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**THANKSGIVING SUNDAY**

**11:00 a.m. November 26, 2023**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#160 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” (vs. 1-2 English, vs. 3 Armenian)*

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

Dear Lord, we are forever grateful to your name. You alone are holy, majestic, loving, and just. It is you that we praise and glorify. It is to you that we say thank you for all of your goodness. You alone deserve to receive all praise, honor, and glory. We want to worship you and serve you all the days of our lives. Help us to always have a heart of gratitude and never grumble about anything because you provide for us more than we can ever ask or imagine. 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 111*

**PASTOR:** Praise the Lord. I will extol the Lord with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

**PEOPLE: Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them.**

**PASTOR:** Glorious and majestic are His deeds, and His righteousness endures forever.

**PEOPLE: He has caused His wonders to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and compassionate.**

**PASTOR:** He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever.

**PEOPLE:** **He has shown His people the power of His works, giving them the lands of other nations.**

**PASTOR:** The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy.

**PEOPLE:** **They are steadfast for ever and ever, done in faithfulness and uprightness.**

**PASTOR:** He provided redemption for His people; He ordained His covenant forever—holy and awesome is His name.

**UNISON: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow His precepts have good understanding. To Him belongs eternal praise.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#38 “Beautiful One”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *Acts 16:16-34 (pp. 1721 -1722)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Praising God in Pain**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *2 Timothy 3:1-5 (pp. 1854-1855)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: The Ungrateful Heart**

**\*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 Armenia, Glenn Harrison, Jan Janigian, Susan Mousigian, and Dr. Richard Marburger.

**ARMENIAN AND ENGLISH LIVE RADIO PROGRAM** this evening at 6:00-7:00p.m. with Rev. Hagop, hosted by Vaughn Masropian. The Theme this Sunday is **“Unconditional Thanksgiving”** on Facebook live at https://www.facebook.com /ArmenianCongregationalChurch and at WNZK 690AM.

**CHURCH BIBLE STUDY** will be held this Thursday, November 30th; fellowship begins at 6:15p.m. and bible study at 6:30p.m. in person and via zoom.

**MEN’S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY** will be held on Saturday, December 2nd, at 10:00a.m.

**FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held next Sunday, December 3rd, immediately following the Morning Worship Service, to act on the following items: 1. The proposed budget for 2024. 2. Election of members of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Deacons. Members also will be asked to vote on amendments to our bylaws. These amendments are: (1) grammatical and formatting amendments to Sections 3.1, 4.1-4.5, 5.2, 5.3, 5.9, 6.1, VII, VIII, 9.2, 9.3, 9.5, XI, and XII; and (2) an amendment to Section 3.1(B)(3)(b) to clarify operating rules for the Missions Committee. All members are encouraged to stay after the Morning Worship Service to participate.

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

**AMAA CHRISTMAS JOY PROJECT** - The AMAA is holding a project this year to bring Christmas Joy to the Children of Armenia & Artsakh.  Please pick up a flyer in the Church Foyer to participate in this program and help spread the joy of Christmas and share God's love to the precious children in our Homeland.  You can make a donation for this project online at [www.amaa.org](http://www.amaa.org/).

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

Paul spoke of how in the last days before the return of Jesus, people will be ungrateful. This is concerning because usually when we are ungrateful it means the next thing we would do is grumble and complain about the things that we do not agree or like. Something for all of us to reflect on.

**Here are some points about avoiding ungrateful heart:**

1. **“People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud.**” Naturally when we are boastful and prideful, it leaves no room in our heart to give thanks to the one who is the source of all good. This is why it is crucial that we resist, by all means possible, to never put on pride, rather we should clothe ourselves with humility, so that we can thank our Lord for all the things that come from Him.
2. **“Ungrateful, unholy, without love.”** We said earlier it is dangerous to be in a position where we no longer feel like giving thanks to God for anything, rather we pat ourselves for our accomplishments, which, is a good thing, if we put hard work into something. The problem is that we need to remember without the Lord’s grace and help; we could not even lift a finger to do a thing. All glory must return to Him, who is the source of our strength.