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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

11:00 a. m

February 6, 2005

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE

CHIMES

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN - #77 "I Am Thine, O Lord"**

***INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)**

O God, who has shown us the way to true joy and happiness; grant that we may follow your will for our lives, thereby enjoying Your blessings in a marvelous way. So guide us that we may be happy through serving You and witnessing before our fellowmen, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Who taught us to pray:

" Our Father, Who art in heaven..."

***GLORIA PATRI**

MORNING MEDITATION AND PRAYER:

PASTOR: Like everything else that is alive, knowledge that stops growing dies.

PEOPLE: The only way we can survive as individuals and as groups is if we continue to learn new things about ourselves, our universe, and God.

PASTOR: Life-time learning is more than a clever educational slogan.

PEOPLE: It is a recipe for survival.

PASTOR: King Solomon placed wisdom ahead of all other gifts.

PEOPLE: There is a knowledge of the heart that is greater than the knowledge of the mind.

PASTOR: Only the knowing heart feels the love of God and sees the glory of God.

PEOPLE: We have the assurance that the spirit of God will guide us in the footsteps of truth.

PASTOR: Let us ask the Lord to forgive us for dulling our sense of adventure.

PEOPLE: Let us ask God to forgive us for losing our love of learning His eternal truths.

PASTOR: Lord Jesus, You had to grow like everyone else.

PEOPLE: Lord, forgive us for thinking that we already have learned all spiritual matters that there is to know.

PASTOR: Lord Jesus, You grew in stature with God and man.

PEOPLE: Lord, forgive us not growing in stature with you and human beings.

PASTOR: Lord God, bless those who have given their energies to give us more knowledge and teach us wisdom.

PEOPLE: Lord God, we still have many things to learn, and many more things to put into practice.

PASTOR: Lord God, all of us have enrolled in to school of Christian living. Help us, O God, not to drop out in this school of life. Let the Holy Spirit be our teacher.

UNISON: In Jesus' name. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

ANTHEM

NOTICES AND CONCERNS

OFFERTORY CHOIR RESPONSE

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH SOLO -

Daniel Haroutunian

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READING: *Armenian: Matthew 5:13-16 (p.1501)*

English: Matthew 17:1-9 (pp.1524-25)

SOLO - Daniel Haroutunian

ARMENIAN SERMON: "The Name Is Not Enough"

***HYMN - # 60 "I Need Thee Every Hour" (vs. 1,4)**

ENGLISH SERMON: "Mountain Climbing"

***HAYR MER - # 133**

***BENEDICTION**

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

****Congregation is requested to stand.***

****** Latecomers may be seated.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME TO OUR CHANCEL this morning, our own soloist Daniel Haroutunian.

THE COFFEE HOUR TODAY is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Michael and Susan Mousigian on their daughter Rosemarie's 14th birthday.

FEBRUARY MEETING OF A.C.C. WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP, will be held on Sunday, February 13, 2005, following the Coffee Hour.

FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, will be held on Thursday, February 17, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., in the Christian Ed. Room.

PLEASE RESERVE THE FOLLOWING DATE: Friday, February 11, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. for a Family Night, for all ages. Donation is \$12.00 for adults: \$6.00 for children 6-12 years old; no charge for children under 6 years. Delicious menu, games, Armenian Folkloric dances. Please write your names on the sign up sheet on the bulletin.

SYNOPSIS OF TODAY'S ARMENIAN SERMON

"What is in a name? A name can become almost indistinguishable from the reality it represents. Is "Christian" one of your names? Many of us would agree that one of the most important names we use to identify ourselves is the name "Christian." Jesus didn't call his disciples to become "Christians." They were first called "Christians" at Antioch, probably by their enemies.

There can be difference between knowing your name and knowing what it means.

Jesus called his followers "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world." He referred to them, not in terms of a name or a label, but as spiritual realities. Notice that Jesus was not speaking in the imperative mood, which we tend to expect from him. He was not saying, "You ought to be the salt of the earth, and you ought to be the light of the world." Jesus *used the indicative mood*: "You *are* the salt ... you *are* the light of the world."

Later, in that same Sermon On the Mount, Jesus said, "Not everyone who calls me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the Kingdom of heaven." So, the name Christian is not enough. There are not nearly as many, however, who day by day follow in the way of Jesus Christ. There are not many whose lives are like salt, seasoning the world for others ... or like the light, bringing illumination to all the dark of the earth.