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11:00 A.M.

August 28, 2005

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE

CHIMES

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN - # 2 " Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow "

***INVOCATION and THE LORD'S PRAYER** (In unison)

Hear now our prayers, O God:

They bring us into your presence;

They expose us to your searching, loving eye;

They seek your will, that we may do it;

They channel your comfort to us;

They bear our pledges, responding to your promises;

And help us to hear you, O God:

In your Word, in our music, and in our prayers, and in silence.

Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Who taught us to pray:

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

***GLORIA PATRI**

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A RESPONSIVE THANKSGIVING FOR EACH OTHER:

PASTOR: God, in His goodness, has given us each other.

PEOPLE: Most of the time we are glad he did; God help us to be glad all of the time.

PASTOR: God, in His artistry, made us different: different in appearance and temperament, different in sound and style.

PEOPLE: Sometimes we are grateful for such differences; variety adds interest to living; one pattern would be monotonous.

PASTOR: But sometimes the differences worry us; we are afraid of a different appearance, we are angered by a different disposition, we take ourselves for the norm and find everybody else wanting.

PEOPLE: Forgive us, our Father, when we try to improve on your design; when we suggest that you were not careful enough of our convenience, that we could have done better if we have been in charge of creation!

PASTOR: Instead of that blasphemy, teach us now to delight in your variety.

PEOPLE: Encourage in us an interest in the experiences and attitudes of people.

PASTOR: Enlarge in us an interest in the memories and the hopes of people older than we are.

PEOPLE: Encourage in us an interest in the anxieties and the visions of people younger than we are.

PASTOR: Enlarge in us an interest in the views and concerns of people who don't think the way we do.

PEOPLE: In all of this, keep us very much ourselves; it will not add to the richness of your variety if we let ourselves go characterless, spineless, colorless.

PASTOR: Instead, show us how to love each other in all our distinctness and difference.

UNISON: We praise you for honoring us by testing us with the way we handle this variety. We praise you for delighting us with a place in your many splendored family. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

ANTHEM

NOTICES AND CONCERNS

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

DEDICATION AND SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

1. Brief Address 2. Parent's Vow

3. Congregation's Vow (congregation stands and reads in unison)

We, members of the Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit, receive these children into our love and care, and we do promise that, so far as in us lies, we will uphold and encourage the parents in the fulfillment of their covenant.

4. The Dedication and Baptism

SOLO - Gayaneh Kachadourian

SCRIPTURE READING: *Armenian: Galatians 2: 15 - 21 (p. 1811)*

English: I Timothy 3: 1 - 7 (p. 1847)

ARMENIAN SERMON: *The Gospel According to St. Paul*

SOLO - April Arabian Tini

ENGLISH SERMON: *My Philosophy of Ministry*

***HAYR MER - # 133**

***BENEDICTION**

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

** Congregation is requested to stand.*

**** Latecomers may be seated.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME TO OUR CHANCEL THIS MORNING, our own soloists Gayaneh Kachadourian and April Arabian Tini.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR THIS MORNING, are given by ACC Board of Deacons in honor of deaconess Zabel Kaladjian on her 90th birthday.

IN LIEU OF THE COFFEE HOUR, AN INFORMAL RECEPTION IS SPONSORED BY THE ACC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP in Honor of the Reverend and Mrs. Vahan & Rosette Tootikian, following the Morning Worship Service.

TO BE DEDICATED THIS MORNING ARE: *Susannah Koehler*, born on January 1, 1998, in Yerevan, Armenia, and *Hovhannes (Hovig) Koehler*, born on December 10, 1999 in Yerevan, Armenia – children of Mr. & Mrs. Brian and Monica (Seferian) Koehler.

TO BE BAPTIZED THIS MORNING is *Lora Maria Derian*, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James and Genya Derian, born on July 10, 2005.

CHURCH SCHOOL RALLY SUNDAY will be held on Sunday, September 11. There will be a complimentary breakfast for the Church School pupils and their parents and teachers, starting at 9:30 to 10:30 am with the compliments of the Church School and with the help of our youth. During the first part of Worship, there will be an Installation Service for the Church School Staff. Also, children will worship with their parents during the first part of the Worship hour. Then they will go to their respective rooms.

THE FIRST CHOIR REHEARSAL OF THE SEASON will be held on Sunday, September 11, at 10:15 a.m. All those who want to join the Choir, this is the time to do it.

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE A.C.C. WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP will be held on Sunday, September 11, following the Worship Services in the Christian Education Room. Ladies of all ages please join this dedicated group of women who serve the church with wonderful ideas and programs.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, IS HOMECOMING, sponsored by the A.C.C. Women's Fellowship. Following the Morning Worship Service, there will be a complimentary luncheon for all who are present in the Social Hall after the Service.

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES will be held Thursday, September 15, at 7:00 p.m., in the Christian Education Building.