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**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**11:00 a.m. December 10, 2023**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL:** *#123 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (vs. 1-2 English, vs. 4 Armenian)*

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

Dear Heavenly Father, it is through your Son that we have peace with You and with one another. You are the Prince of Peace. We thank You for giving us Your inner peace in our hearts, that no one can take away. It is your peace that the world needs today. We pray that Your peace would rule over our hearts and over

our church. May those who do not know You come to taste the lasting peace only that You can give. May Your presence always fill us with your everlasting peace. 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 SECOND ADVENT CANDLE - *Esther Lyons***

**RESPONSIVE READING:** *Peace*

**PASTOR:** Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you.  Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

**PEOPLE: I have told you these things, so that in me, you may have peace. In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.**

**PASTOR:** Do not be anxious about anything; but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

**PEOPLE: And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds, in Christ Jesus.**

**PASTOR:** Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called, in one body. And be thankful.

**PEOPLE:** **If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.**

**PASTOR:** Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.

**PEOPLE:** **May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way.**

**PASTOR:** May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**PEOPLE: You keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is steadfast on you, because he trusts in you.**

**UNISON: In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL:** *#129“Angels, From the Realms of Glory”*

 *(vs. 1-2)*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *Isaiah 6:7-8 (p. 1068)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: The Prince of Peace Has Come**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *John 16:33 (p.1679)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: The True Lasting Peace 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.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS AND THE COFFEE HOUR** today are sponsored by Mrs. Sona Eurdekian, in loving memory of her husband, Harout Haroutunian’s second year of passing.

**AEUNA STEWARDSHIP** following the Morning Worship Service, Rev. Hagop will be doing a PowerPoint presentation about AEUNA Stewardship in the Social Hall. As a member of AEUNA, our church is encouraged to support AEUNA for all of the ministries and mission work they do to help all the 33 churches around the globe, including ours. Please come prayerfully to support and give financially to help AEUNA continue with its vision and goal of serving the Armenian community.

**REV. DR. VAHAN H. TOOTIKIAN’S LATEST BOOK** “Vertical and Horizontal Relations” is published, if you wish to obtain a complimentary copy, please see Rev. Tootikian.

**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** will be held next Sunday, December 17th, following the Morning Worship Service. A complimentary festive Christmas luncheon will be served following the program, generously sponsored by Dr. Richard Marburger in loving memory of his late wife Mrs. Mary Marburger.

**THE FAMILY CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** will be held on Sunday, December 24th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. After the Service, there will be a light reception sponsored by the Board of Deacons. If you plan to attend, please sign up after the Morning Worship Service in the Social Hall, with Sheryl Marburger.

**ACC** is looking for volunteers to set up or cleanup for Coffee Hour**.** If you are interested in helping, please sign up after the Morning Worship Service in the Social Hall, with Carole Basmadjian.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

Jesus is called “Prince of Peace”, and that is who He is. Without Christ there is no real, genuine, lasting inner peace. We may enjoy temporary and outwardly peace but only Christ can bring that lasting peace that is not based on our circumstances.

**Here are a few things Jesus taught about peace:**

1. **“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace.”** The words of Jesus fill us with peace. He says, “in me you will have peace.” We may experience peace of our, own but the peace Jesus speaks of is an inner deep peace that fills our hearts and it is not dependent on life circumstances, rather on the Holy Spirit, because the fruit of the Spirit is peace. Living in Christ and in His word is what makes this peace a personal experience.

2. **“In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome**

**the world.”** After telling His disciples to take His peace, He then reminds them and us that in this world we will have trouble, but that we should not be afraid and anxious, because He has conquered over the evil one. When we are near Christ, nothing can take away the peace we have in Him.

**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 20th. The traditional red Poinsettias are $20.00 each.

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

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