**Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit**

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**11:00 a.m. February 18, 2024**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#78 “Holy, Holy, Holy!”*

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

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

Dear Lord, as we enter into this season of lent, we ask that you be with us through this journey of the coming days that leads to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the next few weeks until Easter, we want to reflect on our lives and change from our ways. We ask that you help us transform our character to become more and more like yours. We ask for your Spirit to work within us to let go of any sin that dwells in our heart, and be filled with gifts and the fruit of your Spirit. We want to always be a church that glorifies and uplifts your name.  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: *Lent***

**PASTOR:** Our Heavenly Father, during this Lenten season, we remember Jesus’ days of temptation in the wilderness, withstanding the evil one and saying, “You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve.”

**PEOPLE:** **Give us grace, O Lord, to look deeply inward. From the immediate and external, turn our eyes within.**

**PASTOR:** Minister to our lives that we may have strength to rise above its temptations, and to keep faith, courage and honor high, even when the world seems against us.

**PEOPLE: Give us the grace to look not only inward, but upward. May we feel ourselves safe in your loving hands.**

**PASTOR:** O Lord, come close to us one by one. We would cleanse our own lives and have them redeemed and reinforced by your grace.

**PEOPLE: Gracious Lord, quicken our awareness of your presence and make us receptive and hospitable to your Spirit, within us.**

**PASTOR:** Keep us safe from the power of evil and draw us ever closer to you in the bond of love.

**PEOPLE:** **Strengthen us during this season of Lent to follow you ever more closely that we may truly be your people.**

**UNISON: All glory, honor, and dominion be to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#15 “Thy Word”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *John 14:1-14 (pp.1675-1676)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Seeing God’s Glory Through Jesus**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *John 14:15-21 (p.1676)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: The Love Circle Relationship**

**\*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 6:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. with Rev. Hagop, hosted by Vaughn Masropian. The Theme this Sunday is **“The Pursuit of Love”** on Facebook live at https://www.facebook.com /ArmenianCongregationalChurch and at WNZK 690AM.

**MOTHERS’ DAY CHEESE BEOREG FUNDRAISER** - The Deacons are selling cheese beoreg to raise funds for our Mothers’ Day Luncheon. The cost is $20 for a half tray and $40 for a full tray. Today is the last day to order. Trays will be ready for pick-up Sunday, February 25th. *Please note: the trays will be delivered frozen.* Please see Sheryl to order. Also, we will meet here (ACC) to prepare the trays on Tuesday, February 20th at 10:00a.m. If you are available to help, please see Hasmik, to sign-up.

**GENTLE REMINDER** the Church pews, where the Bible, hymnal and song books are placed, is not a trash bin. We kindly ask that you place your candy wrappers, used tissues, Sunday bulletins and communion cups in the trash bin, by the exit of the sanctuary.

**BIWEEKLY BIBLE STUDY** will be held on Thursday, February 22nd, at 6:30p.m. (Fellowship is from 6:15 –6:30p.m.) in person and via zoom.

**ACC MISSIONS COMMITTEE FOOD DRIVE** - the Missions Committee is seeking food donations for those currently in needs through Cass Community Social Services, Inc. in Detroit.  Food items needed include canned meats, soups, pasta, cereal, bread, jelly, canned fruit, and prepared foods such as Chef Boyardee ravioli, spaghetti, and other non-perishable items that can be stored and used, as needed.   Currently, they have enough peanut butter and canned vegetables on hand.   We will be collecting these items today and next Sunday, February 25th.  As always, monetary donations are more than welcome.  A box will be provided in the Lobby, both Sundays.  Please make your checks payable to Cass Community Social Services, Inc.

**ACC** is looking for volunteers to set up or cleanup for Coffee Hour**.** If you are interested in helping, please sign up after the Morning Worship Service in the Social Hall.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

The love circle relationship of the triune God is so wonderfully illustrated in this passage by Jesus; it keeps us in awe of the perfect God we worship. Jesus describes how the relationship is circulated through harmony between the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. Imagine being in perfect harmony for all eternity. This is how God wants us to be with one another.

**Here are some points about God’s Relationship with us:**

1. ***“If you love me, keep my commands.”*** In simple terms, love must be in action. No relationship is content by just saying, “I love you.” Love has to be proven strong through many trials. We can say all day long how we love Jesus, but it is not complete, until we obey what He asks us to do.
2. ***“On that day, you will realize that I am in the Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.”*** The Holy Spirit, who lives in the believer, unites us with the Father and with the Son, and so we become one with God. God wants us to be as intimate as possible in knowing Him personally and having a close relationship, on a daily basis.