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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE, QUIET MEDITATION**

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

#23, vs.1-2 English; vs.3 Armenian transliteration

Voch Chee Hokneer Léh-zoos Yérkél Soorp Aleloos

Park Hissoosi Anvahn Gérkém

Ays Yérk Tsundz-mahn Khantov muh Ansahman

Park Hissoosi Anvahn.

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

Dear Lord, we are grateful to you for this day of worship. We have gathered to praise you, and we want to be in full submission to you by obeying all that you command us to do. Help us through the struggles we face, not to lose heart, but to trust in your unfailing love. We want to be empowered by your Spirit, to remain faithful to you, and to be obedient to you in everything you have called us to do. May your good will always be done in our lives. We give you all the glory and honor, who taught us to pray: *“Our Father…”*

**\* GLORIA PATRI**, #79

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Psalm 119:1-16

PASTOR: Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord.

**PEOPLE**: **Blessed are they who keep His statutes and seek Him with all their heart.**

PASTOR: They do nothing wrong; they walk in His ways.

**PEOPLE**: **You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed.**

PASTOR: Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees!

**PEOPLE: Then I would not be put to shame when I consider all your commands.**

PASTOR: I will praise you with an upright heart as I learn your righteous laws.

**PEOPLE: I will obey your decrees; do not utterly forsake me.**

PASTOR: How can a young man keep his way pure?

**PEOPLE: By living according to your Word.**

PASTOR: I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.

**PEOPLE: I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.**

PASTOR: Praise be to you, O Lord; teach me your decrees.

**PEOPLE: With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth.**

PASTOR: I rejoice in following your statues, as one rejoices in great riches.

**PEOPLE: I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways.**

**UNISON: I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your Word.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH CHOIR**

**PRAYER**

**\* DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL SONG**: “That’s Why We Praise Him,” #13

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE READING**: Acts 21:10-14 (p.1730-1731)

**ENGLISH SERMON**: “When God Calls for Full Submission”

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE READING**: Hebrews 5:7-9 (p.1867)

**ARMENIAN SERMON**: “Obedience Through Daily Devotion”

**\* 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, Jan Janigian, Susan Mousigian, Dr. Richard Marburger, Alice Kakousian, California Fires’ Disaster.

**ACC MEMBERS CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**: Today, following the worship service. All members of ACC are requested to be present for the purpose of the presentation of the reports of the Senior Pastor, the Church Council by the Clerk, Boards of Deacons, Trustees by their respective Chairmen, the actual income and expenditures by the Treasurer, and the Sunday School by the Superintendent.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO SIRARPI HAGOPIAN:** The Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour are sponsored by Taline Hagopian, and Mr. and Mrs. Sean and Sarine Collins, and Ethon.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR WEEKLY PRAYER**: Mondays at 6:30pm, on Zoom.

**WEEKLY THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY:** 6:30pm, in person and zoom.

**MEN AND WOMEN’S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY:** (in person and zoom) Saturday, February 1st, 10:00am Breakfast; Studies begins at 11:00am.

**ARMENIA MISSION TRIP PRESENTATION:** Sunday, February 2nd at 12:30pm, in the Social Hall. Rev. Hagop and Nune will share their experience from the Armenia Mission Trip last September. They will have a PowerPoint presentation of photos and videos of all that God did through them.

**AMAA CALIFORNIA FIRES DISASTER ASSISTANCE:** If you would like to donate to assist the families affected by the Los Angeles fires, you may do so by going to AMAA.org.

**ARMENIAN SYNOPSIS**

When it comes to being obedient and fully submissive to God, it assumes full devotion to Him, in all aspects of our life. Jesus, in His human nature, had to be fully submissive to the Father. In the same manner, as God’s children, we are called to put God above all else.

**Here are some points about being obedient and submissive to God:**

1. **“*During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, He offered up prayers and petitions, with fervent cries and tears to the One who could save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverent submission.’*”** (Hebreews 5:6) If Jesus was fully submissive to the Father, it is assumed that we also need to learn to submit to the Lord in everything. This may take time, but in willingness and devotion, our lives can transform like that of Christ.
2. **“*Son though He was, He learned obedience from what He suffered*.”** (Hebrews 5:7) In His human nature, Jesus learned to be obedient to the Father. We too, like children, learn and grow to be fully obedient, when we learn to spend time in prayer and reading God’s Word on a daily basis. Going to church and Bible studies are also important for growth and maturity.