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**MORNING SERVICE**

**11:00 a.m. August 7, 2022**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:***#78 “Holy, Holy, Holy”*

*(English vss. 1-2, Armenian vs. 3)*

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

Dear Lord, we come to you, with our stronghold. We stand in your presence with confidence, knowing you hear our prayers. We ask that you fill us once again with the power of your Holy Spirit so we do not faint or weaken in these difficult times. We want to be renewed by you so we can continue to fight the good fight and be courageous warriors for your kingdom. Fill us with your love and wisdom so we can love one another as you loved us. 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:** *Isaiah 41:10-16*

**PASTOR:** Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

**PEOPLE: All who range against you will surely be ashamed and disgraced; those who oppose you will be as nothing and perish.**

**PASTOR:** Though you search for your enemies, you will not find them. Those who wage war against you will be as nothing at all.

**PEOPLE: For. I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear; I will help you.**

**PASTOR:** Do not be afraid, O worm Jacob, O little Israel, for I myself will help you, declares the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

**PEOPLE: See, I will make you into a threshing sledge, new and sharp, with many teeth. You will thresh the mountains and crush them, and reduce the hills to chaff.**

**UNISON: You will winnow them, the wind will pick them up, and a gale will blow them away. But you will rejoice in the Lord and glory in the Holy One of Israel.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**CONGREGATIONAL COMMUNION HYMN:** *#182“Just As I Am”*

*(English vs. 1, Armenian vs.2)*

1. Giving of the Bread
2. Giving of the Cup

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE:** *Ephesians 6:10-17 (p. 1824)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Be Strong in the Lord**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *I Corinthians 16:13-14 (p. 1792)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Be Courageous, Be Strong**

**\*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.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR AND THE COFFEE HOUR TODAY** is sponsored by Mrs. Sona Eurdekian, in memory of her loving husband Harout Eurdekian’s birthday.

**PASTOR HAGOP**will be out of town from Sunday evening, August 7th through Wednesday, August 10th. He can be reached by email or by phone, 818-749-2781.

**THE YOUNG ADULTS FUN NIGHT** at A.C.C. will be held on Thursday, August 11th, at 6:30 P.M. Come enjoy food, games, and fellowship!

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** will be held every other Saturday. Next study is Saturday, August 13th at 10:30AM. Led by Mrs. Lena Bouladian.

**SAVE THE DATE:** One Day Retreat atFaholo Christian Conference Center. Saturday, September 10, 2022. 9:00a.m. to 7:30p.m. Cost $50 per person.

**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](mailto:Office@accdetroit.org).

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

In this short passage, Paul encourages us to be strong and steadfast. He knew how Christians were being mistreated; and it is no different today.

**Five points Paul encourages us with:**

1. **Be on your guard:** Paul says we need to watch out and be alert. As Christians we are surrounded by enemies, including but not limited to Satan, the world and its sinful desires, and our own sinful nature.

2**. Stand firm in the faith:** Paul says we need to be solid in our faith. We cannot be shallow in our spiritual life. We have to have a strong foundation in Christ, so we don’t get defeated by the enemy.

3. **Be courageous:** Being courageous requires encouragement, and encouragement comes to us from God’s Word, which is filled with so many good encouraging words. We also need to encourage one another and support each other as Christians.

4**. Be strong:** How do we become strong? What must we do? The simple step to become and remain strong is by living under the shadow of the Lord. This means spending some quality time in prayer and reading God’s Word.

5**. Do everything in love:** It is not easy to do everything in love, especially loving those who work against us. The good news is God can provide what we lack. He is the source of love, and He wants us to be filled by His Holy Spirit and His Word.

**UNISON READING:**

1. Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. *That is faith.*
2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. *That is trust.*
3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. *That is hope.*
4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. *That is confidence.*
5. We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. *That is love.*
6. On an old man’s shirt was written a sentence ‘I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.’ *That is attitude.*