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**MORNING SERVICE**

**11:00 a.m. August 28, 2022**

 **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:***# 394 “The Church’s One Foundation”*

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

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

Dear Lord, we come before your presence to thank you for loving us unconditionally. Even in the midst of all suffering, you still care for us and strengthen us to preserver and not give up. Help us believe, as your word tells us, that in all things you work for the good of those who love you, even when we are in hardship. In the midst of difficulties, help us grow closer to you and do your will, even if we have to suffer in order to defend our faith in you. We want to continue to fight the good fight even when we have opposition or are being persecuted. 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 102:1-17*

**PASTOR:** Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry for help come to you.

**PEOPLE: Do not hide your face from me when I am in distress. Turn your ear to me; when I call, answer me quickly.**

**PASTOR:**  For my days vanish like smoke; my bones burn like glowing embers.

**PEOPLE:** **My heart is blighted and withered like grass; I forgot to eat my food.**

**PASTOR:** Because of my loud groaning I am reduced to skin and bones.

**PEOPLE: I am like a desert owl, like an owl among the ruins.**

**PASTOR:** I lie awake; I have become like a bird alone on a roof.

**PEOPLE:** **All day long my enemies taunt me; those who rail against me use my name as a curse.**

**PASTOR:** For I eat ashes as my food and mingle my drink with tears because of your great wrath, for you have taken me up and thrown me aside.

**PEOPLE: My days are like the evening shadow; I wither away like grass.**

**PASTOR:** But you, O Lord, sit enthroned forever; your renown endures through all generations.

**PEOPLE:** **You will arise and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to show favor to her; the appointed time has come.**

**PASTOR:** For her stones are dear to your servants; her very dust moves them to pity.

**PEOPLE:** **The nations will fear the name of the Lord, all the kings of the earth will revere your glory.**

**PASTOR:** For the Lord will rebuild Zion and appear in his glory.

**UNISON: He will respond to the prayer of the destitute; he will not despise their plea.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#37 “Everlasting God”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE***: James 1:2-4 (p. 1880)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Suffering With a Purpose**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *1st Peter 5:10 (p. 1892)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Becoming Strong, Firm, and Steadfast in Suffering**

**\*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 continue praying for Dr. Richard Marburger, Aram Kakousian, George and Ann Krikorian, Jan Janigian, Lee Savalle (Dan and Sandra Haroutunian’s sister), Glenn Harrison, Artsakh, Armenia, our government, the pandemic and the war in Ukraine.

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** will be held every other Saturday. Next study is Saturday, September 17th at 10:00AM. Led by Mrs. Lena Bouladian.

**ONE DAY RETREAT** atFaholo Christian Conference Center will be held on Saturday, September 10th, 2022. 9:00 A.M. to 7:30 P.M. Guest speaker Pastor Nerses Rastguelenian of the Armenian Brotherhood Bible Church, New Jersey. The cost is $50 per person. Payment is due today. If you are interested in attending, please sign up after the Morning Worship Service in the Social Hall.

**RALLY SUNDAY** September 11th kick off day of Sunday School. Children will perform in the Morning Worship Service. Refreshments will be provided after the Church Service.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH.** The English Sermon Guest Speaker will be Pastor Nerses Rastguelenian from the Armenian Brotherhood Church of New Jersey, who will also be the speaker for the One Day Retreat on September 10th.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

Peter encouraged the church of the first century who were suffering for the gospel not to faint or fall back because of the hardship and persecution they were facing because God had something better prepared for them.

**Here are three points Peter makes about suffering:**

1. **The Lord will restore you:** Peter says after you suffer, God will restore you. This means that we may be shaken out of our place when we suffer, but God will restore us to where we were before the suffering; in fact, He will take us to a better place than what we were once. God is always moving us forward.

2**. The Lord will make you firm/strong:** This is the second promise of God, that he will make us firm and strong after we pass the test of suffering. God never allows hardship to come to us unless He has plans to make something good out of that experience.

3. **The Lord will make you steadfast**. Here is another promise of God. He promises to make us become unaverred by the storms we face. God wants to have deep roots, like a strong tree, that is watered well, so that nothing will break it. He wants us to become unbreakable!

**INFORMATION**

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 I have recently moved into this area. I have moved, new address.

 I am interested in membership. I wish to be on the mailing list.

 I would appreciate a visit from the minister. This person is sick.