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11:00 A.M.

March 5, 2006

*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

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

***OPENING HYMNS** - #51. "All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name" (1,2,3)
#8 "Holy, Holy, Holy" (vs. 1, 2,)

RESPONSIVE READING - #333 "The Law Of The Lord"

PASTOR: The Law of the Lord is perfect; it gives new life. The commands of the Lord are trustworthy, giving wisdom to those who lack it.

PEOPLE: **The rules of the Lord are right, and those who obey them are happy.**

PASTOR: His commandments are completely just and give understanding to the mind.

PEOPLE: **The worship of the Lord is good; it will continue forever.**

PASTOR: The judgments of the Lord are just, they are always fair. They are more desirable than gold, even the finest gold.

PEOPLE: **They are sweeter than honey, even the purest honey. They give knowledge to me, your servant; I am rewarded for obeying them.**

PASTOR: No one can see his own errors; deliver me from hidden faults! Keep me safe, also from open sins; don't let them rule over me. Then I shall be perfect and free from terrible sin.

Unison: **May my words and my thoughts be acceptable to you, O Lord, my refuge and my redeemer!**

***INVOCATION**

***GLORIA PATRI** - #295

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER**

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: *Matthew 22:1-14 (pg.1534)*

SERMON IN ARMENIAN: "*Marriage Of King's Son*"

***HYMNS #69** "How Firm A Foundation" (vs. 1 & 2)

"Be Thou My Vision" (Please see insert)

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: *Joshua 1:8 (pg. 332)*

Psalms 119:11 (pg. 957)

James 1:22-25(Pg.1881)

SERMON IN ENGLISH: "*The Word Of God*"

***HAYR MER** - # 133

***BENEDICTION**

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

****Congregation is requested to stand**

***** Latecomers may be seated**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this morning are given by Mr. and Mrs. Leo & Cathy Brito in memory of her grandmother, Eugenie Tookhanian.

PRAYER & CARE GROUP. Next meeting will be held on Thursday March 9th, from 9:30 -11:00 a.m. in the Christian Education room. Women of all ages are welcome to attend.

A.C.C. WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL LENTEN LUNCHEON will be held on Friday March 31, 2006 at 12:00 noon. Come enjoy a beautiful program and an inspiring message by Mrs. Jennifer Darawi. Make arrangements to bring your friends. Both men and women are welcome. Please add your names on the bulletin board. Donations are \$12.00.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS will be offered on Sunday March 12, 2006 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Christian Education room. This class is required for those who are either interested in becoming communicant members or transferring their membership from another church to A.C.C. Please speak to Pastor Mak if you are interested in attending the class.

A.C.C WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP. Next meeting is on Sunday March 12, following the fellowship hour. All women are welcome to attend.

CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS Please continue to pray for Bud Gasser, Mary Ann Gasser, Pat Rorai, Kenneth Saundry, Ann Frontera, the McCrue family in time of John's illness, and Debbie Smetana.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON

(Matthew 22:1-14)

Jesus, in this parable of the wedding banquet, has some warning words for his Jewish hearers. The kingdom of heaven is likened to a king who sends out an invitation for the wedding banquet of his son. The first invitation by his servants is refused outright. A second invitation, when everything is ready is sent out, but this time some of the invited guests are too busy with their farms and businesses and ignored it, and others mistreat the messengers. Upon finding out the king is so furious that he has the “murderers killed and their city burned.” Then the king issues a general invitation and the banquet hall is filled with people. Among the guests is a man who does not have the right attire. When he does not have any explanation as to how he got in, he is thrown out. Jesus concludes this parable with the words, “For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

“About the meaning of the parable, the king is God, and his son is the Lord Jesus. The wedding feast is an appropriate description of the festive joy which characterizes the kingdom of heaven. The first stage of the invitation pictures John the Baptist and the twelve disciples graciously inviting Israel to the wedding feast. But the nation refused to accept. The second stage of the invitation suggests the proclamation of the gospel to the Jews in the book of Acts. Some treated the message with contempt. Some treated the messengers with violence; most of the apostles were martyred. The King, justifiably angry with Israel, sent “his armies,” that is, Titus and his Roman legions, to destroy Jerusalem and most of its people in A.D. 70. They were “his armies” in the sense that He used them as His instrument to punish Israel” (*Believer’s Bible Commentary p.1286*)

Now the gospel message goes out to all people everywhere. The invitation is general, but no one will be accepted unless they are clothed with the righteousness of God through Jesus Christ. There are many today who think that they are ready for the kingdom of God, but they have never accepted His invitation to come and be saved by His Son Jesus Christ.

Have you accepted God’s invitation to His Son’s banquet?