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**SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE**

**11:00 A.M. March 27, 2022**

 **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN***: #192 “On a Hill Far Away”*

 *(vs. 1-2 English, vs. 3 Armenian)*

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

Dear Lord, we come to you with full confidence to praise and glorify your name. We thank you that you have given us faith to believe and trust in you. We know through faith we can conquer everything that stands in our way. We know Satan has been defeated by Christ and we too are able to defeat him because your Spirit lives in us. We pray that our faith continues to grow strong in you. We want to follow the footsteps of all those heroes of faith mentioned in your word who sacrificed their lives for their faith in Jesus. We too want to be faithful to you and never give up our faith in you. 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:** *Hebrews 11:1-16*

**PASTOR:** Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.

**PEOPLE: By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was made out of what was visible.**

**PASTOR:** By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead.

**PEOPLE: By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away. For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God.**

**PASTOR:** And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

**PEOPLE:** **By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith**.

**PASTOR:** By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.

**PEOPLE: By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.**

**PASTOR:** For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God**.**

**PEOPLE: By faith Abraham, even though he was past age—and Sarah herself was barren—was enabled to become a father because he considered him faithful who had made the promise.**

**PASTOR:** And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

**PEOPLE: All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth.**

**PASTOR:** People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own.

**PEOPLE: If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return.**

**UNISON: Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he was prepared a city for them.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE:** *Sourp Adsvadz*

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL SONGS:** *#4 “Here I Am To Worship”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE:** *Hebrews 11:13-16 (p. 1875)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Seeing Our Heavenly Dwelling by Faith**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE**: *Hebrews 11:39-40 (p. 1877)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: The Future Promise of the Faithful**

**\*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**

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

**WE WILL BE CELEBRATING THE LORD’S SUPPER** next Sunday, April 3rd.

**VARTANANTS PROCLAMATION OF FAITH**

(In Unison)

 “From this faith no one can shake us, neither angels nor men; neither sword, nor fire, nor water, nor any, nor all other horrid tortures. All our goods and possessions are in your hands, our bodies are before you; dispose of them as you will. If you leave us to our belief, we will, here on earth, choose no other master in your place, and in heaven choose no other God in place of Jesus Christ, for there is no other God. But should you require anything beyond this great testimony, here we are; our bodies are in your hands; do with them as you please. Tortures from you, submission from us; the sword is yours, the neck ours. We are no better than our forefathers, who, for the sake of this faith, surrendered their goods, their possessions, and their bodies.”

 It is worth dying for the sake of Christ even if we were immortal, for he himself was immortal and so loved us that he died for us, that we, by his death, might be saved from eternal death. And since he did not spare his immortality, we, who became mortal of our own will, will die for his sake willingly, so that he may make us participants of his immortality. We shall die as mortals that he may accept our death as that of immortals.”

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

As we went through this journey of the heroes of faith, we cannot help but be encouraged to become like them. All of these heroes had flaws, but they never gave up; they fell but got up on their feet and continued their journey of faith.

**Here are some key points about faith in action:**

1. **Faith requires obedience:** To fight the good fight of faith we must accept whatever God commands us to do, without fear. God allows certain things to happen in our lives to help our faith grow.

2. **Faith requires full trust in God:** Just like any relationship, without trust, no relationship will last. We need to learn and understand that God only wants what’s best for us; and so if he allows something to happen to us that is unpleasant, we must accept it and ask the Lord what He is trying to teach us through these trials.