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11:00 A.M.

March 12, 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 - #121 "Love Lifted Me"**

#47 "I Have Heard Of A Savior's Love" (vs. 1, 2,)

RESPONSIVE READING - #377 "A Litany For Lent"

PASTOR: Lord God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as we remember the temptation, suffering and death of Jesus Christ help us to take up the cross and follow him.

PEOPLE: **Lord God, save us from the hurt pride that leads to anger so that we nurse our grudge and resentments and refuse to love and forgive.**

PASTOR: By the power of the Holy Spirit help us to do as Jesus did.

PEOPLE: **Love our enemies, pray for our persecutors and forgive others the wrong they have done.**

PASTOR: Lord God, save us from the self-centeredness that makes us blind to the needs of others because we begrudge the time and money and effort we might have to spend in helping them.

PEOPLE: **By the power of the Holy Spirit, help us to live as Jesus lived always ready to listen, never too tired to help, always living not for ourselves but for you and for other men.**

PASTOR: Lord God, save us from the selfishness that turns us in on ourselves so that we put ourselves first and push other people out of our way.

PEOPLE: **By the power of the Holy Spirit, help us to do as Jesus did leave self behind and take up the cross. In his name we ask it.**

Unison: Now to you, our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we give all honor and praise for ever and ever. Amen.

***INVOCATION**

***GLORIA PATRI - #295**

ANTHEM

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER**

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: Luke 11: 5-13 (pg.1614)

SERMON IN ARMENIAN: "*The Friend At Midnight*"

***HYMNS #77 "I Am Thine, O Lord"**

#189 "The Old Rugged Cross"

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: Matthew 9: 14-17 (pg. 1509)

SERMON IN ENGLISH: "*Christian Disciplines - Fasting*"

***HAYR MER - # 133**

***BENEDICTION**

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

****Congregation is requested to stand**

***** Latecomers may be seated**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR this morning is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Rouben and Hasmig Arslanian in memory of his father Mr. Hagop Arslanian.

A.C.C WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP March meeting is today March 12, following the fellowship hour. All women 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 today 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.

MAUNDY THURSDAY. The A.C.C. Chancel Choir is preparing a special concert of sacred music to be held on April 13, 2006, at 8:15 p.m. in the A.C.C. Sanctuary. The concert will follow the Maundy Thursday complimentary dinner and communion service that will be held in the Fellowship Hall starting at 7:00 p.m.

AEUNA BIENNIAL CONVENTION The 18th Biennial Convention will take place in Paramus, NJ from *Thursday June 29th- Sunday July 2nd 2006* at Hilton Woodcliff Lake. For more information please speak to Pastor Mak.

CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS Please continue to pray for Debbie Smetana, and John McRae.

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EASTER FLOWERS: For Easter Lilies and Tulips in the Sanctuary.

Number of Easter Lilies you wish to purchase at \$16.00 each: _____

Number of Tulips you wish to purchase at \$13.00 each: _____

Name of Donor: _____

In Honor/Memory of: (please circle one)—Please print clearly:

Deadline for placing an order is Sunday, April 9th, 2006; please give your information with your name to Alice Kakousian or Frances Garabedian.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON

In illustrating his teaching on the subject of prayer, Jesus in **Luke 11:5-13**, gives his disciples some examples to show the Father's willingness to hear and answer prayer.

The main lessons from these illustrations are:

Vv. 5-8 teach that if a friend is willing to help his neighbor because of his boldness in asking, how much more is God willing to hear and help His children.

V.9 teaches that we should not get tired or discouraged in our prayer life. God answers our prayer according to His timing. Sometimes it is right away, and at other times it might take some time.

V.10 teaches that God not only hears our prayers, but He also answers them by giving us what He knows is best for us. Sometimes a "no" answer might be the best answer for us.

Vv.11, 12 teach that God will never deceive or mock His children by giving them something harmful instead of what they asked for. The conclusion (v.13) is that, if sinful human fathers give good things to their children how much more can we count on our heavenly Father to give us His Holy Spirit, who will help us in our prayers.