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**11:00 a.m. February 5, 2023**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#85 “O Lord My God”*

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

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

Dear Lord, we thank you for who you are. We know your will is always good for us. Teach us to submit to your will, even in difficult times. Your good, pleasing, perfect will is what we want in our lives. We ask that you teach us to live in accordance to your Word and under the guidance of your Holy Spirit who dwells in us. We want to please you in all that we do. We know that your will is that we love one another and share the good news of Jesus 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.*

**RESPONSIVE READING:** *Psalm 143:1-10*

**PASTOR:** O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy; in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

**PEOPLE:** **Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you.**

**PASTOR:** The enemy pursues me, he crushes me to the ground; he makes me dwell in darkness like those long dead.

**PEOPLE: So my spirit grows faint within me; my heart within me is dismayed.**

**PASTOR:** I remember the days of long ago; I meditate on all your works and consider what your hands have done.

**PEOPLE: I spread out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.**

**PASTOR:** Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit faints with longing. Do not hide face from me or I will be like those who go down to the pit.

**PEOPLE: Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.**

**PASTOR:** Rescue me from my enemies, O Lord, for I hide myself in you.

**UNISON:** **Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** “Green Program for Lebanon” *Dennis Marburger*

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**DEVOTIONAL READING:** *Chuck Sarkissian*

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#10 “Refiner’s Fire”*

1. Giving of the Bread
2. Giving of the Cup

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *Matthew 12:46-48 (p. 1516)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Doing God’s Will**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *1 John 2:15-17 (p. 1900)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: God or The Pleasures of The World?**

**\*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.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS AND THE COFFEE HOUR TODAY** are sponsored by Tony, Brian, Nico and Jessica Janigian, in loving memory of Lori Janigian.

**VALENTINE’S FAMILY NIGHT –** Join the Women’s Christian Fellowship for their Valentine’s Family Night this Friday, February 10th, at 6:00 p.m.  The evening will include Worship, Dinner, Fellowship, Fun & Games.  Make your reservations today on the Sign-up Sheet on the Bulletin Board or call the Church Office by Wednesday, February 8th.

**THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held Sunday, February 19 immediately following the Morning Worship Service. All board and organizations are requested to submit their reports.

**VARTANANK** The four Armenian Churches of Greater Detroit, along with Knights and Daughters of Vartan, invite you to the Celebration and Commemoration of the Feast of Sts. Vartanank on Thursday, February 16, at 6:00 p.m. The host church is St. Vartan Armenian Catholic Church. 4875 W. Maple Road, Bloomfield Twp. (Inkster & Maple Roads)

**A.M.A.A.** is asking for your support with a solar project to help power outages that have been on-going in Lebanon. Your gift will help complete the installation of innovative ways of overcoming a major quality of life challenges. To make a donation, visit amaa.org or mail your checks to: A.M.A.A, 31 West Century Rd. Paramus, NJ 07652.

**WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN VARIOUS COMMITTEES,** Christian Education, Ushering, Membership, Heritage, or Music. If you would like to join any of these committees, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet in the Social Hall. Each committee describes its duties on the Sign-up Sheet.

**THE 2023 STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES** Our order is in production and is due this month.

**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.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

The Apostle John was the closest disciple to Jesus. He knew what it was like to live and walk with Jesus, in the most intimate way possible. As John stated, “Do not love the world or anything in the world.” This challenges all of us to a new level of perspective of how to apply such a profound call in our lives.

**Here are some points about living in God’s will:**

1. **“For everything in the world…comes not from the Father.”** John makes it clear that the “lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life”, does not come from God, rather its source is Satan and sin. When we give in to our sinful nature and allow all the evil and the sinful pleasures that the world has to offer, to enter into our lives, then we fall away from the will of God. The goal is to remain steadfast in God's perfect and pleasing will.
2. **“The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.”** This is a profound statement that we should pay careful attention to. Everything that the world has to offer will one day wither, vanish, and pass away. One thing remains forever, and that is our spiritual livelihood. The Scriptures tell us that God’s ultimate will is to love one another and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with all people.