

**Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit**  
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**Rev. Makarios Darawi**

11:00 A.M.

January 29, 2006

**WE WELCOME ALL WHO ARE WORSHIPING WITH US**, especially guests and newcomers. We invite you to take part in worship, to engage in the activities of the church and make this your home church.

A supervised nursery is available for children age four and under.

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

**CHIMES AND LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*OPENING HYMNS** - #54 *"There Shall Be Showers Of Blessing"* (vs. 1,2,3)

#21 *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"* (vs. 1 & 2)

**\*RESPONSIVE READING** - # 359 *"Those Who Care"*

**PASTOR:** But when I, the Messiah, shall come in my glory, and all the angels with me, then I shall sit upon my throne of glory.

**PEOPLE:** **And all the nations shall be gathered before me. And I will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats,**

**PASTOR:** And place the sheep at my right hand, and the goats at my left.

**PEOPLE:** **Then I, the King, shall say to those at my right, Come, blessed of my Father, into the Kingdom prepared for you from the founding of the world.**

**PASTOR:** For I was hungry and you fed me; I was thirsty and you gave me water; I was a stranger and you invited me into your homes;

**PEOPLE:** **Naked and you clothed me; sick and in prison, and you visited me.**

**PASTOR:** Then these righteous ones will reply, Sir, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you anything to drink?

**PEOPLE:** **Or a stranger, and help you? Or naked, and clothe you?**

**PASTOR:** When did we ever see you sick or in prison, and visit you?

**PEOPLE:** **And I, the King, will tell them, When you did it to these my brothers you were doing it to me!**

**PASTOR:** Then I will turn to those on my left and say, Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons.

**PEOPLE:** **For I was hungry and you wouldn't feed me; thirsty, and you wouldn't give me anything to drink;**

**PASTOR:** A stranger, and you refused me hospitality; naked, and you wouldn't clothe me; sick, and in prison, and you didn't visit me.

**PEOPLE:** **Then they will reply, Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?**

**PASTOR:** And I will answer, When you refused to help the least of these my brothers, you were refusing help to me.

**UNISON:** **And they shall go away into eternal punishment; but the righteous into everlasting life.**

**\*INVOCATION**

**\*GLORIA PATRI** - #295

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**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 25:14-30* (page 1541)

**ARMENIAN SERMON:** *"The Talents"*

**\*HYMNS** #20 *"Sing Them Over Again To Me"* (vs. 1 & 2)

#37 *"When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"* (vs.1 & 2)

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE READING:** *Colossians 2:6-23* (Pg. 1833-34)

**ENGLISH SERMON:** *"To Tell The Truth."*

**\*HAYR MER** - # 133

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** *"Park K'oez D'Oer, Asdvadz M'Oer"*

**QUIET MEDITATION**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

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**\*\*Congregation is requested to stand**

**\*\*\* Latecomers may be seated**

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE BOARD OF DEACONS'** January meeting will be held today, following the fellowship hour in the Christian Education room.

**THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR TODAY** is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jr. and Lisa Jernukian, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond and Thelma Jernukian's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, and by their grandchildren Denae and Kaley.

**WIDOWS MEETING** with a special reception will be held on Sunday, February 12, 2006, following the morning worship service in the Christian Education room. All widows are welcome.

**FAMILY NIGHT** is almost here! Make plans to attend on Friday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m. Donations are \$10.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children 6-12 years old. Please add your names on the list on the bulletin board. Volunteers should meet at 12:00 noon that day to prepare the meal!

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** Please pick-up a registration form from Jennifer Darawi if you are interested in helping in the nursery on a rotational basis.

**PRAYER & CARE GROUP.** The first meeting will be held on Thursday, February 9, 9:30 –11:00 a.m. Women of all ages are encouraged to come and pray. Please speak to Jennifer Darawi if you would like to attend.

**CHURCH JOYS AND CONCERNS. DEATH:** Ara Michealian, father of Lori Janigian, father in law of Toni Janigian, passed away on Friday, January 27. May the peace and grace of our Lord be upon the Michealian and Janigian families, and all their relatives and friends during this time of mourning.

#### **SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

In Matthew Chapter 25 Jesus teaches through three parables. A while back we covered verses 1-13 that teach readiness, this week we will study verses 14-30 that teach productivity, and next week we'll look at verses 31-46 that teach accountability.

The parable in 14-30 is called the parable of the talents, and it teaches that while we should always be ready for the return of our Lord, we need not be idle in the meantime. We are exhorted to be busy and productive.

Talents are abilities, skills, intelligence, or gifts that are bestowed on the believer by God. All people have talents; some have more than others. God expects us to be using them for His glory, and in this parable we see that God will judge our faithfulness in using these talents. Not everyone has the gift of teaching Sunday school, singing in the choir, visiting the sick and elderly, or playing music, but for sure everyone has some talent (s) that they can use in God's service.

What gift(s) do you have that you are not using? Look for ways to use your gift(s). You will be a blessing for the church and God will bless you.