

Order of Worship

10:50 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

(Please turn off all cell phones & pagers for the worship service)

Prelude	“Be Thou My Vision” Ty Woodward, <i>guest organist</i>	<i>arr. Gordon Young</i>
Welcome & Introduction	Todd Leonard	
Hymn of Praise	“The Old Rugged Cross”	No. 159
Prayers of the Congregation <i>(please remain standing for prayer)</i>	Hovik Sarrafian	
Prayer Response	(No. 672)	
	Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me!	
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	Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me!	
	Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me!	
Worship in Song	“Nor Hayastan” (<i>New Armenia</i>) Armenian Society of Los Angeles Choir	<i>S. Lusikian</i>
A Message from Congressman Adam Schiff: Names to Be Read*		
Worship in Song	“Hayastan” (<i>Armenia</i>)	<i>A. Smbatian, V. Andreasyan</i>
Call for Offering	Todd Leonard	
Offertory	“Oror” (<i>Lullaby</i>)	<i>B. Kanachian, R. Patkanian</i>
	<i>(Unless otherwise marked, loose offering goes to local church expense)</i>	
Scripture: Psalm 137:1-6	Ellee Posner & Hamzik Keshishzadeh	
	By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion.	
	There on the poplars we hung our harps,	
	for there our captors asked us for songs,	
	our tormentors demanded songs of joy;	
	they said, “Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”	
	How can we sing the songs of the Lord while in a foreign land?	
	If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand forget its skill.	
	May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth	
	if I do not remember you, if I do not consider Jerusalem my highest joy.	
Worship in Song	“Sardarapati Qajer” <i>(The Heroes of Sardarapati)</i>	<i>E. Hovhannisian, P. Sevak</i>
Sermon	“Armenian Genocide”	Hovik Sarrafian
Worship in Song	“Erebuni-Yerevan” <i>(Armenian Capitals of Yesterday and Today)</i>	<i>E. Hovhannisian, P. Sevak</i>
Benediction	Hovik Sarrafian	
Musical Response	“Hayr mer (“The Lord’s Prayer”)	
Postlude	“Postlude: Fugue in G minor (“The Little”)	<i>J. S. Bach</i>

Whether you're a regular member or a visitor,

we encourage you to continue to fellowship with our Church family after the worship service!

Please also feel free to contact any of our pastoral staff if you have a question or need help.

Sabbath School Options (9:30-10:30 a.m.)

Class	Age	Location
Children's Meet & Greet	All	Multipurpose Room, Sanctuary Basement
Beginners	0-3 yrs	Room 3, Elephant
Kinder/1st Grade	4-7 years	Room 2, Giraffe
Junior	2nd to 6th grade	Room 1, Lion
Earlteen	7th & 8th grade	Room 4, Eagle
Teen	14-17 yrs	Youth Café, 10:00 a.m., Chapel Basement
Armenian	General	Room 11, Chapel Basement
Romanian	General	Room 13, Chapel Basement
SS Quarterly	General	Chapel
Grace Center	General	Fellowship Hall (N.)
Living Project	General	Fellowship Hall (S.)

Worship Options

Option	Location	Sequence
Sanctuary Service	Main Sanctuary	Every Sabbath
Romanian Service	Fellowship Hall	1st, 2nd, 3rd Sabbaths, 11 a.m.
Armenian Service	Chapel	Every Sabbath, 11 a.m.

Youth Activities

Event	Location	Sequence
Godly Play	Room 2 (Giraffe)	1st & 3rd Sabbath, 11:20 a.m.
Youth Movie Night (grades 9–12)	Youth Room	4th Sabbath, 6:30 p.m.
Youth Church weekend	See Bulletin details	4th Friday & Sabbath
Youth Café	Youth Café	4th Fridays, 7:00 p.m.
Children's Choir (ages 5-12)	Multipurpose Room	Sabbath, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Young Adult Lunch	Youth Café	Every Sabbath after Church

Church Directory

Pastoral Staff

Todd Leonard, *Senior Pastor* (818-244-7241 office) • Arlene Chow, *Youth and Young Adult Director* (818-472-5287) • Leif Lind, *Church Administrator & Online Campus Director* (909-557-5230) • Rudy Torres, *Pastor Emeritus* (714-318-1975) • Hovik Sarrafian, *Armenian Senior Pastor* (909-796-9536) • Vartkes Azadian, *Armenian Associate Pastor* (626-335-6507) • Dorin Latacanu, *Romanian Pastor* (909-528-2545)

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Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Glendale City Seventh-day Adventist Church

