

## SERVICE FOR INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America Diocese of the Armenian Church of America Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

Following Divine Liturgy on a Sunday morning, or at another appropriate time, the newly elected officers of the local ACYOA Chapter shall gather in the Church and approach the chancel gate, facing the main altar. The Priest and Deacon shall await them in the chancel and the service shall begin.

PRIEST: Orhnial Der mer Heesoos Krisdos, Amen

Blessed be our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

EVERYONE: Hayr mer vor hergins yes, Soorp yeghitzi anoon ko;

Yegestze arkayootyoon ko; Yeghitzin gamk ko, vorbes hergins yev hergri;

Uzhatz mer hanabazort, door mez aysor, togh mez uzbardis mer;

Vorbes yev mek toghomk merotz bardabanatz. Yev mee danir uzmez ee portzootyoon,

ayl purgya ee chareh.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name;

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

PRIEST: Zee ko eh arkayootyoon yev zorootyoon yev park havidyans. Amen.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory unto the ages of ages. Amen.

HYMN: Oorakh ler soorp yegeghetzi,

kanzi Krisdos arkayn yergnitz,

aysor busagyatz uzkez Khachivn yoorov,

yev zartaryatz zamoorus ko,

uskancheli parokn yoorovk.

Rejoice O holy church,

for Christ the King of Heaven, today has endowed you with

His holy Cross and has adorned you with this magnificent glory.

**DEACON:** Yev yevus khaghagootian uzder aghachestzook, ungal getzo yev voghormia.

Again in peace let us beseech the Lord, receive, save and have mercy.

PRIEST: Orhnootiun yev park Hor yev Vortvo yev Hokvooyn Srpo, ayjhm yev mishd yev

haveeedianus haveedenitz. Amen.

Blessings and glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always

and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

**DEACON:** Father, these young adults of our parish are presented to the Church as the newly

elected officers of the .... (name of city) ACYOA Chapter of .... (name of parish) Armenian

Church.

We and all the faithful present here ask for God's blessings upon these servants of the Church, that they may continue to serve God and the Holy Mother Church of Armenia.

They are .... (names of officers, preferably using their Armenian names, beginning with Chairman,

Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary(s), etc.).

PRIEST: Dear young people, we pray that God bestow upon you His abundant blessings as you undertake many new duties in serving Him, His people and glorifying His Holy Name.

May the Holy Spirit inspire you and lead you to the successful achievements of all your

endeavors. And may you be ever aware of the Cross of Christ which you carry and of

the seriousness of your work in the Church.

Do you promise to abide by the doctrines, teachings and laws of God, as put forth by

the Armenian Church?

OFFICERS: We do.

PRIEST: Do you intend to remain faithful at all times to the Christian way of life, reflecting the

virtues of faith, hope and love?

OFFICERS: We do.

PRIEST:

Do you intend to give of yourself unselfishly, extending your help to those of the Church community who are in need?

**OFFICERS:** 

We do

PRIEST:

Do you intend to remain loyal to and defend the teachings of the Armenian Church within your Organization, as well as in the community?

OFFICERS:

We do

PRIEST:

Having made these promises and statements before God who is invisibly enthroned upon the Holy Altar, shall the faithful assembled here also be witness to your words?

OFFICERS:

Yes Father, let them all be witness.

(The Officers shall then read in unison the Prayer of the ACYOA).

O Lord our Savior Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life, give us, the youth of the Church of Armenia, we beseech You, the wisdom to know, to love, and to serve You in our personal lives severally, and in the corporate life of our Organization. You who lead all people in the way, lead us, Your children, that we may be able to serve the Church through our people, with courage and vision, and in the faith of our illustrious forefathers. Inspire us, O Lord, and open our eyes to Your light, that we may cherish and profit by the heritage which our forefathers have left to us, and that we may be aware of our responsibilities.

Fill us, O Christ our God, with Your Holy Spirit, that we may be the obedient and unselfish servants of the Will of our Heavenly Father, to whom, together with You and the Holy Spirit, is befitting glory, dominion and honor, now and always and unto the

ages of ages. AMEN.

PRIEST:

Beloved young people, you have shown your interest and love for your Church by choosing to serve as officers of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America...

.... (name of city) Chapter of .... (name of parish) Armenian Church.

Therefore, may you be blessed (+) in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May you fulfill your many new duties, and may God grant you the wisdom, patience and understanding needed by all His servants of this world.

DEACON:

Soorp Khachivus aghachestzook uzDer, zi sovav purgestze uzmez ee meghatz, yev getzoostze shnorhiv voghormootyan yooro. Amenagal Der Asdvadz mer, getzo yev voghormya.

By the Holy Cross let us beseech the Lord, that He may thereby deliver us from sins and may save us by the grace of His Mercy. Almightly Lord our God, save and have mercy upon us.

PRIEST:

Bahbanya uzmez, Krisdos Asdvadz mer, unt hovanyav soorp yev badvagan Khachivut kov ee khaghaghootyan. Purgya hereveli yev hanerevooyt tushnamvooyn; arjhanavorya kohootyamp paravorel uzkez unt Hor yev Hokvooyt Srpo; ayjhm yev mishd yev haveedyanus haveedenitz. Amen.

Orhnyal yegherook ee shnorhatz Soorp Hoqvooyn. Yertayk khaghaghootyamp yev Der yeghitzi unt tzez unt amenesyanut. Amen.

Guard us, O Christ our God, under the shadow of Your holy and venerable Cross in peace. Deliver us from enemies visible and invisible. Make us worthy to give thanks to You and to glorify You with the Father and with the Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

May you be blessed by the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Depart in peace and may the Lord be with you all. Amen.

NOTE:

(It would be appropriate if the newly elected Officers were given crosses or appropriate books on the Church at the conclusion of this service.)