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**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**11:00 A.M. November 28, 2021**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN***: #111 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

 *(in English Vs. 1-2, in Armenian Vs. 4)*

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

Dear Lord, as we start the Advent today, the coming of the Messiah into this world, we thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. He is our hope in the midst of a dark world. He is our hope of eternal life, joy, peace, and love. It is through Him we have life and life more abundantly. We can never thank you enough Father for sending your Son for us to save us and make us your own. May the hope and light of Jesus shine throughout the world so that everyone will see your glory and find you. 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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**LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE -** *Mrs. Carole Basmadjian*

 *Scripture Reading: John 1:1-13 (pp. 1645-1646)*

**\*RESPONSIVE READING: *Isaiah 9:2-7***

**PASTOR:** The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light had dawned.

**PEOPLE: You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy, they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder.**

**PASTOR:** For as in the day of Midian’s defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

**PEOPLE:** **Every warrior’s boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.**

**PASTOR:** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**UNISON: Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL SONGS:** *#29 “Give Thanks”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE:** *Isaiah 40:3-5 (p. 1119)*

**ENGLISH SERMON:** **Jesus Christ, Our Eternal Hope**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE**: *Malachi 3:1-2 (p.1490)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: The Messenger of the New Covenant**

**\*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.

**FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held today immediately following the Morning Worship Service, to act on the following items: 1. The proposed budget for 2022. 2. Election of members of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Deacons. All members are encouraged to stay after the Morning Worship Service to participate.

**CHURCH JOYS AND CONCERNS:** Please continue praying for Aram Kakousian, George and Ann Krikorian, Harout Eurdekian, Jan Janigian, Lee Savalle (Dan and Sandra Haroutunian’s sister), Glenn Harrison, Artsakh, Armenia, our government and the pandemic.

**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. The Theme this Sunday is “Giving Thanks in All Circumstances.” 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.

**IS YOUR ANNIVERSARY, BIRTHDAY OR GRADUATION** approaching? Why not share your celebration with the Church Family by sponsoring the Fellowship Hour or Altar Flowers. Please sign your name on the Bulletin Board, call the Church Office or email Souzanne at Office@accdetroit.org.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

The prophet Malachi predicts of two messengers to come, one is John the Baptist, the other is Jesus Christ.

**Here are three points about the two messengers:**

1. **John the Baptist:** He is called the one who will prepare the way for the Covenant Messenger, Jesus, to come to His people. God sent John to be the one to prepare the hearts and minds of people to meet the Messiah, the savior of the world, their only hope of salvation.
2. **The Covenant Messenger:** Malachi the prophet then introduces the second messenger, Jesus, who is called the “Covenant Messenger.” Jesus came as the fulfillment of old covenant and to institute a new covenant. We, who have accepted Jesus as our personal savior, have now entered this everlasting covenant by the shedding of the blood of Jesus on the cross.