**Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit**

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**11:00 a.m. January 28, 2024**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#23 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”*

 *(vs. 1-2 in English, vs. 4 in Armenian)*

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

Dear Lord, we come to you this morning with a heart of thanksgiving because you are good and all that you do is good. We thank you for our church that we have. We pray that you continue to bless and strengthen us so that we do not grow weary but continue to do the mission you have set before us. As members of one body, help us always be united in spirit to support, encourage, and serve one another with humility and love. Help us remain faithful to you even in hard times because we know all things work for the good of those who love you.  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 9:1-12*

**PASTOR:** I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders.

**PEOPLE:** **I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

**PASTOR:** My enemies turn back; they stumble and perish before you.

**PEOPLE: For you have upheld my right and my cause; you have sat on your throne, judging righteously.**

**PASTOR:** You have rebuked the nations and destroyed the wicked; you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.

**PEOPLE: Endless ruin has overtaken the enemy, you have uprooted their cities; even the memory of them has perished.**

**PASTOR:** The Lord reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment.

**PEOPLE:** **He will judge the world in righteousness; he will govern the peoples with justice.**

**PASTOR:** The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

**PEOPLE:** **Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.**

**PASTOR:** Sing praises to the Lord, enthroned in Zion; proclaim all he has done.

**UNISON:**  **For he who avenges blood remembers; he does not ignore the cry of the afflicted.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *# 10 “Refiner’s Fire”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *Revelation 2:12-17 (p. 1914)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Remaining True To Jesus**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *Revelation 2:18-29 (p. 1914-1915)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Doing More Than Before**

**\*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**

**CHURCH JOYS AND CONCERNS:** Please continue praying for Armenia, Glenn Harrison, Jan Janigian, Susan Mousigian, and Dr. Richard Marburger.

**THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held today, immediately following the Morning Worship Service.

**ACC** congratulates Chris Banerian on his engagement to Maritsa Mandalyan on December 25th, 2023.

**IT IS WITH SADNESS** that we inform you about the passing of Rev. Harutyun Khachatryan on January 19, 2024. He was the Senior Pastor of The United Armenian Congregational Church of Los Angeles. Rev. Harut was diagnosed with Leukemia in June of 2023. He leaves behind his wife Aylin, his two sons, Joseph and Samuel, his siblings Gnel and Nyra, and his father Murad. Harut was forty years old. Our deepest condolences go to the Khachatryan family. Rev. Harut's funeral service took place yesterday, Saturday, at the United Armenian Congregational Church.

**MONTHLY WOMEN’S** Breakfast/Fellowship and Bible study. Hasmik Arslanian will be leading the Bible Study, starting Saturday, February 3rd at 10:00a.m. Please sign your name on the Sign-up sheet in the Social Hall with Carole.

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**THE FOUR ARMENIAN CHURCHES OF GREATER DETROIT** will be holding the Celebration and Commemoration of the Feast of St. Vartanank, on Thursday, February 8th, at 7:00p.m. at St. Vartan Armenian Catholic Church, 4875 W Maple Rd. Bloomfield Hills. Following the service, reception will be held in the Church Hall. Admission is free.

**ACC W.C.F. VALENTINE’S FAMILY NIGHT** - Plan now to attend the Women's Christian Fellowship Valentine's Family Night on Friday, February 16th, at 6:00 p.m.  An evening of fun and fellowship is being planned for both adults and children, and a delicious dinner will be served.  Make your reservations today by signing your names on the sign-up sheet on the Church Bulletin Board or call the Church Office by Wednesday, February 14th.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

Jesus had a specific message to each of the seven churches that John wrote to. The church of Thyatira was truly thriving and Jesus made many positive compliments to this church for all the hard work they were doing, except one thing, they welcomed a false teacher who was able to mislead some of the church members astray.

**Here are some points about the church in Thyatira:**

1**. “I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance.”** These are major compliments that Jesus gave to this church. It shows maturity, growth, and perseverance in the midst of the persecution they were going through under the Roman Empire. Four great attributes they thrived in, love, faith, service, and perseverance. These are great characteristics that any church should envy.

2. **“Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel. By her teaching she misleads my servants.”** Jezebel is depicted as one of the most evil women in the Old Testament who wanted to combine the worship of the true God of Israel to that of idols. Here Jesus compares this woman to that of the character of Jezebel, who was tolerated and permitted to enter into the church and corrupt it with her false teachings. Every church must be warned and learn from this that no matter how healthy a church may be, it needs to always be on the alert of any teaching that can contaminate the church.