**Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit**

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**EASTER SUNDAY**

**11:00 a.m. March 31, 2024**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#202 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”*

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

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

Dear Heavenly Father, we come before your presence on this blessed Easter Sunday, with great joy, because we are celebrating the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, who conquered death and sin on the cross, and rose again the third day, to give us a new life. It is because of Him that we have been set free from our sins and have received the free gift of eternal life. We pray that on this day the whole world will hear of this great message of salvation, that you brought to everyone who believes. 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: EASTER**

**PASTOR:** Christ is risen!

**PEOPLE:** **He is risen indeed!**

**PASTOR:** Lift up your hearts!

**PEOPLE: We will lift them up unto the Lord.**

**PASTOR:** We praise you, O Lord, for bringing from the dead our Jesus Christ, and using His death upon the cross to bring about our redemption.

**PEOPLE: Praise be to your holy name.**

**PASTOR:** We thank you that through his resurrection you have given us the faith to believe that every good which seems to be overcome by evil, and every love which seems to be buried in darkness and death, shall rise again to life immortal.

**PEOPLE: Armed with that faith, we pray for those whose lives are overshadowed by despair on this Easter Sunday.**

**PASTOR:** We pray for those who are battling life-threatening illnesses, that they may renew their hope through Christ’s resurrection.

**PEOPLE: We pray for those who are dragged down by the weight of despair, that they may renew their hope through Christ’s resurrection.**

**PASTOR:** May our celebration of Easter renew our faith in the Risen Lord.

**UNISON: Blessed be the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#7 “Lord I Lift Your Name on High”*

**DEVOTIONAL:** *by Nune Haroutunian*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *Luke 24:1-8 (p. 1642)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Why Do You Look for the Living Among the Dead?**

**SPECIAL SONG:** *Rev. Hagop and Nune*

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *John 21:1-14 (pp. 1687-1688)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Breakfast With the Resurrected Christ**

**\*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**

**BLESSED EASTER TO ALL!**

**“Kristos Haryav Ee Merelots. Orhnyal Eh Harootyunen Kristosee!”**

**“Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!”**

***“Qristos #ar;au I M;];loz )rfn;al H #aroujiunn Qristosi”***

**WE WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT** this morningour Minister Emeritus, Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian. He will be delivering the English Sermon**.**

**THE COFFEE HOUR TODAY** is sponsored by Aline Muawad and family, in memory of her father, Harout Eurdekian.

**CHURCH JOYS AND CONCERNS:** Please continue praying for Armenia, Glenn Harrison, Jan Janigian, Susan Mousigian, and Dr. Richard Marburger.

**MANY THANKS** to the ACC Young Adults who served us such a wonderful breakfast this morning.

**MANY THANKS** to Brian Theil for his endless effort and hard work for overseeing the lighting project inside the sanctuary and outside of the church building as well, which are now complete.

**EASTER MISSIONS ARMENIA FUNDRAISER BAKE SALES** we are extending our bake sales. Gata, cheoreg, sourdoygh bread, kegkeh, cookies, and more will be available immediately after the Easter Sunday Service in the Social Hall. We thank you for supporting this cause of the missionary trip to Armenia to evangelize and help the displaced people of Artsakh in Armenia. Many thanks to all those who baked and made this possible.

**MEN & WOMEN’S** Breakfast & Bible Study will be held on Saturday, April 6, at 10:00 a.m.

**27th BIENNIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLYOF THE AEUNA** will be held in the Bay Area, from June 27-30, 2024 at the Hyatt Regency, San Francisco Airport, CA. The theme is “Unite & Ignite” 1 Corinthians 12:12. Please register online at [biennial2024.org](http://biennial2024.org/) (Early Bird, $349/each, until April 11) (April 12 - May 23, $399) (May 24 - June 6, $499). AEYF, ages 12-25, $549 for early birds until April 11. Children 0-11, $149. You can pick up a flyer after the church service. If you have questions, please see Rev. Hagop.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

After His resurrection, one of the amazing stories we see in the gospels is Jesus showing up at the sea of Galilee, by surprise to the disciples early in the morning while they were fishing. They were probably disappointed not catching any fish all night, but Jesus always meets us at a time when everything seems hopeless.

**Here are some points Jesus makes with His disciples on the Sea of Galilee**

1. **“Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize it was Jesus.”** It is so comforting to know that Jesus cares about every detail of our lives. The disciples may have been frustrated and disappointed for not catching any fish, but the supplier of all things knows our needs, and therefore, He provides more than what we ask or imagine. There were only 7 disciples. They did not need 153 large fish, but Jesus is teaching us a lesson that He can supply our needs and beyond.

2. **“When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals with fish on it, and some bread.”** Not only did Jesus perform the miracle of catching 153 large fish, but also, the fact that by the time the disciples reached the shore, Jesus had already started the fish on the fire, and the bread was there as well. It is such a joy to know that we have a Lord who is also a friend, who is humble enough to serve breakfast to an exhausted group of “friends,” who depend on Him.