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**EASTER SUNDAY**

**11:00 A.M. April 17, 2022**

 **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**\*PROCESSIONAL CONGREGATIONAL HYMN***: #202 “Jesus Christ Is Risen*

 *Today”*

 *(vs. 1-3 English, Cs. 3 Armenian)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**\*INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)**

Dear Heavenly Father, it is with great joy that we come before your presence to celebrate the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Thank you for sending him into the world to live, die, and be resurrected after three days so that we can have the hope of eternal life. You loved us more than we can ever comprehend. We thank you that we are now your children and will always be yours forever and ever. We pray that you help us share this great news with all those we encounter. Great is your love for us. We are forever grateful for saving us from our sins. May we live in the power of the resurrection of Jesus all the days of our lives. We give you all the glory and honor, who taught us to pray, “Our Father, Who art in heaven….”

**\*GLORIA PATRI**- *#79* *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

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**\*RESPONSIVE READING: *Easter Sunday***

**PASTOR:** Christ is risen!

**PEOPLE:** **He is risen indeed!**

**PASTOR:** Lift up your hearts!

**PEOPLE: We will lift them up unto the Lord.**

**PASTOR:** We praise you, O Lord, for bringing from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, and using his death upon the cross to bring about our redemption.

**PEOPLE:** **Praise be to your holy name.**

**PASTOR:** We thank you that through his resurrection you given us the faith to believe that every good which seems to be overcome by evil, and every love which seems to be buried in darkness and death, shall rise again to life immortal.

**PEOPLE: Armed with that faith, we pray for those whose lives are overshadowed by despair on this Easter Sunday.**

**PASTOR:** We pray for those who are battling life-threatening illnesses, that they may renew their hope through Christ’s resurrection.

**PEOPLE: We pray for those who are dragged down by the weight of despair, that they may renew their hope through Christ’s resurrection.**

**PASTOR:** May our celebration of Easter, renew our faith in the Risen Lord.

**UNISON: Blessed be the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE:** *Sourp Adsvadz*

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL SONGS:** *#7 “Lord, I Lift Your Name On High”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE:** *Matthew 28:1-7**(pp. 1549-1550)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: The Three Dimensions of Easter**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE**: *Romans 6:5-14 (p. 1754)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: United with Christ in Death and Resurrection**

**\*HAYR MER:** *#275*

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLESSED EASTER TO ALL!**

**“Kristos Haryav Ee Merelots. Orhnyal Eh Harootyunen Kristosee!”**

**“Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!”**

***“Qristos #ar;au I M;];loz )rfn;al H #aroujiunn Qristosi”***

**WE WELCOME ALL WHO ARE WORSHIPPING 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 Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian; who will be delivering the English Sermon.

**THE COFFEE HOUR AND THE ALTAR FLOWERS** this morning are sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Jano and Lena Bouladian, to celebrate their 29th anniversary with the Church family.

**PASTOR HAGOP AND HIS WIFE NUNE** will be traveling to California on the evening of Easter due to the health of his mother. Pastor and Nune will return on Saturday, April 23rd. Please pray for Pastor Hagop's mother's health. If you need to reach Pastor's Hagop, you may do so by contacting him on his personal phone at 818-749-27981

**NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 24,** Armenian Congregational Church will be closed. We will join the three Armenian churches for a joint Service and Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide at St. John's Armenian Apostolic Church at 10:00 a.m.

**ARMENIAN TRIP.** June 28 to July 12. Cost $1,940. (Includes Marriott Hotel, in Yerevan, all meals, and tours). Itinerary to be purchased separately. For more details and registration, go to AMAA.org and click on "Armenia Tour'' or pick a flyer at the ACC narthex area. Registration deadline is Sunday, April 24th.

**CHURCH JOYS AND CONCERNS:** Please continue praying for Aram Kakousian, George and Ann Krikorian, Jan Janigian, Lee Savalle (Dan and Sandra Haroutunian’s sister), Glenn Harrison, Artsakh, Armenia, Ukraine, our government and the pandemic.

**IS YOUR ANNIVERSARY, BIRTHDAY OR GRADUATION** approaching? Why not share your celebration with the Church Family by sponsoring the Coffee Hour or Altar Flowers. Please sign your name on the Bulletin Board, call the Church Office or email Souzanne at Office@accdetroit.org.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

The Apostle Paul admonishes us to be untied with Christ in his death so that we can be united with him in his resurrection. This should be the instinct of Christians. If we truly belong to Christ, then we will be willing to suffer and even die for Christ, by all cost; this we can do by the power of the resurrection of Jesus.

**Here are some key points to be united with Christ:**

1. **“Our old self is crucified with Christ.”** This imagery of what Paul describes shows how closely our lives should be mimicking the life of Christ. We follow the footsteps of Christ. If he suffered, then we should be ready to suffer, when necessary.
2. **“Count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God.”** This is another statement that Paul makes to help us understand that the resurrected power of Jesus will keep us away from the life of sin. As we learn to put our full trust in the death of Christ for us, his resurrected life becomes the power that enables us to live a life of victory over sin.