**Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit**

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**PALM SUNDAY**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE, QUIET MEDITATION**

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*HYMN** - #219 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

vs.1-2 English; vs.3 Armenian transliteration

*Voh yerp Bidi menk zayn bashdenk*

*Ee metch kntatz yergnitz*

*Anor yerkenk oo zayn gotchenk*

*Arka der amenitz*

*Anor yeskenk on gayn gotchenk*

*Arka der Amenitz*

**RESPONSIVE LITANY**

**PASTOR:** Lift up your heads, O you gates!

**PEOPLE: Be lifted up, you ancient doors!**

**PASTOR:** That the King of Glory may come in.

**PEOPLE: Who is this King of Glory?**

**PASTOR:** The Lord strong and mighty.

**UNISON: O Jesus, on this day You showed Yourself to the people as a King of peace, receiving the tribute of the little and the humble. Give us the grace to welcome You as they did, with holy joy. Help us to be ready for your coming. May we accept you as King of Glory, and Lord of our lives. May we be able to say: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord: Through Your precious name we pray:**

***“Our Father who art in Heaven…”***

**\* GLORIA PATRI**

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**PALM SUNDAY RESPONSIVE READING**

**PASTOR:** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion, behold your king is coming to you.

**PEOPLE: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**PASTOR:** Blessed be the kingdom of our father David that is coming!

**PEOPLE: Hosanna in the highest!**

**PASTOR:** Father, on this day, as we recall the entrance of our Savior into Jerusalem, grant that we may open our hearts and let him enter in and triumph within us anew.

**PEOPLE: Grant us depth of faith, honesty of purpose, and divine wisdom not to receive You like the mob on the first Palm Sunday.**

**PASTOR:** Help us break down every barrier which we have built against His entrance in our lives.

**PEOPLE:** **May the door of our hearts be lifted up, that the King of Glory may come in.**

**UNISON: Blessed is the King, Who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! Amen.**

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: #187** “Eench Serda-Shar”

Vs.1-2 Choir sings; vs.3 Congregation

*Messya anoon tzndzoom dvav, Amen hrey; hetanossi*

*Zee ir aryamp meghku vertsav, oossdi yeskent sefa hissoussi*

*Parapanaotyun yerkenk, Paratz tzayner Hnchetzunenk*

*Ovsanna, Ovsanna, Ovsanna kareen Asdoodso*

*Parapanootyun yerkenk, Paratz tsayner Hudchetunenk*

*Ovsanna, Ovsanna, Ovsanna kareen Asdoodso*

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH CHOIR**

**\* DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE READING:** Luke 19:28-38 (p.1631-1632)

**ENGLISH SERMON:** Some Questions About His Triumphal Entry

**\*HYMN** - #188 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (vs.1,3)

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE READING:** Luke 19:41-44 (p.1632)

**ARMENIAN SERMON:** Jesus Weeping

**\* HAYR MER:** #275

**\* BENEDICTION**

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

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

**\*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 to make this your church home.

**BAKE SALE THIS SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP:** The ladies of our church will have some Armenian goodies prepared, for you to buy.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**: Service will be held this Thursday, April 17th at 6:30pm, to be followed by a reflective supper.

**APRIL 24TH -- 110th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN REMEMBRANCE**: by the four Armenian churches of Greater Detroit, is being held at St. Sarkis at 7:00pm. A light afterglow will follow.

**MOTHER’S DAY, MAY 11TH:** This is an invitation to join us in the morning worship service, to pay tribute to our mothers. Following the morning worship service, at 12:30pm, join us for a complimentary luncheon. Please sign your name on the sign-up sheet in the Social Hall.

**Synopsis of the Armenian Sermon**

The fifth Sunday of Lent is Palm Sunday. It commemorates the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, when the common people showed their welcome by holding leaves of the palm tree.

The use of palm leaves on the anniversary of this occasion dates back to an early period in the history of the Jerusalem church, and continues to be an appropriate symbol for the day.

After being welcomed as king in Jerusalem, Jesus wept over the city. It broke Jesus’ heart. Here are a couple of reasons about Jesus’ cry for his people:

1. Jesus cried over Jerusalem, because the Jewish people misunderstood who the Messiah was. Their view of Messiah was a secular liberator, who would save them from their enemies. They did not expect a spiritual savior, washing them from their sin and making them heirs with him in God’s Kingdom. Lamenting on his compatriots, he said, “If you, even you, had only known what would bring you peace.”
2. Jesus wanted people to know him personally and enjoy the blessings he wanted to bestow upon them. Jesus’ compatriots completely misunderstood Jesus’ mission. He lamented, “You did not recognize the time of God’s coming.”