

April 26, 2026

11:00 AM



Of Greater Detroit

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## ARMENIAN MARTYRS' SUNDAY

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN #401 "Faith of Our Fathers"

(vs. 1-3 in English, vs. 4 in Armenian)

Ha-vadk mer hartz, bee-dee see-renk a-men mar-teeg  
Pa-ree teh char, Vor mer see-ro khos-ken, kor -dzen  
ter-tveen, el-lan ke-zee da-jar: Mer harts ha-vadk ma-  
koor, ves-dah: Bee-dee gar-cheenk kez meen-chev mah: Amen.

\*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison):

Lord, fill us with the love of life, your life of love, which faces death in all its forms and rises stronger than before. Raise us and call us to venture out again. Help us to challenge all the powers that masquerade as being in control of this, our world. This day we want to celebrate your resurrection with our own! Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who taught us to pray:

"Our Father, Who art in heaven..."

\*GLORIA PATRI: #79

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### A LITANY OF COMMEMORATION:

**LEADER:** Our loving and gracious Heavenly Father, for all those who have stood firm in their Christian faith in the face of persecution, exile, and death.

**PEOPLE:** **We praise you, O God!**

**LEADER:** For all those Armenian men, women and children who were deported, driven on death marches, and massacred mercilessly because they refused to deny Christ.

**PEOPLE:** **We lift up our cries to you, O God.**

**LEADER:** For all those who directly or indirectly participated in the murder of this small Christian nation and washed their hands saying, "I am innocent of their blood."

**PEOPLE:** **We lift up our cries to you, O God.**

**LEADER:** For all those who continue to trample on truth, justice, and human rights.

**PEOPLE:** **We lift up our cries to you, O God.**

**LEADER:** That the Armenian people may not perish but prosper under Your Fatherly care.

**PEOPLE:** **We pray to you, O God.**

**LEADER:** Grant that we may appreciate the freedom and security we are privileged to enjoy in this beautiful country.

**PEOPLE:** **We pray to you, O God.**

**LEADER:** Grant that Your power of resurrection may inspire us to live as righteous people prepared for every good work.

**PEOPLE:** **We pray to you, O God.**

**LEADER:** Grant that we may be compassionate, forgiving and loving people.

**UNISON:** **Hear our prayer, O God, and grant us a right spirit. Amen.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

NOTICES & CONCERNS

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH ANTHEM

\*DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURES:** Romans 8:31-39 (p. 1758)

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURES:** Hebrews 10:32-39 (p. 1874)

\***HYMN #193** “Take Up Your Cross” (vv. 1 and 3)

**ENGLISH & ARMENIAN SERMON:** *FAITH OF OUR MARTYRS*

\***HAYRMER #275**

\***BENEDICTION**

\***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** "Park Kez Der, Asdvadz Mer"

**QUIET MEDITATION**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

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***\*Congregation is requested to stand. \*\*\* Latecomers may be seated.***

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE COFFEE HOUR** is sponsored by Mrs. Alice Kakousian in memory of her husband, Aram, in honor of his birthday.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are sponsored by Alice Kakousian in memory of her beloved husband, Aram, in honor of his birthday.

**WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP** will meet today at 12:30 PM in the Christian Education Room.

**SPRING CLEAN-UP, MAY 2:** Join us on Saturday, May 2, 2026, from 9:00 AM–3:00 PM, as we come together to spruce up our church grounds, both inside and out. Come when you can and stay as long as you are able. Lunch will be provided.

**MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 10:** You are invited to join us for morning worship, led by **Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian**, as we honor our mothers. Following the service, please join us for a Mother's Day luncheon at 12:30 PM. Free will donations are welcomed and appreciated. Please sign up in the Social Hall and indicate the number in your party. Reservations are required by **May 3rd** so we may plan accordingly.