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**11:00 a.m. March 19, 2023**

 **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#182 “Just As I Am”*

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

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

Dear Lord, we come to you this morning with a heart of gratitude. May the words of our mouth and the meditation of our heart be acceptable to your sight. We pray that you teach us to reach to such a maturity level in our Christian life that we are not shaken by any of the storms we are facing in our lives. We want to conquer any obstacle that comes in our way form sharing your kingdom to those we encounter. We want our testimony to be effective and productive so that those who do not know you would turn to you and find a new life 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.*

**RESPONSIVE READING:** *Psalm 1*

**PASTOR:** Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

**PEOPLE:** **But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.**

**PASTOR:** He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither.

**PEOPLE: Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.**

**PASTOR:** Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

**UNISON: For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#8 “Glorify Thy Name”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *2 Peter 1:3-11 (pp. 1893-1894)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Godliness at Its Best**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *Ephesians 4:11-13 (p. 1821)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Attaining the Fullness of Christ**

**\*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.

**CHURCH JOYS AND CONCERNS:** Please continue praying for Dr. Richard Marburger, George and Ann Krikorian, Jan Janigian, Glenn Harrison, Artsakh, Armenia, Ukraine, victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

**PASTOR HAGOP** with his wife Nune, will be traveling to California this evening, they will return on Friday, March 31st. Pastor Hagop will be attending AEUNA Board of Directors meetings and AEUNA Pastors Conference. Pastor Hagop can be reached on his personal cell phone, 818-749-2781. Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootkian will cover the pulpit for Sunday, March 26th.

**AEUNA** East Coast Men's Retreat will be held from Friday, April 21st, 6:00pm to Sunday, April 23rd, 12:00pm. in Belmont, MA. Lodging and all meals included. Cost: $75. If you are interested to attend, please RSVP by April 14th at AEUNA.org.

**MEN’S AND WOMEN’S BREAKFAST AND FELLOWSHIP**  will be held Saturday, April 1st at 10:00 a.m. in person and online via Zoom app. After breakfast, the men and women will break into their own separate Bible Study groups.

**A.C.C. WILL BE HOSTING MONTHLY ARMENIAN LANGUAGE CLASS**, free of charge for ages 18 and up. First class will be held Saturday, April 15th, from 10-11am. For more information and to RSVP by April 7th please contact the Church Office or Hasmik Arslanian at 248-953-3817. Email: office@accdetroit.org. You can also sign-up with Hasmik today after the Morning Church Service in the Social Hall.

**THE MISSION'S COMMITTEE** is planning a missionary trip to Armenia from Saturday, July 1st to Sunday, July 16th. For more information, please see Pastor Hagop. More details to follow.

**AMAA ARMENIA SUMMER INTERNSHIP** for ages 18-30. Deadline to register is May 1st, 2023. For more information, please see the flyer and brochure. You can also visit AMAA.org.

**CHURCH SCHEDULE:**

1. **Monday prayer** 6:30 p.m. online via Zoom app.

**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.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

Being equipped in life is a good thing, whether it is your schooling, your career, parenting, and whatever else you have ambition for in life. In the same manner, being equipped spiritually in Christ will make us effective, productive, and fruitful in our everyday walk in Christ.

**Here are some points about being mature in Christ:**

1**. “Until we all reach unity.”** The way the church stands strong is unity. When we are united in spirit and mind, serving one another, supporting, and uplifting each other, that is a sign of our maturity in Christ. The foundation of the church is solid when the whole body of Christ is united in love and mutual understanding.

2**. “Attaining the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”** This is the goal we ought to aim for, nothing less. The standard is very high to reach, but it is worth every effort to invest in because the reward is great. Because when we do reach to such height of maturity, our testimony for Christ will shine and be very effective. We become a good instrument in the hands of God to reach out to those who need Christ.

**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

 Requesting prayer for\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Need Counseling