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**11:00 a.m. April 16, 2023**

 **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *# 6 “Sing Praise to God”*

 *(vs. 1-3 English, vs. 4 Armenian)*

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

Dear Heavenly Father, we come before your presence to thank you for your wonderful deeds. We celebrated the Resurrection of Christ last Sunday and today we continue to celebrate our Lord's triumph as He remained forty days with His disciples to share His love with them before His ascension. Help us live a life of victory over sin through the power of Christ's resurrection. 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 1*

**PASTOR:** Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

**PEOPLE:** **But His delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law He meditates day and night.**

**PASTOR:** He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever He does prospers.

**PEOPLE: Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.**

**PASTOR:** Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

**UNISON: For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** *Feed My Lambs-Dan Haroutunian, Soloist*

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#13 “That’s Why We Praise Him”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *John 21:1-14 (pp. 1687-1688)*

**ENGLISH SERMON*:* The True Friendship of Jesus**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *John 21:15-19 (p. 1688)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Serving One Another**

**\*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 Susan Mousigian, Dr. Richard Marburger, George and Ann Krikorian, Jan Janigian, Glenn Harrison.

**WENDESDAY BI-WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY** will be held April, 26th at 6:30p.m.

**WOMEN'S BI-WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP & BIBLE STUDY** will be held Saturday, April 29th at 10:00 a.m. in person and online via Zoom app.

**A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held on Sunday, April 23rd following the Morning Worship Service. The board of trustees will present a brief explanation on the Franklin medical building, and then we will conduct a vote amongst our members.

**108TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE** Service in Honor of the Sanctified Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide under the auspices of the Armenian Churches of Greater Detroit will be held on Monday, April 24th, 2023 at 7:00p.m. at St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church.

**SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY.** On Saturday, April 29th, at 12:00 p.m. we would like to invite you to join us in sprucing up the A.C.C. grounds, enjoying some great fellowship. We need help in pruning trees, cleaning Church grounds, balcony, and the parking lot. Please sign your names on the sign-up sheet in the Social Hall.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

After serving them breakfast, Jesus turned to Peter to have a one-on-one conversation with Him. Peter had disowned Jesus three times before His crucifixion and it was probably still bothering Him even now, after Jesus had been resurrected. Jesus initiates the conversation and allows Peter to make a confession and commitment from now on to make a promise to love His Savior without allowing anything to interrupt His relationship with Him.

**Here are some points about the renewal of Peter’s covenant with Jesus:**

1. **“Do you love me more than these?”** This is the question Jesus posed for Peter to think about and respond. How would we respond? What did Jesus mean, if we love Him more than these? What does this mean? Is it our own lives, family, wealth, fame, or something else? Maybe He meant all of the above? The bottom line is that Jesus has to come first in our lives above all people and above all things.

2**. “Take care of and feed my sheep.”**  Peter did respond saying that He loved Jesus. To His surprise (and ours), Jesus said, if you love me then you will “take care and feed my sheep.” You and I are the sheep, and we are called to take care of one another and feed one another spiritually and whatever needs we may have. This is what proves our genuine love for Jesus. When He sees that we truly are devoted to one another in love, then we fulfill the two greatest commandments which are: ‘Love the Lord our God with all of our heart, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.’

**INFORMATION**

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 I have recently moved into this area I have moved, new address

 I am interested in membership I wish to be on the mailing list

 I would appreciate a visit from the minister This person is sick

 Requesting prayer for\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Need Counseling