**Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit**

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**11:00 a.m. May 26, 2024**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#4 “We Praise You, O God”*

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

Mishd Park oo Kovést, Dank Zohvadz Karnookeen Vor Mér

Méghkeh Chenchetz oo Nérétz Tartsogheen Ahlé

Looyah Méhr Prgeecheh, Alelooyah Ahmen Ahlé

Looyah Koog-déh parkeh, Srpéh Méz Nohrén

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

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you this morning as we remember all those who fought and sacrificed their lives in your name to defend this country of ours for freedom and to uphold your righteousness. Your word tells us, ‘Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His faithful servants’; and Paul says, ‘For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.’ This passage reminds us to fight the good fight of our faith in Christ; to defend the truth of your Word, and to proclaim your salvation to all people without fear of death. 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: *Memorial Day***

**PASTOR:** O Lord, our God, on this day we come together to praise your holy name and to remember those who gave their lives for our country.

**PEOPLE:** **We praise you, O God, for the gift of memory.**

**PASTOR:** We remember, also, all of our loved ones who have departed from us, and have gone to receive their reward in eternal life.

**PEOPLE: We thank you, O Lord, for these people who have fought the good fight and entered your kingdom.**

**PASTOR:** We lift our hearts in gratitude for all who have lived valiantly, and for all who have died bravely for truth, liberty, and righteousness.

**PEOPLE: We praise you, O Lord, for those who served their country in her hour of need, and especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice.**

**PASTOR:** Help us, O God, to prize highly and to guard carefully the gifts which through loyalty and devotion have been passed on to us.

**PEOPLE: Grant to us the wisdom and grace that, having them always in remembrance, we may emulate their faithfulness and with them inherit the Promised Land.**

**PASTOR:** Confirm our faith in your promises of eternal life; that “if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built with human hands.”

**PEOPLE:** **We thank you, O God, that Jesus Christ our Lord is the resurrection and the life; that those who believe in Him will live, even though they die; and whoever believes in Him will never die.**

**UNISON: Praise, glory and honor be to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit now and always. Amen.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *#20 “He Is Exalted”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE**: *Ephesians 6:10-20 (p. 1824)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: The Full Armor of God**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *Psalm 116:15 (p. 955)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Precious Is the Death of the Faithful**

**\*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.

**THE COFFEE HOUR** todayis sponsored by Mr. Tony Janigian, in loving memory of Mark Davis.

**MEN & WOMEN’S** Breakfast & Bible Study will be held on Saturday, June 1st, at 10:00 a.m.

**BI-WEEKLY THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY** will be held on Thursday, June 6. Fellowship starts at 6:15p.m. (Study begins at 6:30p.m.)

**FATHER’S DAY PICNIC** will be held on Saturday, June 15th at 1:00p.m. in Kensington Metro Park, West Boat Launch Picnic Center (2240 W Buno Rd, Milford, MI). If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by June 9th by emailing at Office@accdetroit.Org, or call the Church Office at 248-352-0680. You can also sign-up with Hasmik Arslanian today, following the Morning Worship Service, in the Social Hall.

**CHURCH RETREAT** will be held on August 23- 24, 2024, at Echo Grove Camp & Retreat Center of the Salvation Army, 1101 Camp Rd., Leonard, MI. Cost is $120 per person (includes one-night stay and 4 meals; Children 4-11 are $60). Saturday only: $80. Deposit of $50 is required at sign-up. If you are interested in attending, please sign up after the Morning Worship Service, in the Social Hall.

**COFFEE HOUR HELPERS**-Please sign up after the church service in the social hall to help with cleaning up for the coffee hour. If you have questions, please see Chuck Sarkissian.