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**MOTHER’S DAY**

**11:00 A.M. May 8, 2022**

 **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN***: #379“There Is Beauty All Around”*

 *(vs. 1-2 English, vs. 3 Armenian)*

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

Dear Lord, we thank you this day that we can celebrate all the mothers of our Church and around the world. We thank you for blessing them so they can bless us. Thank you for teaching them to sacrifice their lives for their children. We ask this day that you continue to bestow your very blessing upon their lives. May they rejoice in their work and in their children. May their children always appreciate their hard work and dedication. May Christ’s face shine on them and through them for all to see that they are precious in your sight. Bless us all, together with them, to bring glory to your name in all that we do. 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:** *Proverbs 31:10-31*

**PASTOR:** A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value.

**PEOPLE:** **She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands.**

**PASTOR:** She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar. She gets up while it is still dark; she provides food for her family and portions for her servant girls.

**PEOPLE:** **She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard. She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks.**

**PASTOR:** She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night. In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers.

**PEOPLE:** **She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy. When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet.**

**PASTOR:** She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple. Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.

**PEOPLE:** **She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes.**

**PASTOR:** She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

**PEOPLE:** **She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: “Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.”**

**PASTOR:** Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

**UNISON: Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#34 “O Great God”*

**MOTHER’S DAY POEM:** *Ovsanna Dervartanian*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE:** *Proverbs 31:10-31 (pp.1032-1033)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: The Wife and Mother of Noble Character**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE**: *Proverbs 14:1 (p. 1003)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Building Our House on Christ Jesus**

**\*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**

**MOTHER’S DAY COFFEE HOUR** -  In loving memory and in honor of all A.C.C. Mothers and Grandmothers, the Women's Christian Fellowship is sponsoring the refreshments being served during Coffee Hour this morning.

**ENTERED HIS REST** *Mr. Papken Tootikian***,** brother of Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian,passed away on Monday, May 2nd. The funeral service was held on Saturday, May 7th in Ontario, Canada. A.C.C. extends its heartfelt sympathies to the Tootkian, Zartarian, Voskian and Bartlett families.

**SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY** is this Wednesday, May 11th, at 10:00 a.m. we would like to invite you to join us in sprucing up the A.C.C. grounds, having lunch, and enjoying some great fellowship. Helpers of all ages are welcome.We need help in pruning trees, cleaning Church grounds, balcony, and the parking lot. Please sign your names on the sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board.

**GRADUATES OF 2022** ACC would like to honor our graduates by publishing their names and degrees in the weekly bulletin on Sunday, June 12. Please submit to the Church Office or email the names of your loved ones graduating this year from Elementary School, Middle School, High School, College, Graduate or post Graduate School. Deadline for submission is June 5th.

**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.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

A wife of noble character who can find? This is the million-dollar question that every human being asks, not just for the wife, but the man as well. The answer follows stating, “She is more worth than many rubies.” Today, godly women are a gem to find. With so many divorces and turmoil in the family life, we call it blessed for those homes built on a solid foundation, which is Christ Jesus.

**Here are some points to learn from this proverb:**

1. **A woman with a noble character derives her wisdom from her relationship with God.** The secret is in her investment in the Word of God and prayer. Just like Priscilla, Aquila’s wife, mentioned in the book of Acts. Together with her husband, they conducted Church Service in their home for the believers in Christ. So many other women in the Bible are worthy of mention who show a character of integrity.
2. **“She brings good, not harm, all the days of her life.”** This is a powerful statement that takes a lot of humility, hard work, understanding, love, and compromising for a home to be this peaceful, without any harm. This may seem too good to be true but it is with God’s grace. God wants every family to enjoy a good and happy relationship together, as He intended it from the beginning.

**Happy Mother’s Day**

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