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**11:00 a.m. October 29, 2023**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#196 “Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing”*

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

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

Lord God, we come before your presence with thanksgiving and praise. We rejoice, knowing that you are our Lord and Savior. We thank you for being the great Shepherd of our lives. We thank you that you have given us shepherds in our church to help guide us and keep us in your path. Today we want to remember and thank all of our past and current ministers who have served you. We pray for your protection upon their lives. We stand together with our ministers to support them and uplift them, to continue to do the service you have called them to do, in our church and all the churches around the world. Help us all be faithful servants, to serve and love you and one another. 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:** *Ministers’ Appreciation Sunday*

**PASTOR:** “Remember your leaders who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith” (Hebrews 13:7) Almighty God, who knows the strong and tender ties which bind us, and who understands the precious memories which we cherish, we consecrate our grateful devotion to You on this Ministers’ Appreciation Sunday.

**PEOPLE:** **We thank You for the precious heritage of our church, and for its loyal ministry.**

**PASTOR:** In remembrance of those ministers, who have served our church and have provided spiritual leadership but are now gone to join the church Triumphant, we thank You, O Lord.

**PEOPLE: We thank you for our present ministers and their faithful ministry.**

**PASTOR:** Gracious Lord, today as we acknowledge our gratitude to You and our appreciation to our past and present, active and retired ministers, grant that we may consecrate ourselves anew to the continued service to You and humankind.

**UNISON: Lord, unite and strengthen us in Your love, and bind us together for the edification of Christ’s Church and for the advancement of Your Kingdom. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#14 “You Are My All In All”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *James 3: 1-12 (p. 1883)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: The Power of the Tongue**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *Ephesians 4:29 (p. 1822)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Building One Another With Our Words**

**\*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 Armenia, Glenn Harrison, Jan Janigian, Susan Mousigian, and Dr. Richard Marburger.

**THE COFFEE HOUR** today is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Roger and Nancy Berschbach, in honor of Roger’s 81st birthday.

**REV. HAGOP** will be traveling to Toronto, Canada, for the AEUNA Board of Directors Meeting. He will depart on Monday, October 30 through Monday, November 6. Our Lifetime Deacon Mr. David Terzibashian will be delivering the Morning Worship Service next Sunday, November 5th.

**THE ACC COUNCIL MEETING** will be held on Sunday, November 12th at 1:00 p.m.

**MONDAY PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP** is held every Monday, via zoom at 6:30p.m.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME** don’t forget to turn your clock back one hour next Saturday, November 4th. (Fall back in time) 11:00 is 10:00.

**PAST AND PRESENT MINISTERS 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, Rev. Makarios Darawi, Rev. Shant Barsoumian and Rev. Hagop Haroutunian.*

**NEW MEN’S BIBLE STUDY** We are excited to inform you about the new Bible Study called, "Play the Man. Becoming the Man God Created You to Be." By Mark Batterson. Cost of the study book is $10. The new Study will begin on Saturday, November 11th, at 10am. Please sign up with Carole Basmadjian after the Church Service to pay for the new study book or you can purchase it yourself on Amazon.

**THANKSGIVING BANQUET** The Thanksgiving Banquet of the Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit will be held on Sunday, November 19th, at 5:00p.m. in the Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian Hall. A beautiful program is being planned.The donation is $30.00 adults, $15 for children age 6-15, under 5 is free. Please sign up with April after the Morning Worship Service in the Social Hall.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

The tongue is a small part of our body but it has the power to make or break someone’s life, including our own. It takes an ongoing discipline to train our tongue to say only what is beneficial**.**

**Here are some points about the tongue:**

1. **“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouth.”** This is the command God gives us to follow. Easier said than done, it is our calling as Christians not to allow any word to come out of our mouth that may hurt someone, damage or even destroy a relationship. As the saying goes, ‘bite your tongue’, which means we have to consider very carefully what we utter and say, making sure what comes out of our mouth is something that is seasoned with grace, wisdom, and love.
2. **“Only what is helpful for building up others.”** Every time we are ready to open our mouth, we need to ask this question “Is it going to build and benefit the person I am talking to?” If not, then it may very well be that we remain silent. King Solomon tells us that there is a lot of wisdom in silence. (Prov. 17:28) Training the tongue is an ongoing process and schooling that should never cease.

**I/we will attend the “Thanksgiving Banquet” on Sunday, November 19th at 5:00p.m.**

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

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