

ARMENIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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11:00 A.M.

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SUNDAY SERVICE

ORDER OF WORSHIP CALL TO WORSHIP/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN – "Onward Christian Soldiers" **INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)**

O Sovereign Lord, we come before your presence with faith and confidence that you hear us right now and are willing to answer our prayers in accordance to your good will. We know you have called us to walk by faith and not by sight. We continue to trust in your unfailing love for us not matter what the circumstance may be. We want to continue to build our confidence and trust in you so that we become unshakable and firmly established on your Word, so that no storm will be able to withstand our faith. 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 – "Hosanna (Praise is Rising)" ENGLISH AND ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 11:32-39 | Hebrews 11:17-19 ENGLISH AND ARMENIAN SERMON: Unshakable Faith | A Tested Faith BENEDICTION HAYR MER

SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON

Our faith is tested and refined everyday through the trials we go through. This is one of the best ways for our faith to grow in the Lord. Abraham was tested and proved His faith and love for God to be genuine. He was willing to sacrifice his son for the love of God. What about us?

Here are three points about remaining Strong in the Lord:

1. Faith goes through the fire: As gold goes through fire to be refined, so does our faith. God allows it to go through trials in order to allow our faith to grow and become strong

2. Faith can move mountains: If we learn to continually trust in the Lord and in His might, we will be able to remove mountains, I.e., obstacles. A simple like child faith can move God's heart to do marvelous things.

3. Faith will give us hope for what is to come: By faith we the hope of one day we will see our heavenly Father. We were saved by grace through faith in the work of Christ on the cross. With this faith, we can live and wait patiently for Christ's return to take us home.