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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

11:00 A. M.

May 22, 2005

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE

CHIMES

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN - #19 "When Morning Guilds the Skies"**

***INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)**

O God -- our hearts are gladdened in your house -- let all the beauty we have known -- show forth your glory -- let all the truth our minds have found -- speak out your praise -- let all the goodness our souls have met -- bless your holy name.

Let this house -- fashioned out of the heights and depths of man's own being -- consecrate us with something too often lost in the world's way of haste and pride -- and shelter our eternal souls -- in your eternal love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

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

***GLORIA PATRI**

A LITANY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE IN THE CHURCH

PASTOR: O God, we pray for ourselves who are your church in this place:

PEOPLE: And for all who serve in the work of your church, both here and throughout the earth.

PASTOR: We pray for men and women who share in the governance of your church.

PEOPLE: May they be firmly committed to order and to freedom, to justice and to compassion.

PASTOR: We pray for men and women who teach in the Church School.

PEOPLE: May they love the treasures of your word and be skillful in sharing them.

PASTOR: We pray for Christian men and women who take the church with them wherever they go bearing clear and tactful witness to the faith:

PEOPLE: May your divine word speak through their words, compelling others to listen and to respond.

PASTOR: Lord of the Church, help us truly to be what we are -- your people, your body:

PEOPLE: For the reconciliation of the word through your son who died for us so that we might live for him.

UNISON: In His name we pray, Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

ANTHEM

NOTICES AND CONCERNS

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING & SOLO - April Arabian Tini

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL : Dr. Richard E. Marburger

SCRIPTURE READING:

Armenian: James 5:1-6 (pages 1884-85)

English: Matthew 9:9-13 (page 1621)

SOLO - April Arabian Tini

ARMENIAN SERMON: A Practical Approach to Money

***HYMN - # 79 - "When Peace Like a River" (vs. 1,2)**

ENGLISH MESSAGE: The Essence of Christian Experience

***HAYR MER - # 133**

***BENEDICTION**

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

QUIET MEDITATION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

* Congregation is requested to stand.

*** Latecomers may be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

WE WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT Dr. Richard E. Marburger to make his periodic Stewardship appeal as Chair of the Stewardship Committee.

THE COFFEE HOUR TODAY IS SPONSORED BY Prof. & Mrs. Dennis and April Tini, in honor of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Haig and Sue Arabian's wedding anniversary.

THE MAY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DEACONS will be held on May 29, 2005, in the Christian Education room.

A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, June 5, 2005 immediately following the Morning Worship Service to act upon the recommendation of the ACC Pulpit Search Committee and the Council to invite Pastor Makarios Darawi to candidate for the position of minister at ACC. He will deliver both the Armenian and the English Sermons during the Morning Worship Service.

WE WILL CELEBRATE CHILDREN'S DAY ON SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2005. The children will soon be rehearsing songs and readings for the 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service on that day.

FATHERS WILL BE HONORED ON SUNDAY, JUNE 19TH. The traditional menu of chicken, lish kebab, pilaf, green salad, watermelon will be served at the annual picnic commemorating Father's Day. Michael Kulha and David Terzibashian are the Chairpersons of the event.

Donation is \$12.00 for adults, \$8.00 for children 6-12 years old, and no charge for children under 6 years of age.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON. (James 5: 1-6)

Our Scripture condemns "the rich," not because of their wealth, but because of their attitude toward it. They have made it unfairly, and they have used it unwisely. Most of our problems with money involve two basic mistakes:

1. *First. We forget what it can do to us.* The rottenness of wealth is not always in the treasure itself. More often it is in the heart of the one who holds it. Money, intended to be a servant, can very easily become a tyrant to those whom James addressed. The desire to possess had taken possession of them, and they were no longer in charge of their own lives.

2. *The other mistake that is often made is forgetting what we should do with money.* Most people assume that the first purpose of money is to pay the bills, and after that the main objective is accumulation. If all we do with our money is feed, cloth and shelter ourselves and save the rest, we are going to lose it all. We are going to die and leave every penny behind. As someone has said, "All you can hold in your cold, dead hand is what you have given away." To accept that indisputable reality and act accordingly is the only practical approach to money.