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11:00 A.M.

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WE WELCOME ALL WHO ARE WORSHIPPING 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** - #151 "For The Beauty Of The Earth" (vs. 1,2,3)

#116 "In My Heart There Rings A Melody" (vs. 1 & 2)

***RESPONSIVE READING** - # 367 "*Christian Forgiveness*"

PASTOR: You are living a brand new kind of life that is continually learning more and more of what is right, and trying constantly to be more and more like Christ who created this new life within you.

PEOPLE: **In this new life one's nationality or race or education or social position is unimportant; such things mean nothing. Whether a person has Christ is what matters, and he is equally available to all.**

PASTOR: Since you have been chosen by God who has given you this new kind of life, and because of his deep love and concern for you, you should practice tenderhearted mercy and kindness to others. Don't worry about making a good impression on them but be ready to suffer quietly and patiently.

PEOPLE: **Be gentle and ready to forgive; never hold grudges. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.**

PASTOR: Most of all, let love guide your life, for then the whole church will stay together in perfect harmony.

PEOPLE: **Let the peace of heart, which comes from Christ, be always present in your hearts and lives, for this is your responsibility and privilege as members of his body. And always be thankful.**

PASTOR: Remember what Christ taught and let his words enrich your lives and make you wise; teach them to each other and sing them out in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing to the Lord with thankful hearts.

UNISON: And whatever you do or say, let it be as a representative of the Lord Jesus, and come with into presence of God the Father to give him your thanks.

***INVOCATION**

***GLORIA PATRI** - #295

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: *Matthew 25:31-46* (page 1542)

ARMENIAN SERMON: "*The Sheep and The Goats*"

***HYMNS** #110 "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder" (vs. 1 & 2)

#49 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (vs.1 & 2)

ENGLISH SCRIPTURE READING: *Colossians 3:1-17* (Pg. 1834-35)

ENGLISH SERMON: "*Higher Ground*"

***HAYR MER** - # 133

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** "*Park K0ez D0er, Asdvadz M0er*"

QUIET MEDITATION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

****Congregation is requested to stand**

***** Latecomers may be seated**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VARTANANTS: The Greater Detroit Armenian Churches are sponsoring a united Vartanants observance, on Thursday, February 23, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, 29125 Six Mile Road, in Livonia. The Host church is St. Vartan Armenian Catholic Church. English message will be by our own pastor Makarios Darawi. All are invited to attend.

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 plan to attend.

CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS Please continue to pray for the Janigian family as they go through this time of sorrow.

BIRTH. Proud Grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jacobs welcome their new granddaughter, **Camille Hourig Sanchez** born to Mr. and Mrs. Seta & Miguel Sanchez on January 27, 2006. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents and their families.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON

(Matthew 25:31-46)

In chapter 25 of Matthew's gospel, Jesus started by teaching a parable about being ready for his return, then in a second parable he taught about being busy and productive while waiting for his return, and the third parable of this chapter describes how when he returns he will hold everyone accountable for the way they lived their lives.

In this parable we learn that when Jesus returns, the people of all the nations will be gathered before him for judgment. Jesus the Good Shepherd will take on the role of the judge who separates the sheep from the goats.

The righteous ones will be given their inheritance, the kingdom of God that was prepared for them from the beginning "since the creation of the world." The unrighteous will be cast to hell which was "prepared for the devil and his angels."

"God's desire is that men should be blessed; hell was not originally intended for the human race. But if people willfully refuse life, they necessarily choose death" (BBC).

In this parable we also see that Jesus' judgment is based on the way these people treated his followers (brothers of mine). The Scriptures very clearly teach that our good works are a reflection of our faith. Our good works are not intended to gain God's approval or to impress Him, but they reflect a changed heart in us. We are reminded in this parable that Christ and his people are one, and by showing kindness to those who love him we show kindness to him.