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**CHRISTMAS SUNDAY**

**11:00 a.m. December 25, 2022**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT –** *Ring the Bells*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL:** *#121 “Joy to the World”*

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

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

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank on this Christmas Day for sending your Son, Jesus Christ to us so that we may be saved. We will never be able to thank you enough for what you did for us but we want to say we are very grateful for your infinite love you have showed us by giving us the greatest gift. We now have fellowship with your Son, Jesus, and we know we are never alone and that you will come soon to take us to our heavenly dwelling with you. Help us share this great news with all people and may we always rejoice in you for all your wonderful deeds. 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 CHRIST ADVENT CANDLE*-*** *Ovsanna Dervartanian will be reading the advent scripture for the birth of Christ from Luke 1:26-35.*

**\*RESPONSIVE READING: Christmas**

**PASTOR:** O Lord our God, we thank you for the birth of Jesus Christ. your incarnate Word who hallows life in this world.

**PEOPLE:** **We hail the Prince of Peace, the King of kings, who comes into our world to reconcile us with you and with one another.**

**PASTOR:** On this day of days, we marvel at your wisdom, your coming among us as one of us. This is a mystery beyond our comprehension.

**PEOPLE: We can only stand in awe and thank you for your great and perfect gift to us.**

**PASTOR:** Help us to be grateful on this anniversary of your Son’s birth.

**PEOPLE: Grant that he may be born in us that we may share his joy and peace, and be strengthened to worship and serve you.**

**PASTOR:** Grant that his light and goodness remove the darkness of sin and enlighten our hearts with his love.

**PEOPLE:** **Grant that he may bring us joy in the good news of this day.**

**PASTOR:** Almighty God, we thank you that you loved the world so much that you gave your only begotten Son for the salvation of humankind.

**UNISON: Grant us wisdom and grace to accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior and proclaim him as “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.: Amen.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE -** *Sourp Adsvaz*

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM -***Were You There On That Christmas Night?*

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL:** *#143 “Krisdos, I Mech”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *1st John 1:1-4 (p. 1898)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Life Through the Son**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *Romans 6:20-23*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: The Greatest Gift of All**

**\*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.

**PASTOR HAGOP AND NUNE** will be in California from December 25th to January 7th. On Sunday, January 1st, our Minister Emeritus Rev. Vahan H. Tootikian will be conducting the Morning Worship Service and the Sacrament of the Communion.

**CHURCH JOYS AND CONCERNS:** Please continue praying for Dr. Richard Marburger, George and Ann Krikorian, Jan Janigian, Glenn Harrison, Artsakh, Armenia and Ukraine.

**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).

**STEWARDSHIP EVNELOPES** I was informed by McDaniel Envelope Company; I will be receiving the shipment sometime in January due to short staff.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

Paul says that the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus. This is a very deep statement that speaks about the greatest gift of all that God could ever give and that is His one and only beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

**Here are some points about the gift of God:**

1. **The gift came with a great price.** It was not an easy decision for God the Father to send His Son to be the savior of the world, but because God loved us so much that He gave all of Him for us so that we can have fellowship with Him. The creator of our inmost being will not let go of us; He wants to have an intimate relationship with us because that is why He made us.

2. **The gift is for all mankind.** God is inviting all people to turn to Him. He wants everyone to be saved and have fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ. God’s deepest desire is that we all come to know Jesus and experience His gift of love. God is love and He wants His creation to live in and through His love.

**"Kristos dzenav yév haidnétzav; tzézi mézi méds avédis."**

**"Christ is born and revealed; good tidings to you and to us."**