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**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)

Heavenly Father, Who has caused the Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may hear, read, mark, learn, and digest them; that by the inspiration of your holy Word, we find strength for living and eternal hope for dying, through Jesus Christ our Savior, Who taught us to pray: *“Our Father, Who art in heaven…”*

**\*GLORIA PATRI \*\*\***

**THE LITANY OF THANKFULNESS:**

**PASTOR:** For the faithful service of those followers who wrote the original manuscripts of the Bible, directed by your Spirit divine,

**PEOPLE: We thank You, Lord.**

**PASTOR:** For the tireless efforts of those monks who copied the Holy Book by hand, verse by verse, and page by page,

**PEOPLE: We thank You, Lord.**

**PASTOR:** For the tedious labor of those men who translated the words into the language of the people, sometimes bringing prison and death,

**PEOPLE: We thank You, Lord.**

**PASTOR:** For the scholarly devotion of those teachers who seek to interpret these truths for our use in life today,

**PEOPLE: We thank You, Lord.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH CHOIR**

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**COMMEMORATION: Independence Anniversary of Armenia**

September 21st is the anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Armenia. Armenia, which was one of the 15 republics of the former Soviet Union, declared its independence on September 21, 1991.

**INDEPENDENCE SUNDAY**

**PASTOR:** Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

**PEOPLE: O let the nations be glad and sing for joy!**

**PASTOR:** O God, we praise You for the freedom and independence of our homeland Armenia.

**PEOPLE: We thank You for our inheritance of liberty.**

**PASTOR:** We ask You to kindle in our hearts the pure flame of patriotism,

**PEOPLE: That we may maintain the spirit of liberty, bequeathed to us by the past generations.**

**PASTOR:** O Lord, let the leaders of the Republic of Armenia be guided by the wisdom of the Holy Spirit,

**PEOPLE: Guide them to direct the enforcement of the laws of our homeland, protecting our freedom.**

**PASTOR:** Grant us wisdom to be inspired by the faith of our Christian ancestors.

**PEOPLE: Help us to appreciate the faith of those leaders of the past, who sacrificed their lives so that future generations might enjoy true freedom.**

**UNITED: Guide us all, to become faithful Christians and loyal patriots, for Your glory and for the betterment of humankind. Amen.**

**ANTHEM**

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE READING:** *II Timothy 3:14-16 (p.1855)*

**ENGLISH SERMON:** ***The Purpose of the Scriptures***

**\*HYMN** #302 *“Sing Them Over Again to Me” (vs.1,2,3)*

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE READING:** *Acts 13:21-23 (p.1715)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON:** ***David: A Man After God’s Own Heart***

**\*HAYR MER #275**

**\*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.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** are sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Kevin and Pam Czartoryski, in honor of the wedding of their son, Alec to Anastasia Sibanova. The service was held at the Church on Saturday, September 20th. Alec is the grandson of the late Herbert and Arlene Jernukian, Jr. and Patricia Jernukian.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3RD AT 7:00 P.M.**: Armenian Heritage is sponsoring a Commemorative event on the Holy Translators Feast, at our Church. Guest speaker is Dr. Ara Sanjian. An afterglow will follow. All are cordially invited.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH IS WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY:** We will administer the Sacrament of Communion.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

David was the greatest king of ancient Israel. He was a great military leader, a great administrator, a superb psalmist and musician. St. Paul speaks of him as a man after God’s own heart. In spite of his unique characteristics:

1. **First, David was not a perfect man.** He had his faults and failures. His sexual scandal with Bathsheba was a dark page in his life. Prophet Nathan had the courage to tell him about his flagrant sin. And because he admitted his faults and sought forgiveness, God forgave him.
2. **Second, David was not without his troubles.** His son, Absalom raised a rebellion against his father; in the course of the fighting, the young man was slain by the King’s general.
3. **Third, David was a man, who felt a deep need for God.** He felt he needed God. He was not too proud to hold out his hand for God’s help.