**Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit**

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE, QUIET MEDITATION**

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**CHOIR INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*HYMN** - #2 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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

 Almighty Father, You have brought us together to pray, praise, and receive instruction. You have shown Your great love for us and taught us through Jesus to call You, “Father.” We are here to worship You in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord, who taught us to pray:

*“Our Father, Who art in heaven…”*

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

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**RESPONSIVE READING:**

**TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR A FRIENDLY CHURCH**

**PASTOR:** *Speak to people.* A cheerful word of greeting can make the day brighter for anyone. Some folks would never speak unless spoken to first. It would be a quiet world if everyone refused to speak until spoken to.

**PEOPLE: *Give folks a friendly smile.* A smile costs so little and does so much good. Your smile is your greatest asset.**

**PASTOR:** *Call folks by name.* The sound of a friendly voice calling your own name is sweet music. It is a tune anyone can play.

**PEOPLE: *Be friendly and helpful.* If you want friends, be friendly. Don’t build walls around yourself. Build bridges.**

**PASTOR:** *Be cordial.* Do try your best to make visitors feel comfortable. When you are a host, try to make your guest feel at home. Be natural.

**PEOPLE: *Be genuinely interested in people.* You can love everyone if you try. Do not limit yourself to old friends. Avoid hypocrisy.**

**PASTOR:** *Be generous with praise and cautious with criticism*. We need all the friends we can muster. To be loved, be loving.

**PEOPLE: *Be considerate of others’ feelings.* You will be at odds if you try to get even. A slam, slight, or slur can ruin a day…or a life.**

**PASTOR:** *Be eager to serve God and others.* Owe no man anything. Pay your tithe regularly. Put God first, others second, and self thirdly. Love one another.

**PEOPLE: *Be enthusiastic.* Work for the church and its mission. No one likes a drone; even the bees get rid of drones. Consider yourself a necessary member of God’s family and get down to business.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH CHOIR**

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**ANTHEM**

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE READING:** *1 Timothy 3:1-7 (p.1847)*

**ENGLISH SERMON:** *“A Profile of a Minister”*

**\*HYMN** #245*“Savior, Who Dying Gave” (vs.1,3)*

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE READING:** *John 10:14-16 (p.1667),*

*Hebrews 13:17 (1879)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON:** *“Pastor and Parish”*

**\*HAYR MER**

**\*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.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL GRADUATES!** We congratulate all members and friends, who have graduated this year! We appreciate your hard work and dedication, and are looking forward to hearing great accomplishments in your future. May our Lord Jesus Christ bless you with all spiritual blessings too!

**Jacob Arslanian**, son of Rouben and Hasmik Arslanian, graduated from Wayne State University with a Bachelor of Science, in computer science.

**Carly Basmadjian**, daughter of Emily Smith and the late Kevin Basmadjian, granddaughter of Carole Basmadjian and the late George Basmadjian, graduated from North Haven High School on Thursday, June 5th, in North Haven, CT. Carly will be attending Fairfield University in the Fall.

**Daniel Bayleran**, son of Dr. Edward and Mrs. Ann Bayleran, graduated with a doctorate in Mathematics, from University of California, at Riverside.

**Lindsey Berschbach**, daughter of Shawn and Jennifer Berschbach, granddaughter of Roger and Nancy Berschbach, graduated from Bowling Green University, and will be going to Lincoln Memorial College of Dental Medicine in Knoxville, TN in the fall.

**Dr. Lucy Bolerjack** has completed her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology and will begin her practice in the fall in Jacksonville, Florida.

**Juliette Voskian**, graduated from Villanova University School of Arts and Sciences, with a degree in Economics. She is working at SL Green Real Estate Management Company, in New York City.

**Synopsis of the Armenian Sermon**

 The qualities of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, are characterized in the following ways:

 First, the Good Shepherd knows all of his sheep and calls each one by name. No sheep is lost in the crowd. He knows us as individuals and loves us individually.

 Second, the sheep recognize and listen to the Shepherd’s voice. As his sheep, we should listen to Jesus carefully and with a discerning ear. To different circumstances of life, the Good Shepherd talks to his sheep, and they recognize his voice.

 Third, the sheep follow the Shepherd because they recognize his voice. There is a friendship between the Shepherd and the sheep.

 A dedicated pastor loves and cares for his flock. He makes every sacrifice for the well-being of his parishioners.

 A hireling serves for his own well-being. He always has ulterior motives.

 A dedicated pastor is a caring, loving, and giving individual. But a pastor is not a superman; he is a human being – and has his shortcomings.

The Parish also has its duties and responsibilities.

1. The Parish should provide for the material needs of its pastor and family.
2. The Parish should respect its pastor. St. Paul admonishes the Thessalonian Church: “Respect your leaders.” The author of Hebrews adds: “Obey your leaders and submit to their authorities (Hebrews 13:17)
3. The Parish should cooperate with its pastor. Pastor and parish are a team. Pastor is often the coach. He does not play the game for or before his team. He offers direction, guidance, and inspiration.
4. The Parish is called to pray with and for its pastor. The Apostle asks, “Pray for us.” Hebrews 3:17. Like the people who lifted the hands of Moses in warfare, parishioners should pray for and support their pastor.