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**11:00 a.m. May 7, 2023**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#237 “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”*

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

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

Dear Lord, we come before your presence with joy this morning because we know you are here in the midst of your people. We thank you for continuing to show your favor to us by pouring your grace upon us when we need it most. We know that whenever we need something, you are ready to provide it for us because you love us infinitely. Our hope is in you and in your lovingkindness. Help us not become discouraged when we face trials, instead help us embrace you close to our heart because you are our shield.  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.*

**RESPONSIVE READING:** *Psalm 84*

**PASTOR:** How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty!

**PEOPLE:** **My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.**

**PASTOR:** 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**PEOPLE:** **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.**

**PASTOR:** 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.

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

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#16 “You Are My King”*

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

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE READING BY DENNIS MARBURGER**: *Romans 8:18, 31-39*

*(pp. 1757, 1758)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: The Challenge of Hope**

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#414 “When Peace, Like a River”*

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

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *Romans 8:14-17 (p. 1757)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Suffering and Glory in Christ**

**\*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 Susan Mousigian, Dr. Richard Marburger, George and Ann Krikorian, Jan Janigian, Glenn Harrison.

**WE WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT THIS MORNING** AMAA Representative in Canada, Mr. Harout Nercessian, he will be delivering the English Sermon. Following the Morning Worship Service he will be doing a presentation in the Social Hall.

**THE COFFEE HOUR TODAY** is sponsored by Mrs. Sirarpie Hagopian Bezirganian, Dr. Taline Hagopian and Mr. and Mrs. Sean and Sarine Collins in loving memory of Dr. George Bezirganian: brother, uncle and grand uncle.

**GRACE CENTERS OF HOPE CLOTHING DRIVE** - Thank you to those who already donated items; the deadline for accepting clothing donations is today.  If you prefer to make a monetary donation - make your checks out to the Grace Centers of Hope and place them in the box provided on the table in the Lobby.

**MONDAY PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP** is held every Monday via zoom at 6:30p.m.

**WEDNESDAY BI-WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY** will be held May 10th at 6:30p.m. in person and online via Zoom app.

**MONTHLY ARMENIAN LANGUAGE CLASS** will be held Saturday, May 13th, from 10-11am.

**WOMEN'S BI-WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP & BIBLE STUDY** will be held Saturday, May 13th at 11:15 a.m. in person and online via Zoom app.

**NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 14TH, IS MOTHER’S DAY.** This is your invitation to join us in the Morning Worship Service to pay tribute to our mothers. Following the Morning Worship Service at 12:30 p.m. join us for a complimentary ***Mother’s Day******Buffet Luncheon*** sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Dennis and Sheryl Marburger. Please sign your name on the Sign-up Sheet in the Social Hall with Sheryl.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

Have you ever been a slave to someone or something; being controlled or addicted to it, or obsessed by it? Sin is like that, when we give room to it, it entangles us and never let go until we say no to it. Whether it’s lying, anger, or whatever else we are enslaved or controlled by, we need Jesus to rescue us and heal us from it. He is always ready to help us overcome them.

**Here are some points about suffering & glory:**

1. **“The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear.”**  Fear sometimes is our worst enemy and we can easily become enslaved by it. It can make us do things that we regret later. God wants to teach us to fully trust in Him and not be afraid of anyone or anything. It’s a daily process for growth so long as we submit to Him and read His Word daily so we can build confidence in His Word.
2. **“Heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory.”** Suffering comes before glory. When we live free from the slavery of sin, it means we live for Christ, even if it means to suffer for His name. Because at the end, we are given the hope of glory; spending eternity with Christ. We must not allow fear or anything else to deviate us from following Christ because He promises to bless us in this life and the life to come.

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**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

Requesting prayer for\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Need Counseling