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ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

11:00 A.M.

January 2, 2005

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE

CHIMES AND LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN - 170 - "O Come All Ye Faithful"

*INVOCATION

*HAYR MER - # 133

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A RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF EPIPHANY:

PASTOR: Our Heavenly Father, we thank you that the good news of your Son's birth was revealed to Jews and gentiles, rich and poor, wise men and simple people.

PEOPLE: As the Wise Men followed the star and found the Christ Child and worshipped him, help us to find him anew through the celebration of his birth, making him the King of our lives.

PASTOR: As the lowly shepherds quickly shared with others the good news of the Savior's birth, may we, too, become bearers of your message.

PEOPLE: Help us, O God, in the light of the shining star to realize the wastes and desolations of the world.

PASTOR: Lord, we pray that you will dispel the darkness of all kinds of prejudice and religious bigotry from the hearts of people.

PEOPLE: Lord, we pray that your light will shine into the shadowy hearts and clouded minds and bring them to the truth.

PASTOR: Lord God, let the light of Christ expose sinners for what they are, and enable them to turn to the Source of life and enable them to find the truth.

PEOPLE: Lord God, we pray for those who struggle to find direction in their lives, and for those who attempt to live out their lives with peace and dignity.

PASTOR: Gracious Lord, we thank you for your manifestation in Jesus

Christ, who was "anointed to preach the good tidings to the poor, to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, and proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

UNISON: May his spirit manifest itself in our lives; may He be praised through our lives. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE - "Soorp Asdvads"

ANTHEM

NOTICES AND CONCERNS

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING & SOLO - April Arabian-Tini

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READING: Armenian: Matthew 2: 11-16 (p. 1498)

English: Luke 1: 26-38 (p. 1588)

HYMN - # 101 - "Father, Here We Dedicate This New Year" (vs. 1,2)

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

1. Giving of the Bread 2. Giving of the Cup

(ours is an open Communion, and all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are cordially invited to share this Sacrament with us. In accordance with our custom, we suggest that as an act of Christian community, each communicant hold the element {first, the bread; then the cup} until all have been served. Then with the Minister, partake together, so that none may be first and none last at the Table of the Lord.)

ARMENIAN SERMON: The Wise Men

SOLO - April Arabian-Tini

ENGLISH SERMON: God's Unlikely Choices

HYMN - # 31- "Silent Night" (in Armenian)

"Loor Keeshér"

1. *Loor Keeshér, soorp Keeshér
Dsou oo tzamak knov yén khaghagh
Méghm gu paylee asd-ghu Petléhéméh
Yév herooyen shad achker gu kravé
Hon oor prgeechu dznau
Hon oor prgeechu dznau.*
2. *Loor keeshér, soorp keeshér
Yérk mu aha, Hovdeen vra
Hreshdag-néroon anteev khoompe gérkéh
Yérk vor tzendzman avédis gu péréh
Deru Pergeechu yégav
Deru Pergeechu yégav.*

3. *Loor Keeshér, soorp keeshér
Ov too yergeer, al artuntzeer
Koo ortnoot-unet art vér togh yéllé
Park Astoodsoh ee partzoon-us yérkéh
Khagh-agh-ootune ashkharee
Khagh-agh-ootune ashkharee.*

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** *"Park Kéz Dér, Asdvadz Mér"*

ORGAN POSTLUDE

**Congregation is requested to stand.*

****Latecomers may be seated.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The Minister wishes for all members and friends of the church a
healthy happy, peaceful and prosperous New Year*

WE WELCOME TO OUR CHANCEL this morning our own soloist, Mrs. April Arabian-Tini.

THE COFFEE HOUR TODAY is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell and Marguerite Mugarditchian to wish all fellow members and friends at the church a Merry Armenian Christmas and a very Happy New Year. The Coffee Hour is also sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Greg and Sonia Terterian on the 16th birthday of their grandson, Andrew Kulha.

THE JANUARY MEETING OF THE A.C.C. WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP will be held on Sunday, January 9, 2005, in the Christian Education room, following the Morning Worship Service.

THE JANUARY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES will be held on Thursday, January 20, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Christian Education room.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, January 16, 2005, immediately following the Morning Worship Service. All boards and organizations are requested to submit their reports.

WE NEED SPONSORS FOR ALTAR FLOWERS AND COFFEE HOURS. Please sign your name on the church bulletin board. The sponsorship fee for the flowers and for the Coffee hour is \$50.00 each.