**Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit**

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**11:00 a.m. April 21, 2024**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#146 “Love Divine, All Love Excelling”*

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

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

Dear Heavenly Father, we praise you this morning because your glory shines upon our lives, to give us love, joy, and peace in the midst of all the chaos we face each and every day. Everything we do is for your glory. We want to honor you because your name is above all names. You alone deserve our praise because you are good and all of your ways are pure and perfect. You are faithful in all that you do; you are always the same and never change. May your eternal glory shine upon our lives and over all of your creation. 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:** *Psalm 19*

**PASTOR:** The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.

**PEOPLE:** **Day after day, they pour forth speech; night after night, they display knowledge.**

**PASTOR:** There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.

**PEOPLE: Their voice goes out into all the earth; their words, to the ends of the world. In the heavens, he has pitched a tent for the sun,**

**PASTOR:** which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

**PEOPLE: It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is hidden from its heat.**

**PASTOR:** The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

**PEOPLE: The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. the commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.**

**PASTOR:** The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the Lord are sure and altogether righteous.

**PEOPLE: They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.**

**PASTOR:** By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

**PEOPLE:** **Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults.**

**PASTOR:** Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then will I be blameless and innocent of great transgression.

**UNISON: May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#3 “Heart of Worship”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *2 Corinthians 4:7-12 (p. 1798)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Treasures in Jars of Clay**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (1798)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Eternal Glory**

**\*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.

**TODAY’S COFFEE HOUR** is sponsored by the Board of Trustees. We want to thank the Board for their honorable service to our church throughout the year; and particularly today for blessing us with all the goodies they have prepared for us.

**APRIL 24 GENOCIDE COMMEMORATION** by the four churches of Greater Detroit is being held at St. John Armenian Apostolic Church, at 7pm. A light afterglow will follow.

**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 speaking about all the hardship Paul had to undergo, He reminds us that we should not lose heart, because suffering is part of the Christian life.

**Here are some points about suffering and God’s eternal glory:**

1. **We do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.** The longer we live, the more we realize our physical and mental state can sometimes wear us out. While it is not pleasant to grow old, the hope Paul speaks of is that inwardly we are being renewed and strengthened. We are becoming wiser and more ready to better live, our Christian lives by being refined through God’s Spirit and Word. In other words, our focus and investment should be on the inner-self because it is preparing us for the eternal glory that awaits us in heaven.

2. **For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.** Every time we feel discouraged and exhausted from this world and those who oppose our way of life in Christ, we need to remind ourselves that it is all temporary and all this will one day soon cease to exist. We look ahead to the eternal glory of God that we will be spending eternity to come to discover all that He has prepared for us.