ARMENIAN GENOCIDE CENTENNIAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE



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Welcome to the Day of Remembrance

Today the Armenian- and English-speaking congregations of the Glendale City Church join together to remember the atrocities committed against the Armenian people 100 years ago. We are pleased to welcome the Armenian Society of Los Angeles Chorus as they present our music and our Armenian congregation's pastor, Dr. Hovik Sarrafian, as he reflects on this sad milestone in our history. We would also like to give a special welcome to all our guests who have joined us today to remember, reflect, and look forward with hope. Grace and peace to you on this solemn occasion.
—Senior Pastor Todd Leonard



Performing for us today is **The Armenian Society of Los Angeles Chorus**, one of the oldest Armenian ensembles in our city, founded in 1956. They have performed numerous major programs of Armenian and Iranian folk, pop, and classical music along with music with influences from around the world. The current choirmaster is **Maestro Mikael Avetisyan**. Dr. Avetisyan has served as principal conductor of the Yerevan State Symphony Orchestra; as music director and principal conductor of the Armenian State Philharmonic Orchestra; and as a conductor with the New Valley Symphony Orchestra. Currently, in addition to his position with the chorus, he is Artistic Director and Principal Conductor of the Glendale Philharmonic Orchestra; Music Director of the Armenian Youth Association of California Choirs; and an instructor of composition and conducting at the International School of Music in Glendale. In 2004/05, Dr. Avetisyan was honored with the City of Glendale and County of Los Angeles Artistic Achievement Award.

Soloists in today's program include: **Marine Abrahamyan-Abdasho**, soprano; and **Edgar Brutyan**, tenor.



Special Message from Rep. Adam Schiff, Representative of the 28th Congressional District of California, the largest Armenian-American constituency in the United States:

One hundred years ago, the Ottoman Empire in its dying throes undertook a systematic effort to exterminate the Armenian and Assyrian people. They did so through a campaign of mass killing and displacement which saw 1.5 million Armenians killed and millions more forced to flee from their ancestral homes.

At the time, there was no word to describe an effort to eliminate an entire people, though American officials in the region had no difficulty describing the horrors they witnessed. The American Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire, Henry Morgenthau, reported that, "I am confident that the whole history of the human race contains no such horrible episode as this. The great massacres and persecutions of the past seem almost insignificant when compared with the sufferings of the Armenian race in 1915."

It wasn't until 1943 when Raphael Lemkin coined the term "genocide" that we had a word to describe the magnitude of the crime committed against the Armenians. As Lemkin said at the time, he had in mind the experience of the Armenians under Ottoman rule when he invented the term, which, appallingly, was needed many times in the 20th Century to describe the Holocaust, the Cambodian Genocide, the Rwandan Genocide, and more.

The Turkish effort to eliminate the Armenian people failed, as evidenced by the proud nation of Armenia and the millions of members of the Armenian diaspora in the United States and around the world. But there is hardly an Armenian household that does not carry the memory of family members who were lost in the carnage. Even today, there remains a handful of survivors who lived through the horrors of the Genocide as children to make a new life for themselves. Particularly while these survivors are still among us, I feel a deep obligation to fight against the denial of the Genocide, which sadly remains the policy of the Turkish government.

The hundredth anniversary of the Genocide is also a time to recall one of the most generous outpourings of compassion and support in American history. Hearing of the scale of the humanitarian crisis, the Near East Relief Foundation was formed to provide assistance and relief. From an initial goal of providing \$5 million, the Foundation would ultimately raise over \$100 million — or about \$1.7 billion in today's dollars. The Foundation's work saved the lives of millions of victims of the Genocide, including over 130,000 orphans. Nearly 1,000 Americans traveled overseas to build orphanages, vocational schools, and food distributions centers. The Foundation's success relied on the generosity of everyday Americans who learned of the plight of the Armenian people and other genocide victims thousands of miles away, and who were moved to contribute. The Near East Relief Foundation was a precursor to countless non-governmental humanitarian organizations, and its work continues to this day.

Last month, I joined with over 40 of my colleagues to introduce the Armenian Genocide Truth and Justice Resolution, a resolution recognizing the Genocide that took place from 1915 to 1923. The resolution also calls upon the President to work with the Turkish and Armenian governments to bring about reconciliation based upon the full acknowledgement of the historic fact of the Armenian Genocide. This resolution states in simple and plain language the historic facts of the Genocide and the degree to which Genocide denial on the part of the Turkish government continues to hamstring the chances for peace and stability in the region.

