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**NEW YEARS EVE SUNDAY**

**11:00 a.m. December 31, 2023**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#86 “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”*

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

Eternal God, You are the same yesterday, today and forever. As you have brought us through the trials and turmoil of the closing year, we know that Your ever present Spirit will guide us into the unknown experience of this new year, so that we can enter into it without fear or anxiety. May we follow You through the one who is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ our Lord, 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: THE CONFESSION OF SINS**

**PASTOR:** Let us examine ourselves, humbly confessing our sins before God and seeking His forgiveness: If we have wasted much of our time this past year on things of little value, failing to do those things that were really important,

**PEOPLE:** **Forgive us, Lord.**

**PASTOR:** If we have failed to use our talents in Your service, thereby hindering the growth of Your kingdom,

**PEOPLE: Forgive us, Lord.**

**PASTOR:** If we have been selfish with our material gain, forgetting to share it with those in need,

**PEOPLE: Forgive us, Lord.**

**PASTOR:** If we have yielded to those numerous temptations, failing to be steadfast in our faith,

**PEOPLE:** **Forgive us, Lord.**

**PASTOR:** If we have been hasty in our condemnation of others, lacking in our desire to bring about their redemption,

**PEOPLE:** **Forgive us, Lord.**

**PASTOR:** If we have kept busy with endless run of activities, forgetting to take time to pray,

**PEOPLE:** **Forgive us, Lord.**

**PASTOR:** If we have followed the desires of our own hearts, failing to do that which was Your will,

**UNISON: Forgive us, Lord, and have mercy upon us, according to Your lovingkindness. Create in us a clean heart, Lord, and renew a right spirit within us.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *Psalm 90:12-14 (p.930)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Making 2024 A Significant Year**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#356 “Father, Here We Dedicate This New Year”*

*(3rd verse in Armenian)*

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *II Corinthians 5:17 (p. 1799)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: The New Man in the New Year**

**\*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 our Minister Emeritus Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tooikian.

**REV. HAGOP AND NUNE** are in California, they will be returning on Friday, January 5th, 2024.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

Life is a journey and human beings are travelers. Like Jonah, the ancient prophet, we are asked by our Creator, “What is your destination?” Many people do not have an answer to this question.

 The year-end or the New Year’s Eve-Sunday is that stage in life which presents us an opportunity to review the past year, to reexamine our present status and to look forward to the future.

 The measure of life is not in its quantity but in its quality. The important question is not how long a man lives, but how well he/she lives, Methuselah lived 969 years, but he dragged a human existence, there was no quality in his life. Jesus lived 33 years, but his life was a source of blessing to mankind.

 St. Paul claims that if any human being accepts Christ he becomes a new creature, because Christ makes all things new. Christ gives a new outlook, a new philosophy, a new approach to those who accept him as their Lord and Savior.

 The measuring stick of “newness” is in Christ, The old and New Year is determined by a person who has become a new-born follower of Christ. That kind of a person can bring about new breath, new life, and new attitude to life.

 On the threshold of another year, how are we going to make it a meaningful year? We can go to the Person, who promised to make everything new. He can make us new creatures and teach us the art of living in a completely different way than what the world offers.