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Dear Members & Friends,

It is amazing how time flies! It seems like it was just yesterday we celebrated the New Year! It is good for us to pause occasionally and realize that the breath of the Almighty is still in us and we are still going. It is truly amazing how God sustains our lives and it is never to be taken for granted. We breathe and have our being because of His grace which enables us to overcome all obstacles no matter what circumstance we are in presently.

As we get closer to Lenten Season and Easter, it would be wise if we start reflecting on the work of Christ. We should never forget what it took for Jesus to draw us back to the Father. Starting the month of March, counting forty days until Easter (April 12th), we ought to take this time to reflect on our lives and examine ourselves to see where we stand in our relationship with Christ. Longing to be in His presence in prayer, reading His Word, worshiping Him with songs of praise, attending Church Service, and attending Bible Study are some of the things that keep us tightly close to God.

Traditionally, during this time of lent, many Christians take special time to pray, fast, read God's Word, and reflect on their lives. Although this should not be seasonal, rather ongoing, I think it would be good to take the next six weeks to devote special time with the Lord to bond with Him more deeply and see what the Holy Spirit might whisper in our ears.

Finally, it is my prayer that we all embrace this time to ask the Lord to reveal His face to us because there is a lot of chaos and confusion going on in the world today. We need to ask the Lord to bring a new awakening for the dead spirits. His Word reminds us that in the last days He will pour out His Spirit up on all flesh. Let us pray for the Lord to accomplish this prophecy in our lifetime.

Prayerfully yours,  
Pastor Hagop Haroutunian

What is Easter?

It's not about the eggs to hunt  
It's not about a bunny  
It's not about brand new clothes  
Or candy as sweet as honey.

On this day many years ago  
A man named Jesus Christ  
Upon a cross for you and me  
Gladly gave his life.

Not for sins that He had done  
Or crimes He must repay  
He did it all for you and me  
For our sins He died that day.

But that's not the end of Jesus Christ  
They put Him in a grave  
But three days later He rose again  
Our sin debt had finally been paid.

So this Easter as you hunt for eggs  
Dressed up in brand new clothes  
Don't think about the Easter Bunny  
Think about why Christ arose!

**Just Past!**

## Missional Service for the Homeless Cass Community Social Services Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>



The Missions Committee, along with a team of A.C.C. volunteers, were blessed to serve over 150 homeless people and share the Gospel with them. It was a very humbling experience cooking and serving food to the unfortunate. Jesus taught us to reach out to the poor and the needy.

## Men's Breakfast and Fellowship Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>



We are excited! The Men's Breakfast and Fellowship continues to grow. In the month of February, we had 21 men that came and enjoyed a wonderful breakfast, fellowship, Bible group discussion, and games. We look forward to the next Men's Breakfast on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Come join us!

## Valentine's Family Night Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>





Thanks to the A.C.C. Women's Christian Fellowship who put together a wonderful program to celebrate God's blessings for our Church. The food was delicious and the ACC band led the people into a wonderful worship. The kids and the adults played musical chairs and they ended the evening playing Bingo! There were a lot of wonderful prizes given to the winners! Sincere appreciation to all those who helped in making this evening a success.

### Book of Life

#### Born:

**Hudson Hagop**, son of Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Dianna Ofiara, grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Brian & Sharon Theil, great-grandson of Ms. Siroon Karapetoff, on January 25<sup>th</sup>, in Royal Oak, Michigan.

#### Entered Their Rest:

**Christopher Pope** passed away on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Christopher is the son of our Church Secretary, Souzanne Pope. A.C.C. extends its heartfelt sympathies to the Pope, Takessian, and Avakian families.

**Dickranouhie (Dickie) Keshishian** passed away on Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. A.C.C. extends its heartfelt sympathies to the Keshishian and Kakousian families.

### Mark Your Calendar!

#### Community Classes

**Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Armenian Language for Beginners:** 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Armenian Cooking:** 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Lunch:** 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

#### Young Adults Christian Gathering Every other Thursday of the Month

The Young Adults come together twice a month to enjoy complimentary pizza and drinks. They socialize and have a wonderful time studying God's Word. For their meeting day and time, please call the Church Office.

#### Armenia Missions Trip Fundraising Luncheon

**Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 12:30 p.m.**

The Missions Committee is excited to announce its missional trip to Armenia from July 2<sup>nd</sup> to July 17<sup>th</sup> to spread the Gospel to the Armenian people and help the poor financially. The Missions Committee is planning a Luncheon on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, to raise funds for the trip. To make reservations, please contact the Church Office.

#### Women's Christian Fellowship Annual Lenten Luncheon Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12:30 p.m.

The A.C.C. Women's Christian Fellowship Annual Lenten Luncheon will be held on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, at noon. A delicious Lenten meal and inspirational program are being planned. Please share this information with your family and friends. Everyone is invited to attend! For reservation, please call the Church Office.

#### Palm Sunday Worship Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

Palm Sunday is the commemoration of our Lord's Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem. The Morning Worship Service is from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

#### Maundy Thursday Service Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

Please join us on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. for a special Cantata Program, "Followers of the Lamb" by Lee Dengler and Susan Naus Dengler, performed by our Church Choir, accompanied by our Choir Director and Organist, Susan Harrison. The Sacrament of Communion will also be administered. Please encourage your family and friends to attend this very special service.

### Church Calendar

#### Weekly

**Worship Service:** Sundays 11:00 a.m.

**Prayer and Fellowship:** Sundays 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday School:** Sundays 11:00 a.m.  
(Preschool to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

**Children's Library:** Every Sunday

**Church Bible Study:** Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
(Prayer 6:00 p.m.)

**Women's Bible Study:** Fridays 10:00 a.m. – Noon

#### Bi-Weekly

**Young Adults Program:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month  
7:00 p.m. (College and Career)

#### Community Classes

**Armenian Language for Beginners:** 10:00 a.m. - 11:00a.m.

**Armenian Cooking:** 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Lunch:** 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.  
(Contact the Church Office for dates)

#### Monthly

**Board of Deacons Meeting:** First Sunday of the month,  
1:00 p.m.

**Women's Christian Fellowship Meeting:** Second Sunday  
of the month, 12:30 p.m.

**Board of Trustees Meeting:** Third Thursday of the month,  
6:30 p.m.

**Fellowship Hour**

**REMINDERS!**

*Altar Flowers*

Is your Anniversary, Birthday or Graduation approaching? Why not share your celebration with the Church family by sponsoring the Altar Flowers or Coffee Hour. Please sign-up on the bulletin board or call the Church Office.

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### ACYF Breakfast

**Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.**

Come join us for a wonderful Easter breakfast prepared by our young adults to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. For reservations, please call the Church Office.

#### Easter Sunday Service April 12<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m.

Come join us for a wonderful Easter Sunday Morning Worship Service. The Sunday School children will perform in celebration of the resurrection of our Lord.

#### 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide Commemoration Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.

An Ecumenical Service of the Armenian Genocide Commemoration will be held at St. John Armenian Apostolic Church in Southfield, MI, on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., with all four Armenian Churches in the Greater Detroit area participating.

#### Mother's Day Luncheon Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 p.m.

On Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be honoring our mothers with a delicious Luncheon and wonderful program. More information to follow.

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