**Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit**

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**11:00 a.m. February 4, 2024**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#9 “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts”*

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

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

Dear Lord, we come to you this morning with a heart of gratitude, to thank you for being good to us. Together as a church, we want to lift your name on high and say you are the creator and sustainer of all things. We exalt your name above all other names. You alone deserve our praise because you loved us with an everlasting love. Help us be a faithful church to you by shining your light of salvation to all people. Fill us with your love so that we can love everyone with the love of Jesus. 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 75***

**PASTOR:** We give thanks to you, O God, we give thanks, for your Name is near; men tell of your wonderful deeds.

**PEOPLE:** **You say, “I choose the appointed time; it is I who judge uprightly.**

**PASTOR:** When the earth and all its people quake, it is I who hold its pillars firm.

**PEOPLE: To the arrogant I say, ‘Boast no more, and to the wicked, ‘Do not lift up your horns.**

**PASTOR:** Do not lift your horns against heaven; do not speak with outstretched neck.’”

**PEOPLE: No one from the east or the west or from the desert can exalt a man.**

**PASTOR:** But it is God who judges: He brings one down, he exalts another.

**PEOPLE:** **In the hand of the Lord is a cup full of foaming wine mixed with spices, he pours it out, and all the wicked of the earth drink it down to its very dregs.**

**PASTOR:** As for me, I will declare this forever; I will sing praise to the god of Jacob.

**UNISON: I will cut off the horns of all the wicked, but the horns of the righteous will be lifted up.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#16 “You Are My King”*

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

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *Revelation 3:1-6 (p. 1916)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Alive but Dead**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *Revelation 3:7-13 (pp. 1916-1917)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Little Strength but Strong**

**\*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.

**THE COFFEE HOUR TODAY** is sponsored by Mr. Tony Janigian, in loving memory of Lori Janigian.

**THE FOUR ARMENIAN CHURCHES OF GREATER DETROIT** will be holding the Celebration and Commemoration of the Feast of St. Vartanank, this Thursday, February 8th, at 7:00p.m. At St. Vartan Armenian Catholic Church, 4875 W Maple Rd. Bloomfield Hills. Following the service, reception will be held in the Church Hall. Admission is free.

**ACC W.C.F. VALENTINE’S FAMILY NIGHT** - Plan now to attend the Women's Christian Fellowship Valentine's Family Night on Friday, February 16th, at 6:00 p.m.  An evening of fun and fellowship is being planned for both adults and children. A delicious dinner will be served.  Make your reservations today by signing your name on the Sign-up sheet on the Church Bulletin Board or by calling the Church Office by Wednesday, February 14th.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

Like the church of Smyrna, the church of Philadelphia was a good solid church, about which Jesus had nothing but good things to say. We learn many things from this church, that we can apply to our church and personal lives.

**Here are some of the things this church possessed:**

1. **“I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word.”** Jesus commended this church for standing firm in the midst of persecution even though they were left with little strength. They did not excuse themselves or compromise the truth; rather they depended on Jesus for courage and strength. We too, need to go to Jesus when we feel weak and discouraged; He promises to provide what we need.
2. **“Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown.”** With so much resistance to this church, Jesus knew they needed encouragement to stay faithful to the end. They needed to know that He will always be there with them to help them in times of trouble. The same promise is true for us, when we go through hardship.