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**MINISTER’S APPRECIATION SUNDAY**

**SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE**

**11:00 a.m. October 9, 2022**

 **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#23 “When Morning Guilds The Skies”*

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

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

Our Heavenly Father, Who with Your Son and leaders of the past founded the church, that man might receive this heritage of faith and worship in each generation: grant that as pastor and parish we may be aware of our responsibility to You, to each other and to our fellow Christians. Grant that we may express our gratitude to our spiritual leaders. May we honor them as we recall their loyalty and love, their kindness and patience, their perseverance and sacrifice. May You so inspire us that we may fulfill their prayers for us and for our church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. 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**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#36 “How Great Is Our God”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *Colossians 3:12-17(pp. 1834-1835)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Before Gratitude Comes Humility**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *Colossians 2:6-7 (p.1833)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Overflowing with Thankfulness**

**\*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**

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

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** will be held every other Saturday. Next study is Saturday, October 15th at 10:00AM. Led by Mrs. Lena Bouladian.

**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, and all those who were affected by hurricane Ian in Florida.

**THE A.C.C. FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held on Sunday, November 13th,in our Sanctuary, immediately following the Morning Worship Service, to act on the following items: a. The proposed budget for 2023**.** b.Election of members of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Deacons.Please plan to stay after the Morning Worship Service to participate.

**PAST AND PRESENT PASTORS’ OF A.C.C.:** *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.*

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

The Apostle Paul says just as you received Christ; continue to live your lives in Him. When we first heard about Christ and accepted Him into our lives, we were joyful. That joy should never be reduced and cease. We need to continue to rejoice in the Lord with a thankful heart in all circumstances.

**Here are some points to being thankful:**

1. **Being rooted and built in Him:** God wants us to know Him in the most intimate way. Because when we get to know the heart of God, we will naturally give thanks to Him because He truly is good at all times and only wants what is best for us.

2. **Overflowing with thankfulness:** Many things happen in this life that may discourage us from giving thanks to God. We need to remember that the scriptures tell us that God works all things for the good of those who fear Him. If we can trust that God’s intentions are always good for us, then we will always give thanks to Him no matter what happens to us.

**THANKSGIVING BANQUET** The Thanksgiving Banquet of the Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit will be held on Sunday, November 20th, at 5:00p.m. in the Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian Hall. A beautiful program is being planned for your pleasure.The donation is $30.00 adults, $15 for children age 6-15, under 5 is free. Please make your reservation by Thursday, November 10th. All members and friends of the church are encouraged to act as donors, patrons and supporters. The church counts on their participation and generosity.

**I/we will attend the “Thanksgiving Banquet” on Sunday, November 20th at 5:00p.m.**

Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

$30 per adult -- $15 per child 6-15 years (No charge for children 5 & under)

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In addition I would like to make a donation of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

In memory/honor of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Please make checks payable to: Armenian Congregational Church***