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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

11:00 a.m.

MARCH 13, 2005

ORDER OF WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN: # 114 "Praise to the Lord, The Almighty"

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

Heavenly Father, who has caused the holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may hear, read, mark, learn and digest them, that by the inspiration of your holy Word, we find strength for living and eternal hope for dying, through Jesus Christ our Savior, Who taught us to pray:

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

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THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PASTOR: Be merciful to us, Lord, for failing to truly appreciate Your Holy Word, and for not allowing You to speak to us through it.

PEOPLE: Grant your pardon to us, O Lord, for misusing Your Holy Word and thinking of it as a good luck charm to have in our homes.

PASTOR: Forgive us, as well, for being neglectful in reading the truths of the Scriptures except in times of emergency.

PEOPLE: Pardon us for being too busy to truly study it, and for giving little time to reading its pages.

PASTOR: Be merciful to us for failing to search out Your will for our lives contained within its sacred pages, and then stumbling through life without purpose.

PEOPLE: Redirect our lives that we may find the truth You intended for us to learn.

PASTOR: Grant that we may study the pages of the Bible more diligently, searching out Your hidden truth.

PEOPLE: Grant us to be filled with a true knowledge of You and of Your Son Jesus Christ.

UNISON: May Your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light for our paths. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

ANTHEM

NOTICES AND CONCERNS

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH ANTHEM

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READING : *Armenian: Matthew 10: 26 - 31 (pp. 1511-12)*

English: Acts 8: 26 - 40 (pp. 1705-1706)

*HYMN: # 184 "Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound" (vs. 1, 2)

ARMENIAN SERMON: *Overcoming Our Fears*

*HYMN: # 15 "Lord, Speak to Me" (vs. 1, 3)

ENGLISH SERMON: *Four Rules For Bible Reading*

*HAYR MÉR - # 133

***BENEDICTION**

QUIET MEDITATION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

** Congregation is requested to stand*

**** Latecomers to be seated.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME ALL WHO ARE WORSHIPING WITH US, especially guests. We extend a very cordial welcome to newcomers to take part in the worship, to engage in the activities of the Church and make this your church home.

THE MARCH MEETING OF ACC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP will be held today, March 13, 2005, following the Morning Worship Service.

THE MARCH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES will be held on Thursday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Christian Education Room.

THE CHURCH DIRECTORY FOR THE YEAR 2005 IS AVAILABLE.

Each family is allowed to have one copy. Please, obtain your copy from one of the Trustees or the minister, following the Morning Worship Service.

PALM SUNDAY SERVICES will be held on Sunday, March 20. Our church School children will participate in our Worship Service. The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE will be held on Thursday, March 24, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. The Sacrament of Communion will be administered.

EASTER SUNDAY March 27, 2005 will begin with our annual Easter Breakfast, sponsored by the youth of the church, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. donation \$6.00. Easter Services are at 11:00 a.m.

EASTER FLOWERS: For Easter Lilies and Tulips on the Altar.

Number of Easter Lilies you wish to purchase at \$16.00 each: _____

Number of Tulips you wish to purchase at \$13.00 each: _____

Name of Donor: _____

In Honor / Memory of: (please circle one) --Please print clearly:

Deadline for placing an order is Sunday, March 20, 2005. Please, hand the information with your names to our Treasurers **Alice Kakousian and Frances Garabedian.**