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11:00 AM



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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

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#### 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