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**11:00 a.m. September 3, 2023**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#250 “Lord, I want To Be a Christian”*

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

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

Lord God of heaven and earth, you created all things and said, ‘it is very good.’ You were pleased with the work of your hands. We too want to please you with the work of our hands. Help us do everything faithfully and with gratitude of heart. Help us work diligently with the gifts and talents you have given us to serve one another. We want to be fruitful in all of our labors. Be glorified in all that we do. 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: *Independence Day of Artsakh (Sept. 2, 1991)***

**PASTOR:** Gracious God, we praise You today for the anniversary of the Independence Day of Artsakh.

**PEOPLE:** **We thank You for the heroic people of Artsakh and for its glorious heritage.**

**PASTOR:** Lord, grant the people of Artsakh wisdom and grace to be guided by Your Holy Spirit, during these difficult days.

**PEOPLE: May Your Holy Spirit guide them into the unknown experiences of the coming days.**

**PASTOR:** Pardon us, Lord, for trying to carry all of our burdens alone, forgetting that You are so near and ready to help.

**PEOPLE:** **Forgive us when we forget that You have brought us through the trials and turmoil of the past.**

**PASTOR:** Protect our people from the assaults and the snares of the evildoers.

**PEOPLE: God, be merciful to our nation; look upon us with compassion, so that we may know Your will.**

**PASTOR:** Grant us courage to go forth, with Your guiding presence, into the future, without fear. Be merciful to us, when we tend to be overcome by despair and defeat.

**PEOPLE:** **Grant us hope in Your saving acts, that we may completely trust you.**

**UNISON: Unite us in Your love, O Lord, and bind us together, as You guide us into greater service to You and our fellowmen. All these we ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#13“That’s Why We Praise Him”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *Colossians 3:17, 22-24 (p. 1835)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Laboring For the Lord Wholeheartedly**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *1Corinthians 10:31 (p. 1783)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Doing It All for The Glory of God**

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

**MEN’S BREAKFAST AND FELLOWSHIP** will be held next Saturday, September 9th, at 10:00 a.m.

**ARMENIAN EVANGELICAL WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP** Eastern Region Fall Conference, with guest speaker, Lara Cholakian Khoury, will be held on Friday through Sunday, September 15-17. To register and for more information visit <https://aeuna.regfox.com/aewf-er-10th-biennial-conference>, choose the "commuter" option (Cost: $150) Deadline is September 8th.  Please also sign up

after the church service, in the Social Hall. (Note: All of the sessions on Friday evening and Saturday, including the lunch and dinner on Saturday, and Sunday breakfast will be held at the ACC Social Hall.

**IS YOUR ANNIVERSARY OR BIRTHDAY** 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**

In this short passage, the Apostle Paul says, “Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” Living for the Lord and doing everything for His glory is not an easy task but we can do it, if we love the Lord, wholeheartedly.

**Here are a few points about doing everything for the Lord:**

1. **Serving out of love, not obligation.** When you love someone you do things for them out of love and not obligation. It is the same with the Lord. If we truly have tasted the goodness of the Lord and understand the depth of His love for us, then we would not hesitate to do anything and everything to please Him, including in our everyday jobs.
2. **God wants relationships more than the labor.** While doing things for the Lord and His people are great attributes, in reality, God is interested in our relationship with Him more than what we do for Him. One might argue serving the Lord is part of the relationship, and it may be so. However, just like any relationship, being with and around that person gives us the greatest joy. Prayer, reading God’s Word, and going to church are the essentials that keep us in His very presence.

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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