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11:00 a.m. August 18, 2024

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE, QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**: “God of Grace and God of Glory” #231,

vs.1-2 English; vs.3 Armenian transliteration:

Kylé-rn Méhr Hasdadéh, Parts-rérn Amrabn-té

Méhr Gyan-kérn, Zeen-vadz Shnorkovn Hissoosi,

Kanténk Gabanknéreh Mégh-kee. Katch Ehréh Méz, Eemasdoon,

Shaheenk Sér Yév Vsdah-hoot-yoon, Sér Yév Vsdah-hoot-yoon.

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

Dear Lord, we come this morning before your holy presence to give thanks to your everlasting name, the name above all names. We live in this earthly and temporary tent of our bodies, but we know that one day you will take us into your eternal glory. For the meantime, we pray that you help us carry on your will in our lives by making our body, soul, and mind obedient to your will. We want to bring glory to your name through the way we live and conduct ourselves. Help us influence one another in a positive way with support, love, and encouragement. We give you all the glory and honor, who taught us to pray:

*“Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.*

*Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts,*

*as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation*

*but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power,*

*and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.”*

**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.

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Psalm 90:1-14

PASTOR: Lord, You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

**PEOPLE**: **Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

PASTOR: You turn men back to dust, saying, “Return to dust, O sons of men.”

**PEOPLE**: **For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, like a watch in the night.**

PASTOR: You sweep men away in the sleep of death; they are like the new grass of the morning—Though in the morning it springs up new, by evening it is dry and withered.

**PEOPLE**: **We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation.**

PASTOR: You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

**PEOPLE**: **All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan.**

PASTOR: The length of our days is seventy years—or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.

**PEOPLE**: **Who knows the power of your anger?**

PASTOR: For your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.

**PEOPLE**: **Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.**

PASTOR: Relent, O Lord! How long will it be?

**PEOPLE**: **Have compassion on your servants.**

**UNISON**: **Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**DOXOLOGY**, #1

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG**: “Refiner’s Fire,” #10

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE READING**: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 (p.1798-1799)

**ENGLISH SERMON**: “Being Clothed With the Heavenly Dwelling”

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE READING**: Colossians 3:5-10 (p.1834)

**ARMENIAN SERMON**: “Putting On the New Self”

**HAYR MER**: #275

**BENEDICTION**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**: “Park Kez Der, Asdvadz Mer”

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

**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 to 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 WEEKLY PRAYER**: Every Monday, via Zoom at 6:30 p.m.

**ZAVEN KHANJIAN, AMAA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CEO**: Funeral Service will be on Friday, August 23 at 10:00 a.m., at the United Armenian Congregational Church of Los Angeles, California.

**WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THE NEW WOMEN’S STUDY:** “Believing Jesus, A Journey Through the Book of Acts,” by Lisa Harper. Ann Bayleran will be leading this monthly study, which will begin on Saturday, September 7th with a breakfast, joined with the men at 10:00 a.m. Please sign-up after church with Hasmik in the social hall. If you are interested in purchasing the book, you may order it on Amazon for about $16.00, or pay when you sign-up for the church to purchase it for you.

**ARMENIA MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER**: Rev. Hagop and Nune will be going on a missionary trip to Armenia from September 15-27. They plan to visit several churches to evangelize. You can make donations to those churches and their family members who have various needs, such as church renovation, sound system, the less fortunate, the sick, etc. Please make your check donation to the Armenian Congregational Church, and in the memo section, write: “Armenia Mission.” Thank you.

**ARMENIAN SYNOPSIS**

Putting our old and sinful nature to death is no easy task, but that is exactly what Paul tells us we need to do. The demand is high, but we are not alone. We have God’s Spirit with us to help us do that.

**Here are some points on how to live in the newness of Christ**:

1. **“You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. Now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.”** As Christians, we should look at the lifestyle of sin as something of the past, as the Apostle tells us here. All these sinful behaviors he mentions are found in all of us, but through the power of the Spirit of God, we can learn to conquer them.
2. **“Put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.”** Putting the old, sinful nature away and putting on the new self through Christ is not as easy as putting off some clothes and putting on new ones. However, through time, we can train ourselves to get rid of all the bad habits and behaviors of the old self, and continually fill our mind and heart with the character of Christ—by spending time in prayer, reading God’s Word, going to church for worship, and studying His Word.