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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

11:00 A.M.

January 13, 2019

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN: #4 "We Praise Thee, O God" (vss. 1,2,3,4)

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

O God, who has shown us the way to true joy and happiness; grant that we may follow Your will for our lives, thereby enjoying Your blessings in a marvelous way. So guide us that we may be happy through serving You and witnessing before our fellowmen, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

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

GLORIA PATRY: #79

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MORNING MEDITATION AND PRAYER:

PASTOR: Like everything else that is alive, knowledge that stops growing dies.

PEOPLE: The only way we can survive as individuals and as groups is if we continue to learn new things about ourselves, our universe, and God.

PASTOR: Life-time learning is more than a clever educational slogan.

PEOPLE: It is a recipe for survival.

PASTOR: King Solomon placed wisdom ahead of all other gifts.

PEOPLE: There is knowledge of the heart that is greater than the knowledge of the mind.

PASTOR: Only the knowing heart feels the love of God and sees the glory of God.

PEOPLE: We have the assurance that the spirit of God will guide us in the footsteps of truth.

PASTOR: Let us ask the Lord to forgive us for dulling our sense of adventure.

PEOPLE: Let us ask God to forgive us for losing our love of learning His eternal truths.

PASTOR: Lord Jesus, You had to grow like everyone else.

PEOPLE: Lord, forgive us for thinking that we already have learned all spiritual matters that there is to know.

PASTOR: Lord Jesus, You grew in stature with God and man.

PEOPLE: Lord God, we still have many things to learn, and many more things to put into practice.

PASTOR: Lord God, all of us have enrolled into the school of Christian living. Help us, not to drop out of this school of life. Let the Holy Spirit be our teacher.

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

NOTICES AND CONCERNS

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH ANTHEM

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANTHEM

INSTALLATION OF BOARD MEMBERS

ENGLISH SCRIPTURE: *Matthew 5:13-16 (p. 1501)*

ENGLISH SERMON: **Called To Be Salt and Light**

\*HYMN-#247 "Brightly Beams Our Father's Mercy" (vss. 1, 3)

ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE: *Luke 19:1-10 (pp. 1630-1631)*

ARMENIAN SERMON: **Where Christ Feels Welcome**

\*BENEDICTION

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

QUIET MEDITATION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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*\*Congregation is requested to stand. \*\*\* Latecomers may be seated.*

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**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.

**INSTALLATION OF ACC BOARD MEMBERS. BOARD OF DEACONS:** Rouben Arslanian, Leslie Banerian, Catherine Brito, Pam Czartorisky, Ovsanna Dervaranian, Alice Kakousian, Doris Krikorian, Chuck Sarkissian, Salpi Tachian. Honorary Lifetime Deacons: Carole Basmadjian, Aram Kakousian, Robert Jacobs and David Terzibashian.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** Edward Bayleran, Nancy Berschbach, Stephen Bolerjack, Ralph Garabedian, Robert Jacobs, Mark Kadian, Dennis Marburger, Ann Zartarian.

**THE ACC WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP** January meeting will be held today following the Fellowship Hour in the Christian Education Room.

**THE WINTER CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held next Sunday, January 20, 2019 immediately following the Morning Worship Service. All Boards and organizations are requested to submit their reports. Another important item on the agenda is to act on the recommendation of the Pulpit Search Committee for a new candidate in the person of Pastor Hagop Shebat Haroutunian, who was our guest preacher on New Year's and Armenian Christmas Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Synopsis of The Armenian Sermon**

Jesus was a guest in the home of a tax collector named Zacchaeus. We know how that visit began, and we know how it ended. But we do not know what happened in between. It started when Jesus spotted him perched in the branches of a tree, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry down. I meant to stay at your house today." It ended with Zacchaeus pledging to give half of his considerable wealth to the poor, and to repay his fraudulent profits fourfold. We can only guess at what transpired between these two men. But whatever was said or done, it had a redeeming effect. Jesus summed it up by saying, "Today salvation has come to this house." Jesus spoke of a saving experience that took place that day in that house.

This story conveys the following important lessons to us:

**First, Christ will enter a life and will transform it where He feels welcome.** It does not matter how sinful a person is, if he welcomes Christ in his or her life, there will be a tremendous transformation in that person's life.

**Second, Christ feels welcome by those who are conscious of their sins.** He felt more at home in Zacchaeus' house than in the homes of self-righteous people of Jericho. Zacchaeus knew he was a sinner. He made no bones about it. There is always hope for a sick person who knows he or she is ill and needs a doctor.

**Third, when Christ is welcome in a person's life that person takes practical steps to heal the hurts that he has caused.** When Zacchaeus had a friendly encounter with Christ, he took some practical steps to heal the hurts he had caused. Christ saves us from our sins; He gives us a profound awareness of who we are. He makes us aware of our sins and makes us aware of our obligations toward others. Christ breaks the chains of our sins and our selfishness. And when that happens, Jesus says: "Today, salvation has come to this house."