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REFORMATION SUNDAY
MORNING SERVICE

11:00 a. m

June 26, 2011

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN - #21 *"A Mighty Fortress is our God"*

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

Reform us all, always, our Father, correct us where we are going wrong, redirect us when we go astray, change us where we are flawed, renew us when we falter. In the same way, reform marriages, families, homes, communities, institutions, nations, and all Churches including Armenian Evangelical Churches. We are all Yours, remake us, for Jesus' sake, Who taught us to pray:

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

*GLORIA PATRI

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RESPONSIVE PRAYER ON ARMENIAN EVANGELICAL DAY

PASTOR: Our God and Father, we thank you that for years past you have richly blessed our Armenian Evangelical Church which was founded on Jesus Christ and sustained by your Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE: **As you have blessed those before us, bless us now.**

PASTOR: We thank you for the faith of our fathers who, amid trials and tribulations, established our Church.

PEOPLE: **We are grateful to those who followed in the footsteps of their forerunners, and kept the torch of faith burning during the past years of service.**

PASTOR: Help us to be good stewards of our time, talents, and treasures so that we may dedicate our lives to the betterment of our people, our communities, and the world. May our lives be nobler and more blessed because we have loved and served You.

PEOPLE: **Help us that we may always be able to give a good account of our Christian stewardship.**

PASTOR: Set us now, O God, in the midst of this ongoing family of faith and let the sense of your presence challenge us, inspire us and guide us.

PEOPLE: **Grant us grace to acknowledge that we are the spiritual beneficiaries of those who have gone before us; that those who come after us will be the beneficiaries of our dedication and stewardship.**

PASTOR: Let us not shirk the call that comes to us this day, and let not the heritage that has been transmitted to us die, because of our inability to take up the challenge.

PEOPLE: **Teach us how and where we can best serve you in serving others.**

PASTOR: Strengthen our allegiance to Christ that we may fulfill our ministry and mission.

PEOPLE: **Make us deeply aware of the communion which binds us together as your church, that our faith may be strengthened, our love empowered and our witness given wings.**

PASTOR: Grant us courage to live in the reality of the present, and not to allow the past to keep us from the greatness of the future.

PEOPLE: **May the Armenian Evangelical Church be a "Community of the Committed", sharing and proclaiming the "Good News" of God's love, an instrument cherishing our precious heritage, a center of Christian training for the oncoming generations, a powerhouse for the up building of our communities.**

UNISON: **Help us to be witnesses of more than ourselves. Use us as a light that is not shadowed, as salt that has not lost its savor. Use us as the hand that is open in fellowship to serve. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

NOTICES AND CONCERNS

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING:

Armenian: II Timothy 3:14-16 (p. 1855)

English: I Timothy 4: 11-15 (p.1849)

ENGLISH SERMON: "Why am I Proud of Being an Armenian Evangelical?"

*HYMN - # 89 *"The Church's One Foundation" (Vss. 1,2,3)*

ARMENIAN SERMON: "Principles of the Armenian Evangelical Reformation"

*HAYR MER - #133

*BENEDICTION

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

QUIET MEDITATION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

**Congregation is requested to stand.*

**** Latecomers may be seated.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME ALL WHO ARE WORSHIPING 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 make this your church home.

WE WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT THIS MORNING our Minister Emeritus, The Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian.

NO DEACONS MEETING TODAY.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL. We will be offering a Sunday School class geared towards children ages 2-9 each Sunday starting *today* until Sept. 4. Older students will take turns helping with the class and attending the worship services. So plan on being with us whenever you are in town this summer.