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**RALLY SUNDAY**

**MORNING SERVICE**

**11:00 a.m. September 11, 2022**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT-***Abide In Me-in remembrance of Dorothy and Haig Bayleran*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#**398 “Blessed Be The Tie That Binds”*

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

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

Dear Lord, thank you for being attentive to our prayers. We come to you with confidence knowing that you hear us and love us unconditionally. Like Mary, the sister of Martha, we want to sit at your feet and learn to worship you without being distracted by anything. We want to fully commit to you and be at your service. We want to place your kingdom above all else. Help us obey all of your commands and share the love of Jesus with one another and with those who do not know you. We give you all the glory and honor who taught us to pray: “Our Father, Who art in heaven….”

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN’S PROGRAM**

**\*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:** *Joy In God’s House*

**PASTOR:** How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

**PEOPLE:** **Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young – a place near your altar, O Lord Almighty, my King and my God.**

**PASTOR:** Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

**PEOPLE:** **Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.**

**PASTOR:** As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools.

**PEOPLE: They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.**

**PASTOR:** Hear my prayer, O Lord God Almighty; listen to me, O God of Jacob.

**PEOPLE:** **Look upon our shield O God; look with favor on your anointed one.**

**PASTOR:** Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

**PEOPLE:** **For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.**

**PASTOR:** O Lord Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you.

**PEOPLE:** **The Lord is gracious and compassionate; slow to anger and rich in love.**

**PASTOR:** The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

**PEOPLE:** **All you have made will praise you, O Lord; your saints will extol you.**

**UNISON:** **Let every creature praise your holy name forever and ever, Amen.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE***: Luke 10:38-42 (p. 1613)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Choices: Important or urgent?**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#33 “Speak, O Lord”*

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *Luke 9:57-62 (p. 1611)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: The Urgency of following Jesus**

**\*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.

**WE WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT THIS MORNING** Pastor Nerses Rastguelenian from the Armenian Brotherhood Church of New Jersey, he will be delivering the English Sermon.

**TODAY IS RALLY SUNDAY** Children will perform in the Morning Worship Service. Refreshments will be provided after the Church Service.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR THIS MORNING** are given by Mrs. Carole Basmadjian in loving memory of her dearest son, Kevin George Basmadjian, on what would have been his 57th Birthday.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS AND THE COFFEE HOUR** today is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Armen and Melo Santikian, in memory of her mother, Mary Arslanian’s birthday.

**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.

**ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH AT 7:OOP.M.** hosted by The University of Michigan-Dearborn Armenian Research Center, A.C.C. invites you to a Lecture, the speaker, Dr. Arthur Atanesyan, The Chair of the Department of Applied Sociology at Yerevan State University in Armenia, speaking on Armenian Postwar Society. Light refreshments to follow.

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

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

One side of Jesus we may know well is that He is loving and caring. We should, however, not be uninformed about His seriousness when it comes to be devoted to Him. He leaves no room for passive decisions; he requires that all of His followers to take the matter of following Him very seriously.

**Here are some points Jesus makes about following Him:**

1**. Following Jesus wherever He may lead:** The first person told Jesus he would follow Him wherever you go. I don’t think this person knew the rocky roads that were ahead of him that he had to endure for the name of Jesus. That is why Jesus cautioned him that it will be costly but certainly worth it.

2. **Jesus asks us to follow Him:** The second time around, Jesus asked a man to follow Him, he replied he needs to go bury his father. Jesus said time was short and he needed to go and proclaim the kingdom of God. Prioritizing our life to place the kingdom of God takes a lot of sacrifice but it is all worth it for Jesus.

3. **Following Jesus after all is done:** The third person said he needed to say goodbye to his family before following Jesus. Once again, Jesus said the urgency of following Jesus and the sharing of the Gospel must take precedence above all else.