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**11:00 a.m. November 12, 2023**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#157 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

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

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

Lord God of heaven and earth, we are so grateful to come before your presence to worship you. You are the God of love and mercy. We long for your presence in our lives. We ask that you strengthen us, once again, to live victoriously for your kingdom. Let your Spirit dwell in our heart, with your mighty power, so that we can conquer all sin and destroy the work of the evil one, by the power of your name. Help us remain faithful to you in the midst of hardship, to the very end of our lives. 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 37:1-11*

**PASTOR:** Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong.

**PEOPLE: For like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.**

**PASTOR:** Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

**PEOPLE: Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.**

**PASTOR:** Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and He will do this:

**PEOPLE:** **He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday syn.**

**PASTOR:** Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

**PEOPLE:** **Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil.**

**PASTOR:** A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found.

**UNISON: But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy great peace.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**SACRAMENY OF BAPTISM**

1. Brief Address
2. Parents Vow
3. Baptism

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#20 “He IS Exalted”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *2 Corinthians 6:3-10 (pp. 1799-1800)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Having Nothing Yet Possessing Everything**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *Colossians 3:1-10 (p. 1834)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Putting On the New Self, Created in the Image 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**

**CHURCH JOYS AND CONCERNS:** Please continue praying for Armenia, Glenn Harrison, Jan Janigian, Susan Mousigian, and Dr. Richard Marburger.

**VETERAN’S DAY PRAYER REQUEST** by the Armenian-American Veterans of Greater Detroit, in memory of all Armenian-American Fallen Service Members and Veterans of Military Service. We thank Mr. Gregory Movsesian for this request and donation.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS AND THE COFFEE HOUR** today are sponsored by Brian and Sharon Theil, in honor of their grandson Hudson Hagop’s baptism.

**TO BE BAPTIZED THIS MORNING** isHudson Hagop, son of Michael and Dianna Ofiara, grandson of Brian and Sharon Theil, great-grandson of Siroon Karapetoff.

**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.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - SAMARITAN'S PURSE**We are participating again this year in Operation Christmas Child, a ministry started by Franklin Graham, that reaches out to poor and under-privileged children around the world with the good news of the gospel, through gifts packed in shoeboxes. If you would like to participate, pick-up a shoebox and a form from the Church Foyer today. Your completed boxes must be returned no later than next Sunday, November 19th. You may also build a Shoebox online at [samaritanpurse.com](http://samaritanpurse.com/).

**AMAA CHRISTMAS JOY PROJECT** - The AMAA is holding a project this year to bring Christmas Joy to the Children of Armenia & Artsakh.  Please pick up a flyer in the Church Foyer to participate in this program and help spread the joy of Christmas and share God's love to the precious children in our Homeland. You can make a donation for this project online at [www.amaa.org](http://www.amaa.org/).

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

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

This world has such power to pull us down with all the issues we have to face every day. Paul reminds us that it’s all temporary. He wants us to set our hearts and minds above, where Christ is seated. When we do, we are relieved that everything has an ending. The best is yet to come.

**Here are some things to remember about our eternal values:**

1. **“For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you will appear with Him in glory.”**  We often are caught up with our daily routines and sometimes forget what our future holds. We sometimes have to step back and reflect on the eternal things that await us. When we do that, it gives us joy and hope to know that this life is not our final destination; it is our heavenly dwelling that we so eagerly wait for the return of Jesus.
2. **“Put to death whatever belongs to your earthly nature.”** By looking at what is to come, it should remind us that what we have in this life is not as valuable as the heavenly things that await us. By putting to death our earthly nature, it is obvious that it is speaking about our sinful nature. When we learn to walk in the newness of the Spirit and not the desires of our earthly and sinful nature, we come to realize how blessed of a life it is to live in God’s will, which prepares us for the blessed life to come with Christ in heaven.

**I/we will attend the “Thanksgiving Banquet” on Sunday, November 19th 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 memory/honor of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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