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ANNOUNCEMENTS

11:00 A.M.

December 11, 2005

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ORGAN PRELUDE  
CALL TO WORSHIP

\*OPENING HYMNS - # 115 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (vs.1, 2,3)  
#31 "Joy To The World"

\*RESPONSIVE READING - Please see inserts

\*INVOCATION

\*GLORIA PATRI- #295

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LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE "Janigian Family"  
ANTHEM

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 1:18-25 (Page.1497)

ARMENIAN SERMON: "The Candle Of Joy"

\*HYMNS #33 "There Is No Name So Sweet On Earth" (vs.1&2)

#32 "O Little Town Of Bethlehem" (vs.1, 2 &4)

ENGLISH SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2:1-20 (Pages 1590-91)

ENGLISH SERMON: "The Coming Of The Messiah" (part III)

\*HAYR MER - #133

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Park K<sup>2</sup>ez D<sup>2</sup>er, Asdvadz M<sup>2</sup>er

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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS.** The Sunday School Christmas program and luncheon will be today following the Sunday morning worship service.

**INSTEAD OF THE COFFEE HOUR TODAY** you are all cordially invited to a complementary luncheon, with the compliments of the ACC Women's Fellowship and the parents of the Sunday School children. The lunch will take place immediately following *the children's Christmas program* in the Fellowship Hall.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES.** The offering envelopes are here. You can pick them up from the hall entrance. If you do not find your envelope or you do not have one, please inform the church office or talk to Alice Kakousian.

**THE FAMILY CANDELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE.** Please join us on Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. for our Christmas Eve Candelight service. After the service, refreshments and desserts will be served by the ACC Women's Fellowship.

**THE CHRISTMAS SUNDAY SERVICE** will be held on Sunday December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 11:00 am. Let us all come praise and worship together the Incarnate Lord Jesus Christ.

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING** will be on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

**DEDICATION OF THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.** On January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006 following the Sunday morning worship service, the A.C.C. Fellowship hall will be dedicated in honor of Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian.

**CHURCH JOYS AND CONCERNS.** Please continue to pray for Andrew Mason, Barbara Rosa, and Bud Gasser.

**DEATH.** Ms. Louise Osseyan passed away on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005. The funeral was held on Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

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\*\*Congregation is requested to stand

\*\*\* Latecomers may be seated

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**PRAYER TIME.** Come join us every third Sunday of the month for a prayer time right here in the sanctuary following the worship service.

**Synopsis of the Armenian Message**

(Matthew 1:18-25)

There is no better word that describes the spirit of Christmas than the word Joy. This word summarizes all the emotions of Christmas.

There is joy when we watch little children perform in the Sunday School Christmas program, or when the family gathers together for the Christmas dinner, or when people gather around the Christmas tree to open their presents. Christmas is a time of joy and celebrations.

At the heart of all this lies the conviction that God has invaded our lives. Not only has He entered human history on the first Christmas, but also, He has entered our personal lives.

Yet, for some this joy is missing. They do not have that pleasant assurance that life has meaning and purpose. It is right here that the symbolism of the Advent season has the most to say to them. We light the candle of Joy because we believe that humanity can truly be freed from life's meaninglessness, and that the birth of Jesus can bring joy to life.

**There is Joy in the name Jesus.**

The angel told Joseph to name the baby "Jesus" which means, "God is salvation" or "God saves." For this child was going to, "save his people from their sins." So every time that someone called the name Jesus they were reminded that "God saves."

**There is Joy in the name Immanuel.**

We are also told that the baby will have a second name, "Immanuel" which means, "God with us." This name is a reminder to everyone who uses it that God is among us, He is near, He has come to be with us.

Humanity is always searching for happiness, **but true joy can only be found in the baby that was born on Christmas. God came to be with us and to save us.**

**POINSETTIAS 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

I wish to order a red Poinsettia for the Church Altar( )  
In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
My \_\_\_\_\_ name \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_

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