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**11:00 A.M. February 20, 2022**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN***: #159 “He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought”*

 *(vs. 1-3 English, vs. 4 Armenian)*

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

Dear Lord, we come to you by faith to praise and honor you. Thank you for the faith you have given us to be able to trust in Jesus as our Lord and have full confidence in your unfailing love. We pray that you help us grow and mature in our faith walk. Teach us to put our faith in action and see you do great things in our lives. We pray for those who don’t have faith that you minister to them so that they too may come to you and put their trust in the saving power of Jesus for their salvation. 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:** *Psalm 37:1-11*

**PASTOR:** Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.

**PEOPLE: Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.**

**PASTOR:** Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.

**PEOPLE:** **Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.**

**PASTOR:** Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

**PEOPLE:** **Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil.**

**PASTOR:** For evil men will be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land.

**PEOPLE: A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found.**

**UNISON: But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy great peace.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL SONGS:** *#4 “Here I Am To Worship”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE:** *Hebrews 11:1-4 (pp. 1874-1875)*

**ENGLISH SERMON:** **Faith in Action**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE**: *Hebrews 11:5-6 (p. 1875)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Faith That Pleases God**

**\*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.

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

**FEAST OF STS. VARTANANK.** The four Armenian Churches of Greater Detroit, along with Knights and Daughters of Vartan, invite you to the Celebration and Commemoration of the Feast of Sts. Vartanank on Thursday, February 24th at 6:00 p.m. at St. Vartan Armenian Catholic Church, 4875 W Maple Road, Bloomfield Hills.

**THE YOUNG ADULTS** **GATHERING** is every other Thursday at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Next gathering will be held on Thursday, March 3rd.

**CHURCH SCHEDULE:**

* **Monday Prayer** 6:30 p.m. online via Zoom app.
* **Wednesday Bible Study** is being held every Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. online via Zoom app.

**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**

In Hebrews 11:1, faith is defined in a wonderful way that makes us understand what it is: “Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.” The key here is confidence. Able had confidence and assurance that the Lord was going to bless his offering because he gave his best portions, whereas Cain’s offering of the fruits he brought did not please God. We don’t know the exact reason why God was not pleased with Cain’s offering but it may that it had to do with his motives not being right before the Lord.

**Here are two characteristics of faith in action:**

1. **Faith with confidence:** In order for faith to work, there has to be confidence in what we believe so that it works. Confidence does not happen overnight. Just as we build confidence in many things through time, such as driving a car, which comes with practice, it is the same with faith.
2. **Faith with Trust:** Just like confidence, trust also takes time to build. Couples or friends who build trust through time, in the same way, we need to build trust in the Word of God with all its good promises that the Lord will do everything His Word tells us; so we need to trust in Him, especially during difficult times.