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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE, QUIET MEDITATION**

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God,”

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

Togh Sah-dah-nahn Hooyj Ash-kha-dee Eer Tavérov Prnéh Méz

Ménk Vakh Choonink, zee Dérn paree, Garo-ghéh Bashbanél Méz

Tévk al Badeer, Anteev Méz Basharén, Khs-deev, Grnank Hasdad Géhnal,

Minch Déhrn Amén-nagal Ahn-haght Méhr Abavéhn-néh.

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

Dear Lord, we thank you that you are the God of love. You are the source of true and lasting love. It is through your eternal love for us that we have been redeemed and are called your beloved children. We pray that you continually fill us with your love, so we can love one another the way you love us. May your love overflow to the world, as we share the good news of Jesus Christ and His love for the world. We give you all the glory and honor, who taught us to pray: *“Our Father…”*

**\* GLORIA PATRI**, #79

**RESPONSIVE READING:** 1 John 4:7-18

PASTOR: Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

**PEOPLE**: **Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.**

PASTOR: This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

**PEOPLE**: **This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

PASTOR: Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us.

**PEOPLE: We know that we live in Him, and He in us, because He has given us His Spirit.**

PASTOR: And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world.

**PEOPLE: If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God.**

PASTOR: And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

**PEOPLE: God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.**

PASTOR: In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like Him.

**UNISON: There is no fear in love; but perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH CHOIR**

**PRAYER**

**\* DOXOLOGY**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL SONG**: “Forever,” #2

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE READING**: Song of Songs 8:7 (p.1058)

**ENGLISH SERMON**: “Love That Cannot Be Quenched”

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE READING**: Proverbs 3:3-4 (p.987)

**ARMENIAN SERMON**: “Steadfast and Lasting Love”

**\* 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 W.C.F. VALENTINE’S FAMILY NIGHT:** Plan now to attend the Women’s Christian Fellowship - Valentine’s Family Night, on Friday, February 21st at 6:00 p.m. An evening of fun and fellowship is being planned for both adults and children. A delicious dinner will be served. Make your reservations today, by signing your name on the sign-up sheet, on the church bulletin board, or by calling the church office by Wednesday, February 19th.

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

**NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD:** Rev. Hagop and Nune’s last day with our church. We want to thank them for the service they have provided in the last five years and ten months. We want to wish them the very best, as they embark a new journey the Lord has prepared for them.

**FEAST OF ST. VARTANANK:** On Thursday, February 27 at 7:00pm, the four Armenian Churches of Greater Detroit, along with Knights and Daughters of Vartan, invite you to celebrate and commemorate. It will be held at St. Vartan Armenian Catholic Church, 4875 W. Maple Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI. His Eminence Bishop Mikael Mouradian, of the Armenian Catholic Church in the U.S. and Canada, will be the Celebrant and Preacher; with metro Detroit Armenian Church Choirs, directed by Deacon Rubik Mailian. A reception will follow in the Church Hall.

**ARMENIAN SYNOPSIS**

As we celebrate Valentine’s Day this week, we cannot help but think about love. God has made us with emotions and has given us a heart to love Him and to love one another. We all desire to love and to be loved.

**Here are a few points about true and lasting love:**

1. **“*Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart.*”** God’s Word encourages us to embrace the true and sincere love of God in our hearts, and never let go of it. We sometimes look for love in the wrong places, when the actual source and fountain of lasting love is only found in God, alone.
2. **“*You will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man*.”** When we are overflowing with God’s love, we will be blessed by the Lord and touch those who witness Christ’s love in us. People want to see sincere and genuine love; that is how we attract people. Our love is to spread like sweet aroma, to a world that is so desperately seeking such extraordinary love that flows from God, alone.