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**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**11:00 a.m. November 27, 2022**

 **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#250 “Lord, I Want To Be a Christian” (vss. 1-3)*

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

Dear Lord, we come before your presence to thank you and praise you for who you are. You are sovereign Lord over all that you have made. Everything changes but you remain the same forever. Your promises are always true and your love is everlasting. In the midst of all the trials we are going through, help us to always give thanks to your name because you are good and perfect in all of your ways. We love you and praise you for who you are and what you have done for 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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**LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE-** *Mrs. Lena Bouladian* will read the advent scripture for Hope this Sunday from Romans 5:1-8

**\*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 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 alley 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**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#3 “Heart of Worship”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *Habakkuk 3:17-19 (p. 1461)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Rejoicing In the Lord**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *Philippians 2:14-16 (p. 1828)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Shining Like The Stars**

**\*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, George and Ann Krikorian, Jan Janigian, Glenn Harrison, Artsakh, Armenia and Ukraine.

**THE COFFEE HOUR TODAY** is sponsored by Mrs. Suzanne Arabian and Mr. and Mrs. April Tini, in loving memory of her husband and their father, Haig Arabian.

**ENTERED HIS REST** Aram Kakousian on Friday, November 18th. Funeral service was held on Saturday, November 26th at A.C.C. We extend our deepest condolences to the Kakousian, Chelebian, Mesrobian, Tootikian, Keshishian, Koundakjian, Goldman, Metry, Cicci, Defauw families.

**Church Schedule:**

1. **Monday prayer** 6:30 p.m. online via Zoom app.
2. **Wednesday Bible Study** 6:30 p.m. in person and 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**

The Apostle Paul tells us to do everything without grumbling or arguing. We can all admit we sometimes fall short of this. It takes conscious effort to train our mouth not to grumble before God and not to argue with others on things not worth arguing for. God’s Spirit is sent to help us and teach us how to do that.

**Here are some points about how to conduct ourselves:**

1 **“Blameless and Pure.”** That is what Paul told the church of Philippians to become. God’s Word is calling us to be a role model to a world that is living in the dark, away from Christ. Our light needs to shine very brightly so that they can see the face of Christ through us. When we live blamelessly and purely, we live a lasting mark on the world.

2. **“Shine like the stars.”** God wants us to shine like the stars to a world that needs the light of Christ. The world needs to know about the free gift of salvation through Christ. You and I have the honor and privilege to be the true witness to share God’s message and love with others so they can inherit the kingdom of God and live a purposeful life here on earth.