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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE, QUIET MEDITATION**

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**:

“Now Thank We All Our God,” #357, vs.1-3

Kovést oo Park, Badeev Hor Asdoodzo Vortvooyn Héd Dur-

Vin tahréhr anteev, yév Soorp Hokvooyn ahl havéd, Yer-

Yahg Me Asdoodzooyn, Inchbés éhr sehgees péhn, Noyn

néh yev ménah Ahl Nooyn, heema yev Haveedyan.

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

Dear Lord, we come this morning in your presence with a heart of gratitude for all of your awesome deeds. Your works are wonderful and countless. We are forever grateful for the gift of Jesus Christ, who has saved us from our sins. As we celebrate Thanksgiving this week, we want to always thank you each and every day for your love, peace, and joy that you put in our hearts. Help us not grumble or complain; instead, let our hearts be filled with gratitude. We thank you for the air we breathe, our health, families, and everything else you continue to bless us with. And we thank you for your presence with us through your Holy Spirit. We give you all the glory and honor, who taught us to pray: *“Our Father…”*

**\* GLORIA PATRI**, #79

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Thanksgiving

LEADER: Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits;

**PEOPLE**: **Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion;**

LEADER: Who satisfies your desires with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagles.

**PEOPLE**: **The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.**

LEADER: He made known His ways to Moses, His deeds to the people of Israel:

**PEOPLE**: **The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will He harbor His anger forever; He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.**

LEADER: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him;

**PEOPLE**: **As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him;**

LEADER: From everlasting to everlasting the Lord’s love is with those who fear Him, with those who keep His covenant and remember to obey His precepts.

**PEOPLE**: The Lord has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all.

LEADER: Praise the Lord, you His angels, you mighty ones who do His bidding, who obey His word.

**UNISON: Praise the Lord, all His heavenly hosts, you His servants who do His will. Praise the Lord, all His works everywhere in His dominion. Praise the Lord, O my soul.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH CHOIR**

**PRAYER**

**\* DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL SONG**: “Give Thanks,” #29

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE READING**: Psalm 113:1-9 (p.953)

**ENGLISH SERMON**: “Praising God All Day Long”

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE READING**: Psalm 9:1-2 (p.849)

**ARMENIAN SERMON**: “A Heart Overflowing With Gratitude”

**\* HAYR MER**: #275

**BENEDICTION**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**: “Park Kez Der, Asdvadz Mer”

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

**\* Please stand if you are able**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHURCH JOYS AND CONCERNS**: Please continue prayers for Armenia, Glenn Harrison, Jan Janigian, Susan Mousigian, Dr. Richard Marburger, Alice Kakousian, April and Nicole Tini.

**SAMARITANS PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**: Shoebox gifts have been extended to this Sunday. You can also create a virtual box by going to samaritanspurse.org.

**THANKSGIVING BANQUET:** This evening at 5:00pm. The Committee is asking your help, to stay after the event is over to help clean up. They would greatly appreciate it if you can.

**PLEASE FILL OUT SURVEY WITH LENA BOULADIAN**: In Social Hall, to inform us of your interest in having a **New Year’s Eve** **Gathering/Celebration**—games, music, fellowship! It would be 6:00-9:00pm. We would like your input: Would you like to pay $25 for catered food, or would you prefer potluck?

**ACC MEMBERS CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Sunday, December 8th - after church worship in the sanctuary. A presentation of the budget for the following year will be given, and we will have the election of nominees to the Boards of Trustees and Deacons.

**AMAA’s Treasured Christmas Joy Program:** Pick up a flyer on one of our foyer tables, to give to children in Armenia for Christmas joy!

**ARMENIAN SYNOPSIS**

King David wrote many psalms filled with emotions. Sometimes, he would express his anguished heart; and other times, he praised God. One thing he always did, no matter how hard his life became, he always went back to God and gave thanks.

1. **“I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.”** God always gives us a reason to praise and thank Him. David stresses the word “with all of my heart.” There are different levels of expressions when we thank someone. The highest level is doing it with all of our heart. If we are not, then we should ask ourselves, why not? If God is all loving, perfect in all of His ways, then why is it, sometimes we do not praise God? Yes, true, sometimes hardship can push us back, but we must always remember that all things work for good, for those who love God. (Romans 8:28)
2. **“I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.”** Secondly, David says, “I will rejoice in the Lord,” because God had blessed the life of David with many blessings. This is another reason why we should always be thankful, because God is worthy of all praise. He is our creator and the giver of life. And also, let us not forget to rejoice in Him, as David did. We rejoice because He fills our heart with His goodness.