

May 10, 2026

11:00 AM



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Minister Emeritus: *The Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian*

Interim Service Leader: *Deacon David Terzibashian*

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Mother's Day Service ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN #379 "There Is Beauty All Around"

(vs.1-2 in English; vs.3 in Armenian)

Véhrn yergink geh Dzee-Dza-ghee, yérp sér gah dahn méтч

Varn yérgeer Sirov- eh- lee, yérp sér gah dahn méтч

Zov choorern anoosh yérkérn, yév Jah-jahn-chah-kegh yétérn

Dém al geh hahvni parts-rérn, yérp sér gah dahn méтч, sér dahn méтч

Sér dahn méтч, Dém al geh hahvni parts-rérn, yérp sér gah dahn méтч

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

We thank you for mothers, who by the example of their faith have challenged us to build a stronger spiritual foundation for our lives. Bless them and bless the labors of their hands. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who taught us to pray: "Our Father, Who art in Heaven..."

*GLORIA PATRI: #79

LITANY FOR MOTHER'S DAY:

PASTOR: Our Heavenly Father, we thank You that You have so planned that we should dwell in homes and families. We are grateful to You for our mothers, whose love has sustained family life over the centuries.

PEOPLE: **We thank You for motherhood, that is a symbol of strength and unselfishness.**

PASTOR: We thank You for all the mothers, whose wisdom has guided their children through the developing years of life.

PEOPLE: **We thank You for all the mothers, whose trust has inspired youth to strive for high ideals, and whose lives have been a signpost pointing them to Christ.**

PASTOR: Grant that we may express our gratitude to our mothers and honor them, as we recall their loyalty and love, their kindness and patience, their sacrifice and perseverance.

PEOPLE: **Grant that their example may motivate us to love and serve You more, and reach out and touch the lives of our neighbors.**

PASTOR: We pray that You will bless our mothers today, as we honor them, and bless the memory of those who are with You in glory.

PEOPLE: **Help us, O Lord, to grow in the love which gave us birth and guided our early steps.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

NOTICES & CONCERNS

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH ANTHEM

*DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BAPTISMAL SERVICE

1. Brief Address
2. Parent's Vow
3. Congregation's Vow (*Congregation stands and reads in unison*)

We, members of the Armenian Congregational Church Greater Detroit, receive this child into our love and care, and do promise that, so far as in us lies, we will uphold and encourage the parents in the fulfillment of their covenant.

4. The Baptism

ANTHEM

ENGLISH SCRIPTURE: II Kings 4:18-22, 32-35 (p. 575-576)

Read by Dennis Marburger

ENGLISH SERMON: Motherhood: A Symbol of Things We All Need

*HYMN "Faith of Our Mothers"

(Tune: Hymn #401 "Faith of Our Fathers")

Faith of our mothers, living yet
In cradle song and bedtime prayer
In nursery love and fireside lore,
Thy presence still pervades the air.
Faith of our mothers, living faith
We will be true to Thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, Christian faith
In truth beyond our man-made creeds,
Still serve the home and save the church,
And breathe their spirit through our deeds.
Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
We will be true to Thee till death.

ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE: *Proverbs 31:28-31 (p. 1032-33)*

ARMENIAN SERMON: Mother is a Flexible Word

*HAYRMER #275

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Park Kez Der, Asdvadz Mer"
ORGAN POSTLUDE

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

SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON

Mothers are very special people. But they are people, and to be a mother is not necessarily to be virtuous. There are some mean and wicked mothers, like Herodias, who was responsible for the murder of John, the Baptist. Or Agrippina, the mother of Nero, who poisoned two of her husbands and imparted that vicious nature to her sons.

On the other hand, there are virtuous women like Mary, mother of Jesus, who was the embodiment of everything that is high and holy. They are the greatest teachers in the first and foremost school of life: the home. The virtuous mothers hold the fate of humanity in their hands, to the extent that what they build, no force can destroy, and what they destroy; no power is able to build.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU!

To everyone who came out to help with last Saturday's Church Clean-up Day. Your time, effort, and fellowship were greatly appreciated as we worked together to care for our church home.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL MOTHERS Our Mother's Day Luncheon will be held today at 12:30 p.m., in the Social Hall.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS FOR MOTHER'S DAY are sponsored by the Women's Christian Fellowship in honor of all the women of the church.

TO BE BAPTIZED THIS MORNING is *Julianna Rose Jurtzak*, daughter of Chris and Marianne Jurtzak, granddaughter of Michael and Susan Mousigian born on February 13, 2025, in Grand Rapids Michigan.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES will meet Tuesday, May 12th at 6:00 PM in the

May the love, wisdom, and faith of mothers continue to guide our homes, our families, and our hearts.

Happy Mother's Day to all.

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MOTHER'S DAY Sunday Service



A woman who
fears the
Lord
is to be praised.

-PROVERBS 31:30