**Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit**

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**11:00 a.m. February 11, 2024**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#7 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”*

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

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

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for being the Lord of our lives. We thank Jesus Christ for being the head of our church. We pray that we will always be the church you desire us to be, filled with love toward one another and sharing the gospel to all people. Help us always love and support one another and serve together for the purpose of proclaiming the love of Jesus to the world. Your word tells us that we are the temple of the Holy Spirit. We pray that this body, your church, will always be a place where you dwell by your Spirit and make us one with one another and with 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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**RESPONSIVE READING: *Vartanants Day***

**PASTOR:** Almighty God, we thank you for the faith of our fathers, for their love and their dedication to you.

**PEOPLE:** **We praise you, O Lord, for the faith of our fathers.**

**PASTOR:** We thank you for our ancestors, General Vartan Mamigonian and his comrades, who sacrificed their lives in defense of their Christian faith and freedom of conscience.

**PEOPLE: We praise you for their commitment to religious faith and freedom.**

**PASTOR:** Forgive us, O God, if we have failed you; by our lack of faith and devotion to Jesus Christ and his Church.

**PEOPLE: Forgive our refusal to accept sacrifice as part of love, and for our sin of playing it safe.**

**PASTOR:** Help us, O Lord, to set our priorities in the direction of eternal principles, rather than expedience and mere survival.

**PEOPLE:** **Give us courage to live by those principles and values, for which our Christian ancestors died.**

**PASTOR:** As you blessed Vartan and his comrades with courage to stand for Christ, grant us, O Lord, vision and determination to do the same and to prove ourselves worthy of your blessings.

**PEOPLE:** **Bless each one of us, and grant that we may go out to live as those who have been with Jesus Christ.**

**UNISON: Grant us, O Lord, divine wisdom and grace to commit ourselves to Jesus Christ, and allow him to enter our lives and transform us and make us worthy disciples and ambassadors for the advancement of his kingdom and the edification of his Church**. Amen.

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

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

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *Revelation 3:14-22 (p. 1917)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: The Lukewarm Church**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *Acts 2:42-47 (p. 1694)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: The Ideal Church**

**\*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.

**MOTHERS’ DAY CHEESE BEOREG FUNDRAISER** - The Deacons are selling Cheese Beoreg to raise funds for our Mothers’ Day Luncheon. The cost is $20 for a half tray and $40 for a full tray. We are taking pre-orders today through February 18th, which is the last day to order. Trays will be ready for pick-up Sunday, February 25th. *Please note: the trays will be delivered frozen.* Please see Sheryl to order. Also, we will meet here (ACC) to prepare the trays on Tuesday, February 20th at 10:00a.m. If you are available to help, please see Hasmik to sign-up.

**ACC W.C.F. VALENTINE’S FAMILY NIGHT** - **REMINDER!**  This Wednesday, February 14th, is the deadline for making your reservations to attend the Women's Christian Fellowship Valentine's Family Night on Friday, February 16th, at 6:00 p.m.  An evening of fun and fellowship is being planned for our Church Family and a delicious dinner will be served.  You can sign your name on the Sign-up sheet today or call the Church Office by Wednesday, February 14th.

**ACC MISSIONS COMMITTEE FOOD DRIVE** -  As was announced last Sunday during the Morning Worship Service, the Missions Committee is seeking food donations for those currently in need through Cass Community Social Services, Inc. in Detroit.  Food items needed include canned meats, soups, pasta, cereal, bread, jelly, canned fruit, and prepared foods such as Chef Boyardee ravioli, spaghetti, and other non-perishable items that can be stored and used, as needed.   Currently, they have enough peanut butter and canned vegetables on hand.   We will be collecting these items for the next two Sundays, February 18th and February 25th.  As always, monetary donations are more than welcome.  A box will be provided in the Lobby both Sundays.  Please make your checks payable to Cass Community Social Services, Inc.

**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.

**VARTANANTS PROCLAMATION OF FAITH**

 “From this faith no one can shake us; neither angels nor me, neither sword, nor fire, nor water, nor any, nor all other horrid tortures. All our goods and possessions are in your hand. Our bodies are before you; dispose of them as you will. If you leave us to our belief, we will, here on earth, choose no other master in your place, and in heaven choose no other God in place of Jesus Christ, for there is no other God. But should you require anything beyond this great testimony, here we are. Our bodies are in your hands; do with them as you please. Tortures from you, submission from us; the sword is yours, the neck ours. We are no better than our forefathers, who, for the sake of this faith, surrendered their goods, their possessions, and their bodies.”

 “It is worth dying for the sake of Christ, even if we were immortal, for he himself was immortal and so loved us, that he died for us, that we, by his death, might be saved from eternal death. And since he did not spare his immortality, we, who became mortal of our own will, will die for his sake willingly, so that he may make us participants of his immortality. We shall die as mortals that he may accept our death as that of immortals.”