**Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit**

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**11:00 a.m. April 28, 2024**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#219 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”*

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

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

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for always being a faithful God to us, and to our ancestors, who gave their lives for their faith. We may not always understand your plans, but we know you are good and only want what is best for us. We pray that you heal us from past wounds and help us look ahead of the mission you have for us. We want to have a forgiving heart toward all those who consider us their enemy. We want to share Christ’s love with them and have a forgiving heart. We pray for your blessing upon all the Armenian people around the world, to lift up their eyes to you, as we remember those who lost their lives during the Genocide. 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:** *Armenian Martyrs Day*

**PASTOR:** Our loving and gracious Heavenly Father, for all those who stood firm in their Christian faith, in the face of persecution, exile, and death,

**PEOPLE:** **We praise you, O God.**

**PASTOR:** For all who endured the genocide,

**PEOPLE: We praise you, O God.**

**PASTOR:** For all those Armenian men, women, and children, who were deported, driven in death marches, and massacred mercilessly, because they refused to deny Christ,

**PEOPLE: We lift up our cries to you, O God.**

**PASTOR:** For all those who directly or indirectly participated in the murder of this small Christian nation and washed their hands saying, “I am innocent of their blood,”

**PEOPLE: We lift up our cries to you, O God.**

**PASTOR:** For all those who continue to trample on truth, justice, and human rights,

**PEOPLE: We lift up our cries to you, O God.**

**PASTOR:** That this nation may not perish, but prosper under your fatherly care,

**PEOPLE:** **We pray to you, O God.**

**PASTOR:** That you may uproot from our hearts every trace of hatred and spirit of vengeance.

**PEOPLE:** **We pray to you, O God.**

**PASTOR:** That those of us who are the descendants of those noble martyrs may have a deep sense of gratitude and a deep sense of responsibility.

**PEOPLE:** **We pray to you, O God.**

**PASTOR:** That we may recognize they died for their faith, that we might live for it,

**PEOPLE:** **We pray to you, O God.**

**PASTOR:** Grant that we may value the freedom and the security we are privileged to enjoy in this beautiful country,

**PEOPLE: Hear our prayer, O God.**

**PASTOR:** Grant that your power of resurrection may inspire us to live as a righteous people, prepared for every good work,

**PEOPLE:** **Hear our prayer, O God.**

**PASTOR:** Grant that we may be a compassionate, forgiving, and loving people.

**UNISON: Hear our prayer, O God, and grant us a right spirit. Amen.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#9“Open the Eyes of My Heart”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *Hebrews 10:32-36 (p. 1874)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Reward with Perseverance**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *Hebrews 10:37-39 (p. 1874)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Faithful To the End**

**\*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.

**WE WANT** to thank Hagopian Cleaning Services for cleaning our church carpet last Monday. We are very much appreciative of their service to our church.

**MEN AND WOMEN’S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY** will be heldthis coming Saturday, May 4th, at 10:00 a.m. For questions, please see Rev. Hagop for the men and HasmikArslanian for the women.

**NEW BIBLE STUDY** starting Thursday, May 9th. Fellowship starts at 6:45p.m. (Study begins at 7:00p.m.) Cost of the book is $10. Study Book by John Ortberg, called, “God Is Closer Than you.” Please see Cathy Brito to sign-up.

**SUNDAY, MAY 12TH, IS MOTHER’S DAY.** This is your invitation to join us in the Morning Worship Service to pay tribute to our mothers. Following the Morning Worship Service at 12:30 p.m. join us for a complimentary Luncheon.Please sign your name on the Sign-up Sheet in the Social Hall with Cathy.

**CHURCH RETREAT** will be held on August 23- 24, 2024, at Echo Grove Camp & Retreat Center of the Salvation Army. 1101 Camp Rd., Leonard, MI. Cost is $120 per person (includes one night stay and 4 meals, Children 4-11 are $60) Deposit of $50 is required at sign-up, deadline for sign-up is Sunday, May 12. If you are interested in attending, please see Cathy Brito after the Morning Worship Service, in the Social Hall.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

Every believer earnestly anticipates the return of Christ sooner than later, to take us to our heavenly dwelling. This passage, like many other passages, reminds us that Jesus is coming soon and we ought to be ready for Him.

**Here are some points about remaining faithful until the return of Jesus:**

1. **“In just a little while, He who is coming will come and will not delay.”** While we do not know the day and hour of the return of our Lord, we do know that more and more prophecies are being fulfilled, giving the indication that His return is getting closer and closer. As Christians, we are called to be ready to be received into the eternal and glorious kingdom of our God, which is at hand. To be ready means we need to be investing into our spiritual life so that we do not stand poorly in the presence of God when He comes to take us home.
2. **My righteous one will live by faith. I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back.”** Another scripture tells us that we walk by faith and not by sight. We tend to live by what we see. It takes practice to discipline oneself to live by trusting in the providence of the Lord. Our faith needs to be practiced, daily, so that it becomes natural for us to see things from a spiritual perspective.