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**11:00 a.m. January 15, 2023**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#159 “He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought”*

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

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

Dear Lord, we come to you with grateful hearts, thanking you for giving us a new year to live and see more of your glory in our lives. We thank you for last year; we look forward to see what you have in store for us this year. Help us leave the past behind and look forward to a new and glorious year, filled with your blessings. This year we want to draw closer to you than we did last year. Help us come to know you more intimately and be able to hear your voice and obey it. We want to grow in you and be a light to share the gospel with all people. 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:** *Psalm 90*

**PASTOR:** Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

**PEOPLE:** **Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

**PASTOR:** You turn men back to dust, saying, “Return to dust, O sons of men.”

**PEOPLE: For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.**

**PASTOR:** You sweep men away in the sleep of death; they are like the new grass of the morning—though in the morning it springs up new, by everything it is dry and withered.

**PEOPLE: We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation.**

**PASTOR:** You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

**PEOPLE:** **All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan.**

**PASTOR:** The length of our days is seventy years—or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.

**PEOPLE:** **Who knows the power of your anger? For your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.**

**PASTOR:** Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

**PEOPLE:** **Relent, O Lord! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants.**

**PASTOR:** Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

**PEOPLE:** **Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble.**

**PASTOR:** May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children.

**UNISON: May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#36 “How Great Is Our Heart”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *Philippians 3:12-14 (p. 1829)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Attaining Our Goal**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *Philippians 3:15-16(p. 1829)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Living Up to Our Goal**

**\*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**

**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.

**CHURCH JOYS AND CONCERNS:** Please continue praying for Dr. Richard Marburger, George and Ann Krikorian, Jan Janigian, Glenn Harrison, Artsakh, Armenia and Ukraine.

**Church Schedule:**

1. **Monday prayer** 6:30 p.m. online via Zoom app.
2. **Wednesday Bible Study** 6:30 p.m. in person and online via Zoom app.

**ARMENIAN AND ENGLISH LIVE RADIO PROGRAM** this evening at 6:00-7:00p.m. with Pastor Hagop, hosted by Vaughn Masropian. Be part of the show by calling at 248-557-3300 for Armenian and English prayer requests, also Bible discussions and related topics are welcomed. The Theme this Sunday is **“New Year, New Blessings”** on Facebook live at <https://www.facebook.com/ArmenianCongregationalChurch> and at WNZK 690AM, or go to Armeniaradioprogram.com, scroll down to the bottom and click on “Listen Live Now.” A new page will open, click on “WNZK 690AM.” For more information or questions you can contact Pastor Hagop at [pastorhagop@accdetroit.org](mailto:pastorhagop@accdetroit.org)

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** will be held every other Saturday. Next study is Saturday, February 4th at 10:00AM. Led by Mrs. Nune Haroutunian.

**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 your name on the Bulletin Board, call the Church Office or email Souzanne at [Office@accdetroit.org](mailto:Office@accdetroit.org).

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

Do you have goals in your life to achieve? Sure, we all do. Right? Sometimes to reach that goal may take time and effort but if we are really after it, we will eventually accomplish it. In the same manner, Paul had this ambition to reach a goal, and it was a heavenly one, an eternal destination that required patience and discipline.

**Here are some points to reaching our goals:**

1. **“All of us who are mature should take such a view of things.”** The key to

victory in Christ over sin is maturity. When we are filled by the Word of God and the Holy Spirit, nothing will stop us from all the dreams we want to accomplish. God is able to do great and awesome things when we lead a healthy growth in our Christian walk with God.

2**. “Let us live up to what we have already attained.”** Interestingly, even when

we do not fully comprehend the will of God, we can still accomplish a lot from what we know already. God only expects us to do what we know of Him. Now of course, we should always thrive to know Him more and more each and every day so we can better understand His will in our lives.