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**SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE**

**11:00 a.m. September 18, 2022**

 **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#84 “The Spacious Firmament on High”*

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

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

Lord God, we come to your presence with thanksgiving. We worship and adore you, our rock and strength. We pray that as we wrestle against the evil that is in our sinful nature, the world, and in the heavenly realms, that you grant us victory to overcome over evil thoughts, words, and deed that corrupt our character. We pray that you continue to strengthen us to fight the good fight of faith and conquer over the evil one .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 15*

**PASTOR:** Lord, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill?

**UNISON:** **He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart and has no slander on his tongue, who does his neighbor no wrong and casts no slur on his fellow man, who despises a vile man but honors those who fear the Lord, who keeps his oath even when it hurts, who lends his money without usury and does not accept a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things will never be shaken.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM***: “Rescue” - by Lauren Daigle - April Tini, Soloist*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE***: Romans 7:14-25 (p. 1756)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: The Wrestle Between Good and Evil**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#35 “Mighty to Save”*

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *Ephesians 5:16-17 (p. 1823)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Overcoming the desires of the flesh**

**\*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 ALTAR FLOWERS AND THE COFFEE HOUR** today is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Gagig and Margarita Yeghiyan, in memory of her mother, Greta Petrosyan.

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

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** will be held every other Saturday. Next study is Saturday, October 1st at 10:00AM. Led by Mrs. Lena Bouladian.

**INFORMATION**

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 I have recently moved into this area. I have moved, new address.

 I am interested in membership. I wish to be on the mailing list.

 I would appreciate a visit from the minister. This person is sick.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

Since sin entered in the world, our natural instinct of doing good is changed to doing evil. When Adam and Eve allowed sin to enter into their nature, it spread like cancer and it wants to destroy the image of God that we

are created by.

**Here are some points Paul makes about our struggle against the sinful nature:**

1**. Walk by the Spirit:** Paul says if we walk by the Holy Spirit’s guidance, we will not gratify the sinful nature. Simply put, if we are investing time in the Spirit of God by reading His word, praying, attending Sunday Service, Bible Studies, Prayer, then we are on a good track of pushing out of us all that is part of the sinful nature and be filled by God’s goodness.

2. **The Spirit and the flesh are in conflict:** The Holy Spirit, together with our spirit, are in conflict against the our flesh (sinful nature). This is a never-ending conflict that we have to live by until Jesus comes back and clothes us with a glorified body, where sin will have no place in our lives any longer. Until then, we have to train our mind to deflect and avoid any evil thought, words, and conduct we are tempted to do. We need to ask the Holy Spirit to empower us to resist the evil one by being filled by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God.