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MEMORIAL SUNDAY

11:00 A. M.

May 29, 2005

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE

CHIMES

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN - #255 - "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"**

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

God, our Father, on this day we come together to remember those who gave their lives for our country and, in our own way, to say thank you. We remember, also all of our loved ones who have died, for they have left no less a mark on our individual lives. May this time of prayer renew our gratitude and love for these people who have fought the good fight and entered into your kingdom. This we ask in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, Our Lord, who taught us to pray:

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

***GLORIA PATRI**

LITANY FOR MEMORIAL DAY:

PASTOR: O Lord, our God, on this day we come together to praise your holy name and to remember those who gave their lives for our country.

PEOPLE: We praise you, O God, for the gift of memory.

PASTOR: We remember, also, all of our loved ones who have departed from us, and gone to receive their reward in eternal life.

PEOPLE: We thank you, O Lord, for these people who have fought the good fight and entered your Kingdom.

PASTOR: We lift our hearts in gratitude for all who have lived valiantly, and for all who have died bravely for truth, liberty, and righteousness.

PEOPLE: We praise you, O Lord, for those who served their country in her hour of need, and specially those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

PASTOR: Help us, O God, to prize highly and to guard carefully the gifts which through loyalty and devotion have passed on to us.

PEOPLE: Grant to us the wisdom and grace that, having them always in remembrance, we may emulate their faithfulness and with them inherit the Promised Land.

PASTOR: Confirm our faith in your promises of eternal life; that "if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built with human hands."

PEOPLE: We thank you, O God, that Jesus Christ our Lord is the resurrection and the life; that those who believe in him will live, even though they die; and whoever believe in him will never die.

UNISON: Praise, glory and honor be to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit now and always. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

ANTHEM

NOTICES AND CONCERNS

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH SOLO - Daniel Haroutunian

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READING:

Armenian: II Timothy 4:6-8 (pp. 1855-867)

English: Psalm 147:11-20 (pp. 981-82)

***MEMORIAL PRAYER**

***HYMN - # 111 "Sweet By and By" (Vss. 1,3)**

ARMENIAN MEDITATIONS: We Are Pilgrims

SOLO - Daniel Haroutunian

ENGLISH MEDITATIONS: Lessons From The Memorial Day

***HAYR MER - #133**

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE - "Park Kez Der, Asdvads Mer"

QUIET MEDITATION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

**Congregation is Requested To Stand*

****Latecomers May be Seated*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME TO OUR CHANCEL THIS MORNING our own soloist, Daniel Haroutunian.

THERE WILL BE A BRIEF MEETING of the Board of Deacons following the Coffee Hour.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR THIS MORNING are given by the Joint Boards of the church, in memory of Ms. Victoria Peringian, who has been a faithful member and a benefactor of this church.

ACC MEMBERSHIP LIST and articles of the bylaws on the bulletin board are placed for your attention and for congregational voting purposes. Please, take a moment to read them and take notice.

A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, June 5, 2005 immediately following the Morning Worship Service to act upon the recommendation of the ACC Pulpit Search Committee and the Council to invite Pastor Makarios Darawi to candidate for the position of minister at ACC. He will deliver both the Armenian and the English Sermons during the Morning Worship Service.

WE WILL CELEBRATE CHILDREN'S DAY ON SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2005. The children will soon be rehearsing songs and readings for the 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service on that day.

FATHERS WILL BE HONORED ON SUNDAY, JUNE 19TH. The traditional menu of chicken, losh kebab, pilaf, green salad, watermelon will be served at the annual picnic commemorating Father's Day. Michael Kulha and David Terzibashian are the Chairpersons of the event. Donation is \$12.00 for adults, \$8.00 for children 6-12 years old, and no charge for children under 6 years of age.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON. (II Timothy 4:6-8)

Who are the pilgrims ? Pilgrims are travelers. They are travelers with a faith. What is their faith? Their faith is that they will be spiritually refreshed, renewed. They will enjoy the beautiful scenery along the way. They will meet new people and make new friends. The pilgrims want to visit holy places so that they can have a fresh experience of God, and renew their vows of loyalty to Him.

Pilgrims have destination. Every pilgrimage reaches its climax when the pilgrims reach home where warmth and rest await them. Life is a pilgrimage. Some of us wander through this world with no idea of where we are going. We are spiritual refugees, displaced persons, homeless. Some of us know where we are going, and know how to get there, for we have a Pioneer leading us on.

Williams Saroyan, in his book “ The Human Comedy,” tells of a little boy, Ulysses, who went down the railroad track one day to watch the trains go by, He waved to various cars but there was no response. When the last car came by, a black man appeared, singing, “My Old Kentucky Home.” He leaned forward, waved to the boy and said, “Going home, boy, going back where I belong.” We are like that – going home where we belong!