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**SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE**

**11:00 A.M. February 21, 2021**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN***: #262 “I Surrender All”*

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

Dear Heavenly Father, as we enter this season of Lent, we want to prepare our hearts for Easter, the resurrection of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. We want to deny ourselves and devote our lives to you fully through prayer, meditation, fasting, and reading your Word. Help us set you above all else in our lives. Please cleanse us from all of our sins and help us overcome any sin that wants to take hold of us. We want to be pure before you. Please heal those who are suffering from this virus, diseases, and other health issues. Have mercy on those who are homeless, lonely, depressed, and spiritually darkened. Help us be the salt and light to them by sharing your love with them. 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 a*nd 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:** *Sourp Adsvaz*

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

**\*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 SONG:** *#23“Jesus Paid It All” (Songbook)*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE:** *Matthew 5:1-12 (p. 1501)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: The Beatitudes**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *Matthew 5:13-16 (pp. 1501-1502)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: We are the Light and Salt of the Earth**

**\*HAYR MER:** *#275*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Park Kéz Dér, Asdvadz Mér"**

**QUIET MEDITATION**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

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***\*Congregation is requested to stand. \*\*\* Latecomers may be seated***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHURCH JOYS AND CONCERNS:** Please continue praying for Artsakh, Armenia, our government and the pandemic.

**THE YOUNG ADULTS** **GATHERING** is every other Thursday at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Next gathering will be held on Thursday, March 4th. For more information, please contact the Church Office at 248-352-0680 or email at office@accdetroit.org.

**LIVE RADIO PROGRAM** This evening at 6:00-7:00p.m. with Pastor Hagop, hosted by Vaughn Masropian. You can call in at 248-557-3300 for Armenian and English prayer requests, also Bible discussions and related topics are welcomed. You can watch it at WNZK 690AM, or go to Armeniaradioprogram.com, scroll down to the bottom and click on “Listen Live Now.” A new page will open, click on “WNZK 690AM.” For more information or questions you can contact Pastor Hagop at the Church Office 248-352-0680 or Email:pastorhagop@accdetroit.org.

**ACC ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held next Sunday, February 28th immediately following the Morning Worship Service, to act on the following items: 1. The proposed budget for 2021**.** 2.Election of members of the Board of Deacons. 3. Renewal of Pastor Hagop's Call. All members are encouraged to stay after the Morning Worship Service to participate.

**MISSIONARY PROJECT FOR THE GRACE CENTERS OF HOPE** in Pontiac, Michigan. Boxes have been set up in the Lobby of the Church for your donations. You can drop off your donations on Sundays during Church Services and/or Wednesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.  If you prefer, financial donations are more than welcome! Please make checks payable to “Grace Centers of Hope.” The following items for the many homeless clients they are housing at the current time: New men and women’s underwear, t-shirts and socks in a variety of sizes. Disposable diapers in sizes 5 and 6. Canned goods such as soups, vegetables, fruits, etc. Variety of boxed cereals. Snacks for children such as graham crackers, pretzels, gold fish, etc. Sets of twin-size sheets and pillow cases. The deadline for collecting items is next Sunday, February 28th.

**SUPPORT ARMENIAN REFUGEES** from the War against Artsakh. About 50,000 families are currently dispersed due to the war that caused 3,000 casualties. Your support of $100 will support one family for one month with basic necessities such as food, clothing, etc. Any amount you give is greatly appreciated. Please make your donations to Armenian Congregational Church, under the memo; please indicate "For Armenian Refugees" You can also give on the ACC Website at "[accdetroit.org](http://accdetroit.org/)" Click on "Donate".

**SUPPORT A CHILD IN ARMENIA** or other regions, such as the Middle East, through Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA). $25/month. Please go to AMAA.org. Click on "Sponsor a child."

**Church Schedule:**

1. **Monday prayer** 6:30 p.m. online via Zoom app.
2. **Wednesday Bible Study** is being held every Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. online via Zoom app.
3. We will continue to provide **online Sunday Service** while we meet in person via Facebook live streaming. It will be posted, so you can watch it over again. It will also be posted on our website/YouTube by next day, Monday.