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**11:00 a.m. July 30, 2023**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#224 “Nearer, My God, to Thee”*

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

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

Dear Lord, we come before your presence to praise you and glorify you, because you alone are worthy of all honor and praise. We thank you for being a faithful God in all that you do. We thank you for loving us, unconditionally. May we always bring you glory through our lives. May the words of our mouth and the meditation of our heart be acceptable to you, at all times. Be exalted in your church, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 145:1-13***

**PASTOR:** I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

**PEOPLE:** **Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.**

**PASTOR:** Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

**PEOPLE: One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.**

**PASTOR:** They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

**PEOPLE:** **They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds.**

**PASTOR:** They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

**PEOPLE:** **The Lord is gracious and compassionate; slow to anger and rich in love.**

**PASTOR:** The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

**PEOPLE: All you have made will praise you, O Lord; your saints will extol you.**

**PASTOR:** They will tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all men may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**UNISON: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#24 “Seek Ye First”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *Acts 11:19-26 (pp. 1711-1712)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Being a Genuine Christian**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *Acts 12:19-24(pp. 1713-1714)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Glory Only Belongs to The Lord**

**\*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.

**ARMENIAN EVANGELICAL WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP** Eastern Region Fall Conference, with guest speaker. Lara Cholakian Khoury, will be held on Friday through Sunday, September 15-17, at the Radisson Hotel in Southfield, and here at A.C. C. To register and for more information visit [http://aeuna.org/aewf-er 2023](http://aeuna.org/aewf-er%202023). Please also register with Sheryl Marburger after the church service in the Social Hall.

**CHURCH RETREAT** 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, CA. 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 Sheryl Marburger, after the church service, in the Social Hall. Deadline to pay in full is Sunday, July 30th.

**ENTERED HIS REST** Harold Gant went to be with the Lord on Monday, July 24th. A private Funeral Service was held on Friday, July 28th. We extend our deepest condolences to the Gant family.

**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**

King Herod Agrippa in the first century is known to be a cruel governor, who put the apostle James, the brother of John, to the sword. His day of judgment was coming by God; it was just a matter of time.

**Some points about giving glory to God-always**

1.  **“They shouted, this is the voice of a god, not of a man.”** In a public address to the people, Herod felt good being praised by the people. Whenever we try to rob away the glory of God by accepting praise from people, it turns into something bad. In Isaiah 42:8, God says, “My glory I will not give to another.” God made us for His glory, not for our own glory. Everything we do has to honor God because all was created by Him and for Him.

2.  **“Immediately because Herod did not give praise to God, an angel of the Lord struck him down, and was eaten by worms and died.”** The consequence of worshiping self is a dangerous one. People sometimes do not openly express that they are gods or worship idols, but their actions speak for themselves. We have to always examine ourselves and make sure we do not have any hidden idols in our hearts. And if we do, we need to crush them and expel them out of our lives.