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**11:00 a.m. June 18, 2023**

**FATHER’S DAY**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#401 “Faith of Our Fathers”*

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

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

Dear Heavenly Father, we rejoice greatly in calling you, ‘Our Father.’ It is an honor to be your child because you are the perfect Father for us, and because of your everlasting compassion. We thank you for all the fathers who have departed from us. We also thank those who are still with us. We pray that you continue to bless them, so that they can be great leaders for their homes; great husbands to their spouses, and great mentors for their children. 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.*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL BIBLE PRESENTATION**

**RESPONSIVE READING:** *Psalm 103:1-13*

**PASTOR:** Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

**PEOPLE:** **Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

**PASTOR:** Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.

**PEOPLE: Who satisfies your desires with good things, so that your youth is renewed, like the eagles.**

**PASTOR:** The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

**PEOPLE:** **He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel.**

**PASTOR:** The Lord is compassionate and gracious; slow to anger, abounding in love.

**PEOPLE:** **He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever. He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.**

**PASTOR:** For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him.

**PEOPLE:** **As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

**UNISON: As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#11 “Shout To the Lord”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *Job 1:1-22 (pp. 788-790)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: The True Father Figure and Beyond**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *Job 42:12-17 (p. 842)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: The Double Blessing of True Fatherhood**

**\*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, and Glenn Harrison.

**DURING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE** ACC will be presenting Bibles to our Sunday School children, Colette Mullen who just completed 4th grade, and Tyler Garabedian, who just completed 5th grade.

**PLEASE JOIN US TODAY** in the Social Hall, following the Morning Worship Service, for the first installment of **Coffee Hour Theater,** performed by the Sunday School.

**MONDAY PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP** is held every Monday via zoom at 6:30p.m.

**MEN’S AND WOMEN’S BREAKFAST AND FELLOWSHIP**  will be held Saturday, June 24th at 10:00 a.m. in person and online via Zoom app. After breakfast, the men and women will break into their own separate Bible Study groups, at approximately 10:45 a.m.

**ARMENIA VICTIMS OF WAR FUNDRAISER** if you wish to donate to the Armenian families, who lost their loved ones during the war with Azerbaijan, please make your donations to ‘Armenian Congregational Church.’ In the memo, please write, ‘Families of the Victims of War.’ Your donations are very much appreciated. The donations will be delivered to the families by Pastor Hagop, together with his wife Nune, Rouben, and Hasmik, on their missionary trip, on July 9th, to Armenia. Please give your donations to Hasmik Arslanian after the church service in the Social Hall.

**CHURCH RETREAT** We are excited to inform you that we will be having a two day retreat, Friday and Saturday, August 25-26, at the Maryville Retreat Center, in Holly, MI. The cost is $100. The guest speaker will be Pastor Richard Afhsarian, from the Armenian Brethren Evangelical Church, in Pasadena, California. The retreat will include a one night stay and four meals. The theme and topic will be, "Living with Eternal Perspective." The cost for Saturday only is $80.  A deposit of $50 is required when you sign up. Please sign up with Hasmik Arslanian, after the church service, in the Social Hall.

**IS YOUR ANNIVERSARY OR BIRTHDAY** 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.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

Job is known for his integrity as a man who feared God, but not much has been spoken of his fatherhood. He was a father, who deeply cared about his ten children and made sure they were living a life of purity.

**Here are some points about Job’s example as a father:**

1. **“The Lord blessed the latter part of Job’s life more than the former part.”** Job invested fully in his children, to ensure they grow in the fear of the Lord. Tragically, Job lost all of his seven sons and three daughters, by Satan’s request from God, which the Lord allowed for a purpose.

This must have been extremely hard for a righteous man to see all of his children gone in one day. However, God rewarded him with another seven sons and three daughters, in addition to a double portion of his flocks. When we keep our integrity and faith in God, He is faithful to bless us more than we can ever fathom.

2. **“Job lived one hundred and forty years. He saw his children and their children to the fourth generation.”** God, who is rich in love and mercy, granted job longevity of life, because of his faithfulness to Him. Sometimes we don’t understand why God allows such tragedies to take place in our lives, but we must remember that God is sovereign and that no harm will come to us unless God allows it; and if He allows it, we must trust and accept that it is for a good cause.

**Happy Father’s Day**

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