**Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit**

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**11:00 a.m. May 5, 2024**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#401“Faith of Our Fathers”*

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

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

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for all the gifts you have given us, in Christ Jesus, so we can build a strong foundation in you. We pray that you help us increase and grow in building strong lives, through your Word and Spirit. We ask that you fill us with the fruit and the gifts of the Holy Spirit so that we lack nothing in our spiritual walk with you and with one another. We want our lives to be full of your grace and love so that we can share it with all those we are surrounded by.  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:** *Christian Conduct*

**PASTOR:** I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

**PEOPLE:** **Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.**

**PASTOR:** Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;

**PEOPLE: Love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor.**

**PASTOR:** Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord.

**PEOPLE: Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality.**

**PASTOR:** Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

**PEOPLE: Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; never be conceited.**

**PASTOR:** Repay no one evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.

**PEOPLE: If possible, so far as it depends upon you, live peaceably with all.**

**PASTOR:** Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to God;

**PEOPLE:** **Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**

**UNISON: May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#16“You Are My King”*

1. Giving of the Bread
2. Giving of the Cup

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *1 Corinthians 3:10-15 (p. 1774)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Laying Out a Solid Foundation**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *1 Peter 4:7-11 (p. 1891)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Using our Gifts as Faithful Stewards**

**\*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.

**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 Brito.

**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**

We each have different talents, skills, and gifts. Peter encourages each and every one of us to utilize our gifts, to the utmost. It is critical that we all understand what our God-given gifts are and use them for the benefits of others. We do it all with love to honor our God.

**Here are a few points about use of our gifts:**

1. **“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received, to serve others, as a faithful steward of God’s grace, in its various forms.”** We all possess various gifts and sometimes use them for our own good;, and that is fine, but it needs to also reach, others who can benefit from it. In Christ, we are all one body, and the body should benefit from its members, so that the whole body functions in a healthy manner.
2. **“If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides.”** This passage implies that whatever we have received from the Lord we should use it with all of our might, passion, desire, love and joy. When we do things wholeheartedly, people notice it and are very grateful for it. It is the only way we can truly impact others with a lasting positive effect.