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**THANKSGIVING SUNDAY**

**11:00 A.M. November 21, 2021**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN***: #359 “Come, O Thankful People, Come” (vs. 1-3)*

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

Dear Lord, we come before your presence to give thanks to your holy name, the name above all names. Teach us to be content in all circumstances, just like the Apostle Paul who learned to be content no matter what condition he was in, through Christ who strengthened him, as Christ also strengthens us to do the same. While we live in a world that is filled with evil, help us be the ones that share your love to everyone we encounter, out of gratitude for what you did to save our lives from the snares of death. 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: *Psalm 92***

**PASTOR:** It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night, to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.

**PEOPLE: For you make me glad by your deeds, O Lord; I sing for joy at the works of your hands.**

**PASTOR:** How great are your works, O Lord, how profound your thoughts!

**PEOPLE:** **The senseless man does not know, fools do not understand, that though the wicked spring up like grass and all evildoers flourish, they will be forever destroyed.**

**PASTOR:** But you, O Lord, are exalted forever.

**PEOPLE:** **For surely your enemies, O Lord, surely your enemies will perish; all evildoers will be scattered.**

**PASTOR:** You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine oils have been poured upon me.

**PEOPLE:** **My eyes have seen the defeat of my adversaries; my ears have heard the rout of my wicked foes.**

**PASTOR:** The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God.

**UNISON: They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, “The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him.”**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL SONGS:** *#37“Everlasting God”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE:** *Philippians 4:10-13(p. 1830)*

**ENGLISH SERMON:** **Being Content in All Circumstances**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE**: *Hebrews 12:28-29 (p. 1878)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Worship as an Expression of Gratitude**

**\*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.

**THE COFFEE HOUR TODAY** is sponsored by Ms. Siroon Karapetoff, in memory of her daughter Dianne Niemi.

**MEMBERSHIP CLASS** will be held today following the Morning Worship Service at 1:00 p.m. If you are interested in becoming a member of A.C.C., please see Pastor Hagop.

**SAMARITAN’S PURSE-OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** The deadline for the filled boxes is today. Please be sure to add a $9.00 check for shipping payable to "Samaritan’s Purse” with “Operation Christmas Child” on the memo line. You also have the option to build a shoe box and donate online by going to "Samaritanspurse.org" with the suggested items on the website.

**GRACE CENTERS OF HOPE** Today is also the final day to receive grocery donations to help them serve Thanksgiving Dinner to their clients. If you were unable to bring groceries today, monetary donations can be made payable to the Grace Centers of Hope. A box to place them in is in the lobby.

**FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held next Sunday, November 28th, immediately following the Morning Worship Service, to act on the following items: 1. The proposed budget for 2022. 2. Election of members of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Deacons. All members are encouraged to stay after the Morning Worship Service to participate.

**CHURCH JOYS AND CONCERNS:** Please continue praying for Aram Kakousian, George and Ann Krikorian, Harout Eurdekian, 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](mailto:Office@accdetroit.org).

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

The Apostle Paul is someone we can follow in his footsteps in learning how to be thankful in whatever circumstance we may be in.

**Here are three points we can draw from Paul:**

1. **“I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances**.” This is not an easy statement that anyone can just say. It takes discipline and personal experiences to reach to this height. Paul went through a lot of hardship to learn that roses will not always be red just because he loved and served the Lord. He was ready to face the hardship and persecution he went through.
2. **“I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty.”** Paul went through hard times proclaiming the Gospel, sometimes in prison with no food or drink. These experiences taught him to completely rely on the Lord. The same applies to us; the Lord might allow the same to happen to us if our full trust is not in the Lord.
3. **“I have** **learned the secret of being content in any and every situation.”** Paul gives us the key to how he was able to live his life of contentment; it was by receiving strength from the source of all power, Jesus Christ. Jesus said what is impossible with man is possible with God. He also said that we cannot do anything without Him.