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ANNOUNCEMENTS

11:00 A.M.

December 18, 2005

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ORGAN PRELUDE
CALL TO WORSHIP

***OPENING HYMNS** - # 167 "Angels We Have Heard On High"
182 "What Child Is This, Who, Laid To Rest"

***RESPONSIVE READING** - Please see inserts

***INVOCATION**

***GLORIA PATRI** - # 295

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LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE "Tini Family"
ANTHEM

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2:1-7 (Page.1590)

ARMENIAN SERMON: "The Candle Of Love"

***HYMNS** #175 "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" (vs.1, 2)

#171 "The First Noel, The Angel Did Say" (vs.1, 2)

ENGLISH SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 2: 1-12 (Pages 1497-98)

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

***HAYR MER** - #133

***BENEDICTION**

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

QUIET MEDITATION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

WE WELCOME ALL WHO ARE WORSHIPPING 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 ALTER this morning are given by Mr. Diran and Mrs. Joyce Yazejian, in honor of Joyce's 70th birthday.

THE FAMILY CANDELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE. Please join us on Saturday, December 24th, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. for our Christmas Eve Candlelight 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 25th, 2005 at 11:00 am. Let us all come praise and worship together the Incarnate Lord Jesus Christ.

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

INSTALLATION OF THE CHURCH OFFICERS. There will be an installation service for the newly elected members of the board of Trustees and Deacons on January 8th, 2006 during our Sunday morning worship. We kindly request that all the continuing and the newly elected members of both boards be present.

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.

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

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLES STUDIES. Our Tuesday night Bible study group will be off for the next three weeks. Please join us on January 10th, 2006 at 7:00 pm as we study the book of James.

PRAYER TIME. Come join us today for a prayer time right here in the sanctuary following the worship service.

**Congregation is requested to stand

*** Latecomers may be seated

NURSERY NEWS. We will be cleaning and painting the nursery and the pre-school rooms on January 3rd, 5th, and 7th, 2006. Anyone who can help for a few hours between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. is welcome.

OUR NEW YEAR'S day service will be on Sunday January 1st, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. and it will also be a communion Sunday.

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

(Luke 2:1-7)

The Bible teaches that God loves the world. Not only He loves His people, but He loves the whole world. This truth came to fruition with the birth of Jesus. God revealed His love to the Jew and the Gentile through his incarnation.

The Promise of Love

Mary and Joseph had accepted God's promise of a child with a little hesitation, but with faith. The angel had to explain to them how this was God's promise. Even though both of them did not totally understand everything that God was trying to do, they both accepted with love their roles in the Christmas drama.

The Power of Love

Human love at its strongest is still human love and cannot be compared with God's love. God's love is so powerful that all of history is focused on the Christmas event. It was the power of God's love that Him to become human and live among us, and to give His life on the cross for us. The power of this kind of love is incomprehensible.

In return for all this God expects our love. He calls us to sacrifice our plans, our dreams, and our desires for Him. God expects us to give Him back some of the love that He shows towards us. He knows that we will never be able to love Him as much as He loves us, but He calls us to turn over our lives completely to Him.

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 today.

I wish to order a red Poinsettia for the Church Altar()

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

My name is _____
