

September 13, 2026
11:00 AM



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN #394 “The Church’s One Foundation”** (vss. 1-4)

***INVOCATION & THE LORD’S PRAYER (In Unison)**

Our God and Father, we thank you that for years past you have richly blessed our Armenian Evangelical Church, which was founded on Jesus Christ and sustained by your Holy Spirit. Grant us grace to acknowledge that we are the spiritual beneficiaries of those who have gone before us, and that those who come after us will be the beneficiaries of our dedication and stewardship. Lord, use us as a light that is not shadowed and as a hand that is open in fellowship to serve. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray: “Our Father who art in heaven...”

***GLORIA PATRI #79**

LITANY FOR CHURCH HOMECOMING:

LEADER: We gather today in this place of our spiritual heritage, giving thanks to God who has brought us home.

PEOPLE: **For the foundation of faith laid by those who came before us, we praise your name, O Lord.**

LEADER: For the walls that have echoed with prayers, the pews warmed by generations of believers, and the altar from where grace has been

PEOPLE: **We give thanks for this spiritual home where we are always welcomed back.**

LEADER: For those who traveled near and far to join this reunion, and for the familiar faces and new friends who make up our family today.

PEOPLE: **Rejoicing in fellowship, we welcome one another as Christ has welcomed us.**

LEADER: We remember with gratitude the pastors, teachers, and faithful servants who planted seeds in seasons past and nurtured this community through joy and trial.

PEOPLE: **May their legacy inspire us to run the race with perseverance and love.**

LEADER: As we look back with thanksgiving, we look forward in hope, committing ourselves anew to the work of the Gospel in this community.

PEOPLE: **Send us forth with renewed strength, united in your Spirit, to love and serve the world.**

UNISON: **Gracious God, bless our gathering, heal our divisions, and keep us one in your eternal love. Amen.**

LEADER’S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

NOTICES & CONCERNS

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH CHOIR

***DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANTHEM

ENGLISH SCRIPTURE: Romans 12:1-2 (p. 1763)

ENGLISH SERMON: True and Proper Worship

***HYMN #411 “To God Be the Glory”** (vss. 1-2)

ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 2:9-10 (p. 1888)

ARMENIAN SERMON: Christ’s Church

***HAYR MER #275**

***BENEDICTION**

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY WE WELCOME to our pulpit Rev. Hendrik Shanazarian, Minister to the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America, as we celebrate Rally and Homecoming Sunday. In his current position, Rev. Shanazarian is responsible for strengthening Christian fellowship among 33 Armenian Evangelical Churches and affiliates throughout the United States, Canada, and South America. He is dedicated to growing the number of pastors and ministry leaders and serves as a liaison with other Armenian Evangelical Unions worldwide and Armenian Christian communities.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO join us for fellowship and a light luncheon following the worship service, sponsored by the Board of Deacons and Board of Trustees.

THE COUNCIL MEETING will be held in the Christian Education Room following the luncheon. Trustees and Deacons, please make every effort to attend.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING will be held on Tuesday, September 15th, at 6:00 P.M. in the Christian Education Room.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY will resume on Saturday, September 19th. Fellowship begins at 10:30 A.M., followed by the study at 11:00 A.M.
NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!

THE BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING will be held on Sunday, September 20th, at 12:30 P.M. in the Christian Education Room.



Together in
FAITH

*"For where two or three
are gathered in my name,
there am I among them."*

MATTHEW 18:20