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ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

11:00 A.M.

January 6, 2019

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN: #121 "Joy to the World"

*INVOCATION

*HAYR MER-#275

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF EPIPHANY:

PASTOR: Our Heavenly Father, we thank you that the good news of Your Son's birth was revealed to Jews and gentiles, rich and poor, wise men and simple people.

PEOPLE: As the Wise Men followed the star and found the Christ Child and worshipped Him, help us to find Him anew through the celebration of His birth, making Him the King of our lives.

PASTOR: As the lowly shepherds quickly shared with others the good news of the Savior's birth, may we, too, become bearers of your message.

PEOPLE: Help us, O God, in the light of the shining star to realize the wastes and desolations of the world.

PASTOR: Lord, we pray that you will dispel the darkness of all kinds of prejudice and religious bigotry from the hearts of people.

PEOPLE: Lord, we pray that your light will shine into the shadowy hearts and clouded minds and bring them to the truth.

PASTOR: Lord God, let the light of Christ expose sinners for what they are, and enable them to turn to the Source of life and enable them to find the truth.

PEOPLE: Lord God, we pray for those who struggle to find direction in their lives, and for those who attempt to live out their lives with peace and dignity.

PASTOR: Gracious Lord, we thank you for Your manifestation in Jesus Christ, who was "anointed to preach the good tidings to the poor, to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, and proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

UNISON: May His spirit manifest itself in our lives; may He be praised through our lives. Amen

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

NOTICES AND CONCERNS

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH ANTHEM

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANTHEM

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

1. Giving of the Bread

2. Giving of the Cup

(Ours is an open Communion, and all who believe in, and accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are cordially invited to share this Sacrament with us. In accordance with our customs, we suggest that as an act of Christian community, each communicant hold the element (first, the bread; then the cup) until all have been served. Then with the Minister, partake together, so that none may be first and none last at the Table of the Lord.)

*HYMN: #356 "Father, Here We Dedicate This New Year" (vs. 1, 2)

ENGLISH SCRIPTURE: John 1:1-17 (pp. 1645-1646)

ENGLISH SERMON: The Light of The World

*HYMN-#182 "Just as I am" (vss. 1, 3)

ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE: I John 4:9-11 (p.1902)

ARMENIAN SERMON: God's Indescribable Gift

*HYMN: #122 "Silent Night" (in Armenian)

"Loor Keesher"

Loor keesher, soorp keesher
Dsov oo tzamak knov yen khaghagh
Meghm gu paylee asd-ghu Petlehemeh
Yev herooyen shad achker gu krave
Hon oor prgeechu dznv
Hon oor prgeechu dznv

Loor Keesher, soorp keesher
Ov too yergeer, al artuntzeer
Koo ortnoot-unet art ver togh yelle
Park Astoodsoh ee partzoon-us yerkeh
Khagh-agh-ootune ashkharee
Khagh-agh-ootune ashkharee

*BENEDICTION

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

**Congregation is requested to stand.*

**** Latecomers may be seated.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Minster wishes for all members and friends of the church a healthy, happy, peaceful and prosperous New Year

WE WELCOME TO OUR CHANCEL this morning our guest preacher, Pastor Hagop Shebat-Haroutunian.

A.C.C. EXTENDS ITS HEARTFELT THANKS to Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Susan Mousigian for the beautiful framed posters of Christmas Eve Service and Children's Christmas Program.

SPECIAL THANK YOU to Nennette Merametdjian for her generous donation to our church in the memory of George Movsessian.

THE INSTALLATION OF THE BOARD OF DEACONS AND TRUSTEES will be held next Sunday, January 13, 2019, during the Morning Worship Service.

THE JANUARY MEETING OF A.C.C. WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP will be held on Sunday, January 13, 2019, following the Coffee Hour.

THE 2019 SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD: Is your anniversary, birthday or graduation approaching? Why not share your celebration with the church family by sponsoring the Fellowship Hour or Altar Flowers. Please sign-up on the bulletin board or call the church office.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Will be held on Sunday, January 20, 2019 immediately following the Morning /worship Service. All boards and organizations are requested to submit their reports.

Synopsis of the Armenian Sermon

The mystery of God's eternal love towards all humanity for His "indescribable gift" by sending his Son into the world is not a mystery for those who accept it by faith. This gift of God comes in a two fold: By accepting the Son we receive eternal life, and a new fresh relationship with God. The glorious and intimate relationship Adam and Eve had in the Garden of Eden was broken but now can be restored again for those who receive the Son into their lives.