



ARMENIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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SUNDAY SERVICE

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN – “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)

Sovereign Lord, we come before your presence this morning to give you thanks with a heart of gratitude for your love and goodness. We thank you on this special day as we celebrate Pentecost, the day of the descent of your Holy Spirit upon our lives. He is the Spirit of truth who lives in us and guides our every step. Heavenly Father, we thank you for giving us your Holy Spirit, who is the source of love, joy and peace for us. May we always be obedient to the voice of your Spirit at all times. We pray that you fill us with the anointing of your Spirit even more in our lives so that we can be empowered to share the Gospel with boldness and without fear. We give you all the honor and praise, who taught us to pray, “Our Father...”

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

THE APOSTLES’ CREED (in unison)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN – “Welcome Holy Spirit”

ENGLISH AND ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:1-4 | John 14:15-17, 26

ENGLISH AND ARMENIAN SERMON: *The Descent of the Holy Spirit/ The Spirit of All Truth*

BENEDICTION

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SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON

Pentecost is a very important event that Christians celebrate because it signifies the descent of the Holy Spirit. Jesus had to die, resurrect, and ascend back to heaven in order for the Holy Spirit to come and live in the believers. Today, we are blessed to have the Spirit of God dwell in our lives. What would we do without Him? We would have been walking in darkness, but thanks be to God, we now live in the light of his truth.

Here are three focal points that show us that sound doctrine is the way of life

1. The Holy Spirit is called the ‘advocate’ or ‘counselor’: The Spirit is our counselor in the sense that he guides us in the path of godliness and all truth. Without his guide, we would be wonders in this world
2. He will be with us forever: God’s promise is that he will never leave us or forsake us. Wherever we may be or do, he will always be with us to direct us in the path of righteousness. Nothing can separate us from his presence so long we allow him to lead our lives.
3. The Holy Spirit will remind us of all that Jesus taught. Jesus told his disciples that the Holy Spirit will teach and remind us everything he taught for us to obey. It is so comforting to know that we do not do life alone, we have God’s Spirit who opens our mind to understand his will and obey all the teachings of Jesus. We derive strength and wisdom from him to conquer over sin.