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ANNOUNCEMENTS

11:00 A.M.

November 27, 2005

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ORGAN PRELUDE

CHIMES AND LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

***OPENING HYMNS** - # 5 *"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

#170 *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"* (vs. 1&2)

***RESPONSIVE READING** – *Please see inserts*

***INVOCATION**

***THE LORDS PRAYER** (*in unison*)

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LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE *"The Candle OF Hope"*

ANTHEM

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

BAPTISM- *Responsive Baptismal Confession- please see inserts*

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE READING: *Isaiah 9:6 (Page1072)*

ARMENIAN SERMON: *"The Candle Of Hope"*

***HYMN** # 39 *"My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"* (vs.1&4)

***HYMN** #165 *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* (vs.1&2)

ENGLISH SCRIPTURE READING: *John 1:1-14 (Pages1645-46)*

ENGLISH SERMON: *"The Coming Of The Messiah"(part 1)*

***HAYR MER** - #133

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** *"Park K²ez D²er, Asdvadz M²er*

QUIET MEDITATION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this morning are given by Mr. & Mrs. Robert and Gayaneh Kachadourian, and Gohar Khanbabaian in loving memory of Tadeos Khanbabaian, husband, father and father in law.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS. The Sunday School Christmas program and luncheon will be on Sunday December 11th at 12:00 Noon in the Social Hall.

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PLEDGE FOR 2006? Sunday November 20th, was Stewardship Sunday. Those who did not pledge on Stewardship Sunday can still do so. Pledge cards are available if needed from the church office.

THE DECEMBER ISSUE OF THE A.C.C. BULLETIN WILL BE A CHRISTMAS ISSUE. Once again, as in the past, we offer you the opportunity to send your Christmas greetings to all the church members and friends – in and out of town – by making a contribution to our mission program. Please submit your name and donation to Frances Garabedian, no later than today.

CHRISTMAS JOY PACKAGES. Bring Christmas Joy to the Children of Armenia, Karabagh & Georgia through the AMAA'S Armenian Summer Camp/Christmas Committee. Forms are available in the entrance of the hallway. Please return the forms to the church office, or to Frances Garabedian.

CHURCH JOYS AND CONCERNS. Please continue to pray for Florence Varbedian, Bill Horsch, and Ann Fronterria.

BAPTISM. Today we will have the baptisms of Alexander, Nattamal, and Areena Basmadjian, children of Christopher and Shannon Basmadjian. Kylie Basmadjian, daughter of Kenneth and Elizabeth Basmadjian. Christian Basmadjian, son of Kevin and Emily Basmadjian

** Congregation is requested to stand*

**** Latecomers may be seated*

THE FAMILY CANDELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE will be held on Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. After the service, refreshments and desserts will be served by the Women's Fellowship.

**Synopsis of the Armenian Message
(Isaiah 9:6)**

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent season is the four Sundays preceding and leading to Christmas Sunday when we celebrate the birth of Jesus. The four candles that we will be lighting leading to Christmas are, the candle of Hope, candle of Peace, candle of Joy, and candle of Love. There will be a fifth white candle on Christmas Sunday, and that will be the Christ candle.

The Old Testament is full of prophecies speaking of the coming Messiah. Today's passage is one of them expressing the hope that Israel had for the coming leader. It is a hope that was built on whom this expected leader is. So, what does our passage teach us about this coming child?

1. He is a Wonderful Counselor.

This first title speaks about him being a special person who will do wonderful and amazing things for his people. It speaks of the wonderful wisdom he will show, and the amazing miracles that he will perform.

2. He is a Mighty God.

This title explains why this child is a Wonderful Counselor. Because, the child is a Mighty God. He will win over the hearts of millions.

3. He is an Everlasting Father.

This title explains the child's relationship with his followers. He will be like a father to them, and his rule will have no end.

4. He is a Prince of Peace.

This fourth title speaks of the child being the Harold of peace. Sin causes separation and enmity between humans and God. This child through his triumph over death and sin will establish peace and fellowship between humans and God.

Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of this prophecy. He is the **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.** The first time He came, many rejected Him and did not recognize whom He was. Today also many reject Him and do not recognize him. What about you? Have you experienced the Peace that Prince of Peace brings into the lives of those who invite Him into their hearts?

POINSETIAS FOR CHRISTMAS: If you would like to donate one or more Christmas poinsettias for the church altar, please contact Frances Garabedian. The traditional red Poinsettias are \$15.00 each: Please fill in the form below and hand it over: Deadline is December 11th, 2005.

I wish to order Red Poinsettia for the Church Altar()

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

My _____ name _____ is _____
