**Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit**

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE, QUIET MEDITATION**

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**: “Come Now Almighty King,” #15

vs.1-2 English; vs.3 Armenian Transliteration

Eecheer Ov Soorp Hokee Yév Hima

Dour Mézi Vugah-yoot-yoon

Teh- Dern Mez Guh Seeré, Mér Sirdn Artoon Deeré

Me Hérahnahr Mézméh, Hokee Seeroon.

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

Dear Lord, we stand in awe before your holy presence. You are the everlasting God. You created all things. We bow down before your greatness. You deserve to be worshiped because you are good. Your love has no end and you never change. Your faithfulness continues from one generation to another. You are perfect in all of your ways. Help us imitate and grow in the same attributes and character as yours, by loving one another with your love. We give you all the glory and honor, who taught us to pray: *“Our Father…*

**\* GLORIA PATRI**, #79

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Psalm 145

PASTOR: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

**PEOPLE**: **Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.**

PASTOR: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom.

**PEOPLE**: **One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.**

PASTOR: They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

**PEOPLE**: **They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds.**

PASTOR: They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

**PEOPLE**: **The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, and rich in love.**

PASTOR: The Lord is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made.

**PEOPLE**: **All you have made will praise you, O Lord; your saints will extol you.**

PASTOR: They will tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all men may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**PEOPLE**: **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.**

PASTOR: The Lord is faithful to all His promises and loving toward all He has made.

**PEOPLE**: **The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.**

PASTOR: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.

**PEOPLE**: **You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.**

PASTOR: The Lord is righteous in all His ways and loving toward all He has made.

**PEOPLE**: **The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.**

PASTOR: He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him; He hears their cry and saves them.

**PEOPLE**: **The Lord watches over all who love Him, but all the wicked He will destroy.**

PASTOR: My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.

**UNISON**: **Let every creature praise His holy name for ever and ever.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH CHOIR**

**PRAYER**

**\* DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL SONG**: “Forever,” #2

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE READING**: Matthew 5:43-48 (p.141)

**ENGLISH SERMON**: “Aiming at the Perfection of God”

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE READING**: Exodus 34:5-8 (p.1833)

**ARMENIAN SERMON**: “Attaining God’s Attributes”

**\* HAYR MER**: #275

**BENEDICTION**

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

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

**\* Please stand if you are able**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHURCH JOYS AND CONCERNS**: Please continue prayers for Armenia, Glenn Harrison, Jan Janigian, Susan Mousigian, Dr. Richard Marburger, April and Nicole Tini.

**PLEASE JOIN WEEKLY PRAYER**: Mondays, 6:30pm on Zoom.

**MINISTERS’ APPRECIATION DAY**: Next Sunday, October 27th – We will celebrate all of our past and present ministers who have served in our church. We are grateful to God for all of our past and current ministers, Rev. Hagop Haroutunian and Minister Emeritus, Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian.

**ACC MISSIONS COMMITTEE:** We have a Fall/Winter Clothing Drive being collected in our foyer for the Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac, this Sunday and next, October 20 and October 27. Donations of all types of winter clothing for men, women, and children; and monetary donations are welcomed – there is a box on a table in the Lobby for your checks - payable to the Grace Centers of Hope. Thank you for your donations!

**THANKSGIVING BANQUET:** Save-the-Date, Sunday, November 24th. We will have a special program and wonderful food catered by Gary Reizian, Uptown Catering! Sign-up coming soon!

**Armenian Synopsis**

In Chapter 33 of Exodus, Moses had asked to see the glory of God. God agreed to show him His greatness by having Moses meet Him on Mount Sinai. In the following chapter, Exodus 34, God came down to Moses on Mount Sinai and showed him who He really is.

**Here are some points about the attributes of God:**

1. **“The Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed His name, the Lord. And He passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin.”** God displays His attributes of compassion, love, grace, being slow to anger, faithfulness, and forgiveness to Moses. We should be joyful! Know that we serve a God who has these great attributes for us to imitate. Not only is God rich with these attributes, the Bible tells us that He is unchanging, and He calls us to be like Him.
2. **“He does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.”** Next, God tells Moses that He is just. A just God cannot close His eyes from evildoers. We may not like it when God disciplines and even punishes those who do evil, but it is the only way righteousness and holiness will reign.