Sadly today, on the very same lands of Syria that were the killing fields for hundreds of thousands of Armenians, ISIL threatens to exterminate religious minorities, including Armenians. By recognizing the Genocide, the President and the Congress proclaim that our government will not forget those lost, and we will not stand silent in the face of crimes against humanity.

Ellie Wiesel once wrote that denial of genocide is the last chapter of genocide. In this respect, the Armenian Genocide continues to traumatize its victims even 100 years later. America must play its part in helping to close this still open wound.



If you would like to submit a name to Rep. Schiff to read before Congress, as stated in the video, please visit his website here to submit a name:

*<http://schiff.house.gov/issues/diaspora-and-armenian-issues>

If you would like to see the video again, please visit:

<https://demsgov.box.com/s/d7rod45c9r8v9nmezli7cy8jazve8yjx>

City Church Announcements

*All are welcome — whoever you are, whatever your journey or background.
God excludes no one, and neither do we.*

Today the Grace Center class will join the **Chapel Sabbath School Quarterly (traditional) class** in the Fellowship Hall— Study theme: "The Book of Luke" by John M. Fowler, editor-at-large of *Adventist Review* and *Adventist World*, and retired associate director of the General Conference Education Department.

Today's Second Saturday Concert. See flyer.

Potluck and L.A. Adventist Forum, Sabbath, April 25. Potluck (Comfort Food) follows the worship service in Fellowship Hall, then Forum, 3:00 p.m., Chapel. The speaker is Gilbert Valentine, PhD, Chair Administration & Leadership, School of Education, La Sierra University. The title of his presentation is: "The Voice Falls Silent: Ellen White and the Crisis of World War I."

Benefit Concert for Kemp Smeal, Sunday, April 26, 3:00 p.m.: La Cañada Presbyterian Church will present a benefit concert in support of our beloved organist as he faces a months-long journey towards recovery. The Glendale City Church Choir will also be part of this event: 626 Foothill Blvd., La Cañada.

Glendale Academy May Festival, "Ye Old Faire," Sunday, May 3, 11–3:00 p.m. Parking is \$5 and entrance is free!

2015 Church Directory. Send us a digital photo of yourself, glendalesda@gmail.com, to be included in the upcoming directory. If you don't have a digital photo we can arrange to take one for you.

Pastor Arlene and Danny Chow are looking to move closer to their church family. If you have any leads on a two-bedroom house or apartment around Glendale/Northeast LA, please contact them!

Prayers and Squares Quilting Ministry starting at Glendale City! **Evie Salzman**, recently moved here from Forest Lake Church in Florida, is eager to start a prayer quilting ministry with us. **Contact Evie (213-369-6898 or salzmannevie@gmail.com)** if interested — this may be your talent waiting to be used!

Los Angeles Kinship Chapter will take a group trip to see the **IMAX Jerusalem 3D Movie and Dead Sea Scrolls special exhibit** at the California Science Center at Exposition Park on **Saturday, May 16**. Purchase combo tickets on line at <https://californiasciencecenter.org> for the 2:30 p.m. IMAX movie, then the 3:30 p.m. Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit. Order tickets soon, so we can all go in the same group!

CICLAVIA Pasadena, Sunday May 31 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.). Come get some exercise and join the largest car-free open-street event in America! Let's form a Glendale City Church bicycle group for non-motorized fun on the streets of Pasadena! Contact the church office, glendalesda@gmail.com; 818-244-7241 to state your interest. Event participants should remember this is free, it's not a race, and walkers are also welcome!



• **City Church's Online Campus (www.citychurch-online.org):** rebroadcast Sunday through Friday at 8:00 p.m. PT & ET; Saturday mornings at 11:00 a.m., PT & ET

• **Romanian Sabbath school and worship services** daily at 1:30 p.m. Sunday-Friday, and 5:00 p.m. on Saturday (Pacific Time).

• City Church Online is also broadcasting San Francisco's **Church 1.0 service** Sunday-Friday at 3:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., and Saturday at 1:30 p.m., PT.

• **Find us on Twitter!** @CityChurchGlen or Online Campus @GCCChurchOnline.

• City Church *audio* sermons available on iTunes or worship service *videos* on YouTube and Vimeo, or visit the Church's website.

Upcoming Sermons & Events

Elder of the Day	Linda Nelson
Deacon of the Day	Zach Abaro
April 25	Todd Leonard
May 2	Leif Lind
May 9	Todd Leonard

Sunset tonight – 7:25 p.m. • Sunset next Friday – 7:32 p.m.