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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

11:00 A. M.

April 10, 2005

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE AND CHIMES

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN - #19 "When Morning Guilds the Skies"

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

O God -- our hearts are gladdened in your house -- let all the beauty we have known -- show forth your glory -- let all the truth our minds have found -- speak out your praise -- let all the goodness our souls have met -- bless your holy name.

Let this house -- fashioned out of the heights and depths of man's own being -- consecrate us with something too often lost in the world's way of haste and pride -- and shelter our eternal souls -- in your eternal love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

"Our Father, Who art in heaven..."

*GLORIA PATRI

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A LITANY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE IN THE CHURCH

PASTOR: O God, we pray for ourselves who are your church in this place:

PEOPLE: And for all who serve in the work of your church, both here and throughout the earth.

PASTOR: We pray for men and women who share in the governance of your church.

PEOPLE: May they be firmly committed to order and to freedom, to justice and to compassion.

PASTOR: We pray for men and women who teach in the Church School.

PEOPLE: May they love the treasures of your word and be skillful in sharing them.

PASTOR: We pray for Christian men and women who take the church with them wherever they go bearing clear and tactful witness to the faith:

PEOPLE: May your divine word speak through their words, compelling others to listen and to respond.

PASTOR: Lord of the Church, help us truly be what we are -- your people, your body:

PEOPLE: For the reconciliation of the word through your son who died for us so that we might live for him.

UNISON: In His name we pray, Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

ANTHEM

NOTICES AND CONCERNS

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING & SOLO- *April Arabian Tini*

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READING: *Armenian: Matthew 18:15-20 (page 1527)*

English: John 14:1-12, (page 1675)

ARMENIAN SERMON: *How To Get Along With People*

SOLO - *April Arabian Tini*

ENGLISH SERMON: *The Things We Live By*

***HAYR MER - # 133**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Park Kéz Dér, Asdvadz Mér"**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

** Congregation is requested to stand.*

**** Latecomers may be seated.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE COFFEE HOUR TODAY is sponsored by the Armenian Congregational Church, in grateful memory of our church benefactors Mr. & Mrs. Charles & Bernice Uligian.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR THIS MORNING are given by A.C.C. in grateful memory of Ms. Victoria Peringian.

THE APRIL MEETING OF THE ACC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP will be held today following the Morning Worship Service.

THE APRIL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Christian Education Room.

DETROIT UNITED COMMITTEE FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE invites all to the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave. Dearborn, (between Greenfield and Southfield Roads), on Sunday, April 17, 2005 at 2:00-4:30 p.m. for the observation of the 90th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

MOTHER'S DAY, SUNDAY MAY 8, 2005 this is your invitation to join us in the Morning Worship Service to pay tribute to our mothers. That afternoon at 5:00 p.m. is our annual Mother's Day Banquet. the Co-Chairpersons are Gayaneh Kachadourian and Aram Kakousian. Tickets are now available for sale. Donation: Adults \$20.00, (Ages 6-12 years) \$10.00. Ages under 6 years are free. We need sponsors, patrons and donors.

Please reserve for: Name: _____

Total Number Attending: _____

\$20.00 per Adult x _____ **= \$** _____

\$10.00 (Ages 6-12) x _____ **= \$** _____

Free (Under 6 years old)

Tickets are available now. Deadline for reservations is May 1st.

Please mail your payment with this reservation slip to: **Armenian Congregational Church P. O. Box 531, Southfield, Michigan 48037** or Give your payment and reservations slip to Banquet Co-Chairs, Gayaneh Kachadourian or Aram Kakousian.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON

Our Gospel reading (Matt. 18:15-29) is a very practical lesson on how to get along with people. In considering this reading, we need to remember that Jesus seldom, if ever, dealt in hard and fast rules. His method was to set forth broad principles that would abide and apply from generation to generation. That is what we have here – some broad principles:

1. First, is *the principle of communication*. Jesus' recommendation is to keep the lines of communication open. Don't store up your resentment. Bring it out in the open; talk about it.

2. *The second principle is to be honest*. Honesty is one of the most delicate and difficult things in any relationship. We are all so fearful of rejection that we hide our true feelings even from those we love.

3. *The third principle is openness*. Jesus said that if personal discussion does not resolve the difference, we should bring in a third party. Call in a counselor.

4. *The fourth principle is indestructible goodwill*. Jesus said that when everything else fails you should "treat him as you would a gentile or a tax-collector." This does not mean that you would show animosity. How did Jesus treat a tax-collector? Jesus loved them, befriended them and invited them to be a part of the Kingdom of God.