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**11:00 a.m. January 14, 2024**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#196 “Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing”*

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

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

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you this morning for extending our lives in this new year to live for your glory. We pray that you give us a new vision of our lives to grow closer to you. In this New Year, we want to be more serving, more effective in our witnessing, more loving, more devoted to prayer, more into your word, and being more intimate in our relationship with you. We pray that you guide our lives in your will in all that we say, think, and 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:** *Psalm 145:1-13*

**PASTOR:** I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

**PEOPLE:** **Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.**

**PASTOR:** Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

**PEOPLE: One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell your mighty acts.**

**PASTOR:** They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

**PEOPLE: They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds.**

**PASTOR:** They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

**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.**

**PASTOR:**  They will tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all men may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**UNISON:** **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

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

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *Philippians 3:7-14 (p. 1829)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Aiming at the Ultimate Goal**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *Philippians 3:15-17 (p. 1829)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Living Up to What We Have Attained**

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

**INSTALLATION OF ACC BOARD MEMBERS** for the newly elected members of the Board of Trustees and Deacons will be held next Sunday, January 21st during the Sunday Morning Worship service. We kindly request the continuing and the newly elected members to be present.

**THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held on Sunday, January 28th immediately following the Morning Worship Service. All board and organizations are requested to submit their reports.

**MONTHLY WOMEN’S** Breakfast/Fellowship and Bible study, Hasmik Arslanian will be leading the Bible Study, starting Saturday, February 3rd at 10:00a.m. "Waymaker: Finding the way to the life you've always dreamed of." by Ann Voskamp. Cost is $10; please sign your name on the sign-up sheet in the Social Hall with Hasmik.

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**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

In this passage, Paul wants us to pause for a moment and reflect on our lives. He wants us to stop and think about the purpose of our calling as Christians. What is it that God wants from us? What is the mission, goal, purpose, and direction of our life?

**Here are some points Paul gives us about our calling as Christians:**

1. **“All of us, who are mature, should take such a view of things.”** Earlier in the chapter Paul described how he was always after God’s will; he did everything possible to attain that. He now encourages us to have the same mindset, to see to it that we +are doing all that is possible to find God’s will and purpose in our personal lives.
2. **“Join together in following my example”** While Paul was a sinful man; he did live a life that was worth observing, studying, and following, because he was fully devoted to the Lord. We all have people in our lives that have modeled for us to inspire and encourage us to better our lives. In the same manner, if we study the New Testament scriptures, we will see that Paul was flawless in how he lived his life. We can take his example and make it our own.