**Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit**

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**11:00 a.m. July 7, 2024**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#23 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”*

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

Voch Chee Hokneer Léh-zoos Yérkél Soorp Aleloos

Park Hissoosi Anvahn Gérkém

Ays Yérk Tsundz-mahn Khantov muh Ansahman

Park Hissoosi Anvahn.

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

Dear Heavenly Father, we celebrate this morning for the freedom you give us to call you our very one God and Savior. We thank you that you have freed us from the slavery of sin. As we celebrate Independence Day, we can’t help but remember and celebrate the freedom Christ has brought us through His death and resurrection. We are no longer slaves to sin because you have given us a new life in Christ. We thank you that we can live in freedom because of Christ. Help us keep this freedom by not allowing sin to rule over us. We pray that you bless this nation of ours. May those who do not know you, turn from the slavery of sin and follow 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:** *Independence Sunday*

**PASTOR:** O God, we praise you for the greatness of our nation, where people have always had the freedom to worship you.

**PEOPLE:** **As our forefathers were led to our shores by your guiding hand, we would ask you to guide us that we might use properly our own freedom.**

**PASTOR:** Forgive us, Lord, our sin of taking for granted the freedom and liberty we enjoy in our nation, denied to many in our world.

**PEOPLE: Forgive us for failing to remember the ideals of those who founded our nation, and of the presence of your guiding hand in the development of it.**

**PASTOR:** Be merciful to us for forgetting to make the truths of our Christian faith predominant in our lives as citizens of this land.

**PEOPLE: Forgive us for failing to pray for those who lead us, that they might always be guided by you.**

**PASTOR:** O Lord, with wisdom of the Holy Spirit, guide the leaders of our land.

**PEPOLE:** **Guide those who direct the enforcement of the laws of our nation, protect our freedom.**

**PASTOR:** Guide those who influence our thinking and those who seek to lift the moral standards of our people.

**PEOPLE:** **Help us to appreciate the faith of those leaders of the past, who sacrificed in many ways with the hope that future generations might enjoy true freedom.**

**UNISON: Guide us all, to become faithful Christians and loyal citizens of our country for your glory and for the betterment of humankind. Amen.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

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

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *John 8:31-44 (p. 1663)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Set Free from The Slavery of Sun**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *Galatians 5:1 (p. 1815)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Freedom or The yoke of Sin**

**\*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.

**THURSDAY BI-WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY** will be held on Thursday, July 11, at 6:30pm (Fellowship begins 6:15)

**ARMENIA FEST** will be held on Saturday, July 20th, at 5:00p.m. at Royal Oak Farmers Market. Please sign up after the Sunday Service in the Social Hall if you are interested in making something to fundraise for our church.

**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. Today, July 7th, is the deadline for submitting the remainder of the deposit. If you signed up for Friday & Saturday, the amount is $70, totaling $120. For those coming Saturday only, the remainder is $30, totaling $80. Make checks payable to ACC, in the memo indicate Church Retreat.

**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, or see Chuck Sarkissian.

**IS YOUR ANNIVERSARY, BIRTHDAY OR GRADUATION** approaching? Why not share your celebration with the church family by sponsoring the Fellowship Hour or Altar Flowers. Please sign your name on the Bulletin Board, call the Church Office or email Souzanne at Office@accdetroit.org.