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**PASTORS’ APPRECIATION SUNDAY**

**11:00 A.M. October 10, 2021**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN***: # 395 “Children Are We of One Father Above”*

 *(in English vs. 1-3)*

 *(in Armenian vs. 1)*

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

Lord God, we come with a heart of gratitude thanking you for your love. We are forever grateful that you are our God and our Father. We come before your presence with joy and confidence, knowing that you love us unconditionally. We pray that you fill us with your blessings every day as we put our trust in your unfailing love. We ask that you help us remain faithful to you no matter what happens. Help us fulfill your commandment of loving you with all of our heart and loving our neighbor as our self. 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 and 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:**

**PASTOR:** Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we thank You for the Christian service of the ministers of this church, who have become your faithful servants proclaiming the Gospel.

**PEOPLE:** **We thank You for the faith of our fathers and for their Christian legacy.**

**PASTOR:** We thank You for all those who have passed the torch of Christian faith from generation to generation and have bequeathed to us our Christian values.

**PEOPLE: Grant that, acknowledging our debt of gratitude, we may have wisdom to dedicate ourselves to Your service.**

**PASTOR:** As beneficiaries of those who have gone before us, grant that those who come after us will be the beneficiaries of our stewardship and dedication.

**PEOPLE: Help us, O Lord, to realize that each generation should take part in building a future for the generations to come that is worthy of its past.**

**UNISON: O Lord, help us to be your loyal witnesses. Use us as light that is not shadowed, as salt that has not lost its savor, to serve for the advancement of Your Kingdom and for the edification of the Church of Jesus Christ. These we ask in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

**GRACE CENTER OF HOPE PROJECT-** *Mrs.**Carole Basmadjian*

**\*CONGREGATIONAL SONGS:** *#5 “Holy Is The Lord”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE:** *Judges 16:1-22 (pp. 399-400)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Samson and the Glory of God**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE**: *Judges 16:23-30 (pp. 400-401)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: The Plea of Samson to God**

**\*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.

**PAST AND PRESENT PASTORS’ OF ACC:** *Rev. Misak Aijian, Rev. Yeghiazan Rushdouni, Rev. Haroutune Kartozian, Rev. Edward Tovmassian, Rev. Robert P. Rubyan, Rev. Jirair M. Sogomian, Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian, Pastor Makarios Darawi, Rev. Shant Barsoumian and Pastor Hagop Haroutunian.*

**THE COFFEE HOUR TODAY** is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Jano and Lena Bouladian, in memory of her brother Arsene Baran.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** arein honor of Pastor Hagop and Nune’s one year wedding anniversary. May the happiness of these early days of your marriage continue to grow in the years ahead.

**PASTOR HAGOP AND NUNE** will be out of town next Sunday, October 17th, our own Minister Emeritus Rev. Vahan H. Tootikian will be conducting the Morning Worship Service.

**CHURCH JOYS AND CONCERNS:** Please pray for George and Ann Krikorian, Harout Eurdekian, continue praying for Nancy Berschbach, Jan Janigian, Lee Savalle (Dan and Sandra Haroutunian’s sister), Glenn Harrison, Artsakh, Armenia, our government and the pandemic.

**IS YOUR ANNIVERSARY, BIRTHDAY OR GRADUATION** approaching? Why not share your celebration with the Church Family by sponsoring the Fellowship Hour or Altar Flowers. Please sign your name on the Bulletin Board, call the Church Office or email Souzanne at Office@accdetroit.org.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

Samson had a special calling to fulfill God’s mission to save His people from the Philistines who were oppressing the Israelites. The story of Samson is bitter-sweet. He goes through several stages in his life that teaches him to fully submit to the Lord, as follows:

1. Samson knew he had a call and a mission from God, and so he follows it but gets distracted by life circumstance that does not allow him to fully accomplish his mission.

2. Samson was distracted by a woman whom he fell in love with, named Deliliah, who captured his heart and deluded him to believe her lies; he was captured and taken to prison by the Philistine.

3. Samson was very late to come to realize he had fallen short of accomplishing God’s mission; he made one final plea from God to grant him a wish to revenge against the Philistines for gouging his eyes. God granted his wish before his death.

The moral story of Samson teaches us to closely follow God’s will in our lives without being distracted by anything; otherwise we will miss all the blessings God has in store for us.