**Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit**

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**PALM SUNDAY**

**11:00 a.m. March 24, 2024**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CONGREGATIONAL PROCESSIONAL IN ARMENIAN:** Ovsanna!

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#186 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” (vs. 1-2)*

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

Dear Triumphant God, today we celebrate Palm Sunday, the victorious and triumphant entry of Jesus as king into Jerusalem. People laid their palm branches to welcome you and honor you, as their Lord and King. We, also today, lay down our branches of love and say, Hosanna to the highest, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. We shout in joy, just as they did. You entered Jerusalem on a donkey, not a chariot, to show us your humble heart. Help us also be clothed with humility, so we can serve you and one another in all humility and love. 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:** *Palm Sunday*

**PASTOR:** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion, behold your king is coming to you.

**PEOPLE:** **Blessed is who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**PASTOR:** Blessed be the kingdom of our father Davidthat is coming!

**PEOPLE: Hosanna in the highest!**

**PASTOR:** Father, on this day, as we recall the entrance of our Savior into Jerusalem. Grant that we may open our hearts and let him enter in, and triumph within us anew.

**PEOPLE: Grant us depth of faith, honesty of purpose, and divine wisdom not to receive you like the mob on that first Palm Sunday.**

**PASTOR:** Give us grace to cut from life the vital branches of sacrifice; and may our garments of righteousness be cast upon the highway of his coming.

**PEOPLE: Grant us, O Lord, responsive spirits, that we receive Jesus as our Lord and King.**

**PASTOR:** Help us to break down every barrier, which we have built against his entrance in our lives.

**PEOPLE: May the doors of our hearts be lifted up, that the King of Glory may come in.**

**UNISON: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest! Amen.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#21 “Hossanna!”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *Luke 19:28-40 (pp. 1631-1632)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: The Stones Will Cry Out”**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *Luke 19:41-44 (pp. 1632)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Recognizing God’s Timing**

**\*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.

**PLEASE JOIN US** for the weekly Monday Prayer, via Zoom, at 6:30 p.m.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS AND THE COFFEE HOUR TODAY** are sponsored by Sheryl, Michael, and Bryan Marburger, in honor of Dennis Marburger’s birthday.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** ison Thursday, March 28th, at 6:00p.m. We will remember our Lord’s last hours on earth, through a special worship service, that will include special music by the ACC Choir, and celebration of the Lord’s Table, followed by a light reception in the Social Hall. Please see Sheryl Marburger, after the Morning Worship Service to sign-up.

**NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST IS RESURRECTION SUNDAY** we invite all our members and friends to the Easter Morning Worship Service at 11:00a.m.

**EASTER BREAKFAST** will be held on Easter Sunday, March 31st, 9:30a.m. to 10:30a.m. Arranged and served by the Young Adults of ACC, led by Hovig Seferian Koehler, free will donation. Please see Lena Bouladian, after the Morning Worship Service in the Social Hall to sign-up.

**OFFICE RESTROOM RENOVATION** Many thanks to Rouben and Jacob Arslanian, and Tony Janigian for working so hard to renovate the office restroom. Feel free to check out the new look.

**ARMENIA MISSION BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER** Assortment of homemade baked goods, including Choreg, Keghke, Gata, Cookies, Brownies, Coconut Macarons, Biscotti, Banana Cake, and more! We hope you will join us today after the church service in the Social Hall to help fundraise for this missionary cause, to evangelize and support the displaced people of Artskah, in Armenia. For questions, please see Nune Haroutunian.

**27th BIENNIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLYOF THE AEUNA** will be held in the Bay Area from June 27-30, 2024 at the Hyatt Regency, San Francisco Airport, CA. The theme is “Unite & Ignite” 1 Corinthians 12:12. Please register online at [biennial2024.org](http://biennial2024.org/) (Early Bird, $349/each, until April 4) (April 5 - May 16, $399) (May 17 - June 7, $499). AEYF, ages 12-25, $549 for early bird until April 4. Children 0-11, $149. You can pick up a flyer after the church service. If you have questions, please see Rev. Hagop.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

It is amazing that after having such a triumphant entry as king and being welcomed by so many people as they laid their palm branches on the ground, Jesus could not avoid thinking about the future of Jerusalem, the city that He loved. He came to save those who lived there, but unfortunately most of them were not willing to accept His saving hand.

**Here are some points about the entry of Jesus in Jerusalem:**

1. **“As He approached Jerusalem and saw the city, He wept over it.”** Jesus had entered Jerusalem many times before, but this was His last time, just before His arrest and crucifixion. Seeing the judgment that was to come because of their rejection of His love and sacrifice, he wept, because God never takes pleasure in bringing judgment on anyone. He earnestly wanted them to turn to Him.

2**. “The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side.”** This prophecy was fulfilled during the destruction of the temple in 70 AD. It was estimated that somewhere between 600,000 to 1,000,000 people died. When people rejected the Messiah, the consequence was severe. But God always calls us back to repentance, because with Him, there is always forgiveness.