**Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit**

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**ARMENIAN EVANGELICAL SUNDAY**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE, QUIET MEDITATION**

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*HYMN** - #2 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Park yev badeev oo zorutyun, Horn oo Vortvooyn yev Soorp Hokvooyn*

*Miasnagahn Yerortootyan, park ee partsouness, park ee partsouness,*

*Park ee partsouness haveedyan, park ee partsouness, park ee partsouness*

*Miasnagahn yerrortoutyan, Horn oo vortvooyn yev soorp Hokvooyn,*

*Horn oo Vortvooyn yev Soorp Hokvooyn, Horn oo Vortvooyn yev Soorp Hokvooyn,*

*Aleluyah, aleluyah aleluyan amehn, amehn aleluyah, aleluyah, aleluyah, aleluyah*

*Aleluyah, aleluyah, aleluyah, aleluyah amehn, amehn, aluyah amehn, aleluyah amehn.*

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

Father, we are thankful that we are one in Christ, and that we can share with all believers everywhere, the treasures of the Gospel. We come now to worship, and in so doing, we tell our friends, neighbors, and children that God is our priority. Bless this worship, and bless us in Jesus’ name, who taught us to pray:

*“Our Father, Who art in heaven…”*

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

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**RESPONSIVE READING: Armenian Evangelical Sunday**

**PASTOR:** Our God and Father, we thank You that for the past years, You have richly blessed our Armenian Evangelical Church, which was founded on Jesus Christ and sustained by Your Holy Spirit.

**PEOPLE: As You have blessed those before us, bless us now.**

**PASTOR:** We thank You for the faith of our fathers who, amid trials and tribulations, established our Church.

**PEOPLE: We are grateful to those who followed in the footsteps of their forerunners, and kept the torch of faith burning during the past years of service.**

**PASTOR:** Set us now, O God, in the midst of this ongoing family of faith; and let the sense of Your presence challenge us, inspire us, and guide us.

**PEOPLE: Grant us grace to acknowledge that we are the spiritual beneficiaries of those who have gone before us, that those who come after us will be the beneficiaries of our dedication and stewardship.**

**PASTOR:** Strengthen our allegiance to Christ, that we may fulfill our ministry and mission.

**PEOPLE: Help us to be witnesses of more than ourselves. Use us as a light that is not shadowed, as salt that has not lost its savor. Use us as the hand that is open in fellowship to serve. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH CHOIR**

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**ANTHEM**

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE READING:** *2 Timothy 3:14-18 (p.1855)*

**ENGLISH SERMON:** *“Proud to be an Armenian Evangelical”*

**\*HYMN** #311*“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (vs.1,3)*

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE READING:** *1 Peter 2:9-10 (p.1888)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON:** *“Principles of Armenian Evangelical Church”*

**\*HAYR MER**

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

**\*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 to make this your church home.

**THANK YOU TO ALL**, who graced our Social Hall last Sunday and to you who contributed to the enhancement of our Church sanctuary.

**Synopsis of the Armenian Sermon**

The main principles of the Armenian Evangelical Church are the following:

1. **Justification by faith alone.** Justification is the act whereby God, in virtue of the sacrifice of Christ, acquits people of the punishment due to their sin. Good deeds are not effective to get sinners right with God. Justification comes from God through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. It is a free gift of God’s grace. Good deeds are a token of our gratitude to God. They do not guarantee our “ticket” to heaven.
2. **Priesthood of all believers.** All believers have the right of direct access to God on their own behalf, without a priestly intermediary. They can confess their sins to God and make their own commitment to Him. They are all priests under Christ, who is “The High Priest” and the Head of the Church. Christians are called to be priests to one another; they have a duty to pray for, care for, and give guidance to others.
3. **The liberty of Christian individuals.** It is the affirmation that Christians have the right to think their own thoughts, to make their own decisions, and to be their own persons. They are free from legalistic life. Freedom, however, does not mean to do anything under the sun, but freedom to follow the biblical injunction, “Through love to be servants of one another.” (Gal. 5:13) This kind of freedom is to live a life of concern for others.
4. **The ultimate authority of the Bible.** The Bible is a sufficient rule of faith and practice for the Church and for Christians. It reveals God in a way which will not be superseded. Christians have the right and privilege to direct access to the Bible, to read and interpret it.