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**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**11:00 a.m. December 11, 2022**

 **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL:** *#118 “Go Tell It on the Mountain” (vs. 1-3)*

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

Dear Lord, we come before your presence with joy and gladness as we reflect on your love through Christ our Lord who came into this world to save us. We rejoice knowing that you are with us and love us unconditionally. While at times we go through various trials, we still trust and rejoice in you because we know that all things work for the good for all those who love you. We pray that the birth of Jesus will remind the world once again that they are invited to receive this free gift of eternal life. We pray that you open everyone’s eyes to see the joy of knowing you and following 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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**LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE*-****Mrs. Carole Basmadjian will be reading the advent scripture for Joy from Luke 1:39-55.*

**\*RESPONSIVE READING:** *Psalm 96*

**PASTOR:** Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**PEOPLE:** **Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.**

**PASTOR:** Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

**PEOPLE: For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.**

**PASTOR:** For all the gods of the nations are idols. but the Lord made the heavens.

**PEOPLE: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.**

**PASTOR:** Ascribe to the Lord, O families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**PEOPLE:** **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his counts.**

**PASTOR:** Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

**PEOPLE:** **Say among the nations, “The Lord reigns.” The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.**

**UNISON: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy; they will sing before the Lord, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his truth.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL:** *#120 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (vs. 1-3)*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *John 15:9-11 (p. 1677)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Complete Joy in Christ**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *1st Peter 1:8-9 (p. 1887)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: The Inexpressible and Glorious Joy**

**\*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 Dr. Richard Marburger, George and Ann Krikorian, Jan Janigian, Glenn Harrison, Artsakh, Armenia and Ukraine.

**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** will be held next Sunday, December 18th, following the Morning Worship Service. A complimentary light luncheon will be served following the program sponsored generously by Dr. Richard Marburger in memory of his late wife Mrs. Mary Marburger.

**THE FAMILY CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** will be held on Saturday, December 24th, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. After the Service, there will be a light reception sponsored by the Board of Deacons.

**REV. DR. VAHAN H. TOOTIKIAN’S LATEST BOOK** Faith, Hope & Loveis published, if you wish to obtain a complimentary copy, please see Rev. Tootikian.

**MEN’S FELLOWSHIP & BREAKFAST** will be held on Saturday, December 17th

 at 10:00AM. Please sign up after the Morning Worship Service in the Social Hall. Donation is $10.

**Church Schedule:**

1. **Monday prayer** 6:30 p.m. online via Zoom app.
2. **The Wednesday Bi-Weekly Bible Study** **Group** will take a break and resume on Wednesday, January 11th. A Christmas Fellowship & Dinner will be held on Friday, December 16th, at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!
3. **AEUNA** is asking for your donation to support all the services they provide for all the AEUNA Churches. (see insert in your bulletin) Please make your checks payable to "AEUNA" and drop it in the offering plate. Or you can give at: AEUNA.org

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

The Apostle Peter reminds us that while we may be going through trials at times, we can still find joy in the Lord because no one should be able to take the joy of the Lord from our hearts.

**Here are some points about rejoicing in the Lord:**

1. **“Though you have not seen Him, you love Him.”** In the old times, when technology wasn’t around, people used to write letters to their loved ones who lived far away. They could not see their loved ones but they had strong connection. In the same manner, we may not see Jesus with our eyes but we can sense His warm love in our hearts every single day, and that gives us great joy. There are many other reasons to rejoice in the Lord, such as His promises of protecting us and giving us the hope of eternal life.
2. **“Filled with an inexpressible joy.”** When was the last time you experienced an inexpressible joy due to some news you heard? Peter tells us that if we truly knew what Christ has done for us and all the great promises He has for us, we would naturally rejoice and continue to rejoice because God’s love and joy live in our hearts. This should motivate us to continue to live for Him and share this great joy with others; that is, the coming of the Messiah in the world to save us.

**POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS:** If you would like to donate one or more Christmas poinsettias for the Church Altar, please submit the form below to place your order. Deadline is Wednesday, December 14th. The traditional red Poinsettias are $20.00 each.

I wish to order Red Poinsettias for the Church Altar (#\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)

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