believe in his resurrection because I trust him.

**Third, I believe in the Resurrection of Christ because it has made, and still makes, a tremendous change in the lives of his followers.** Take, for example, his early disciples. The crucifixion had devastated them. Their sadness had given way to hopelessness and despair. Three days later, however, something miraculous happened when their sadness and despair gave way to joy, strength and confidence. The secret of this change was that they encountered the living Christ. Throughout centuries the Risen Lord has touched the lives of billions of people. Without the Resurrection of Christ, Christianity would be a museum piece.

**Fourth, I believe in the Resurrection of Christ because he has touched my life.** The Risen Lord had been a daily unseen companion in my life. He has given me comfort when I have been in pain, has provided me with guidance and direction when I have been confused. He has given me faith, hope and strength in times of uncertainty and weakness. I can claim like the ancient devoted soul. “I know my Redeemer liveth.”