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**11:00 A.M. May 16, 2021**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

*(Sing all 4 verses in English; then repeat first verse in Armenian)*

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

Sovereign Lord, we come before your presence this morning thanking you for your glorious name. Today we celebrate the ascension of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who after overcoming sin and death on the cross, resurrected victoriously, and after being present with his disciples for forty days, he ascended to the highest heavens and sat at the right hand of your majesty. We now join all the angels to worship you because you deserve all our praise for doing all this work for us. As your very own children, we rejoice in having received your gift of eternal life. We know one day soon we too will ascend and meet you and be in your presence for ever and ever. 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: *Ascension***

**PASTOR:** When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven.

**PEOPLE:** **They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.**

**PASTOR:** “Men of Galilee,” they said, “Why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

**PEOPLE:** **Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.**

**PASTOR:** Such a high priest meets our need - - one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens.

**PEOPLE:** **Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.**

**PASTOR:** For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - - yet was without sin.

**UNISON:** **Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help is in our time of need.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#34 “O Great God”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE:** *Ephesian 4:7-11 (p. 1821)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: The Ascension of Christ to the Highest Heavens.**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE***: 1Timothy 3:16 (p. 1848)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: The Glorious Ascension of Christ**

**\*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**

**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 Aram Kakousian, Lee Savalle (Dan and Sandra Haroutunian’s sister), Glen Harrison, Haig Arabian, 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, May 27th. For more information, please contact the Church Office at 248-352-0680 or email at [office@accdetroit.org](mailto:office@accdetroit.org).

**GRADUATES OF 2020** ACC would like to honor our graduates by publishing their names and degrees in the weekly bulletin on Sunday, June 13th. Please submit to the church office or email the names of your loved ones graduating this year from Elementary School, Middle School, High School, College, Graduate or post Graduate School. Deadline for submission is June 9th.

**CONGRAGULATIONS:** Kirk and Leslie Banerian are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Katherine Alice to Andrew Ian Pollack. The ceremony took place on Saturday May 8th, 2021 at Holy Name Catholic Church in Birmingham.  Katherine is the granddaughter of Alice and the late Dr. George Kadian and Angela and the late Carl Banerian.

**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.