

**Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit**  
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**Mr. Matthew DeRaad, Organist-Choir Director**  
**Rev. Makarios Darawi**

11:00 A.M.

April 2, 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**  
**GREETINGS**  
**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*OPENING HYMNS**—#39 *“My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less”* (1,2,3)  
#3 *“Rock Of Ages, Cleft For Me”* (vs. 1, 2,)

**RESPONSIVE READING** - #379 *“Litany For Christ’s Passion And Death”* (see insert)

**\*INVOCATION**  
**\*GLORIA PATRI** - #295  
**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

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**ANTHEM**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY**  
**PRAYER**  
**CHORAL RESPONSE**  
**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING**  
**\*DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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**SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN:** Matthew 20: 1-16 (pp.1529, 30)  
**SERMON IN ARMENIAN:** *“Laborers In The Vineyard”*

**\*HYMNS** -#34 *“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”* (Vs. 1 & 2)  
#(Insert) *“And Can It Be That I Should Gain?”* (Vs. 1 & 2)

**SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH:** John 13: 1-17 (pp. 1673,74)  
**SERMON IN ENGLISH:** *“Christian Disciplines –Service”*

**\*HAYR MER** - # 133  
**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** *“Park K’Oez D’Oer, Asdvadz M’Oer”*  
**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

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**\*\*Congregation is requested to stand**  
**\*\*\* Latecomers may be seated**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PALM SUNDAY SERVICE** will be held on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Our Sunday School children will participate in the morning worship service. Also during the morning worship hour we will have new members joining our church family; the A.C.C. Youth will have a bake sale during the fellowship hour.

**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.

**EASTER SUNDAY** is April 16, 2006. The Easter Service is a family service. The Sunday school students will worship with their parents in the sanctuary.

**EASTER BREAKFAST** sponsored by our youth group (ACYF), will be held on Easter Sunday morning, April 16<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Please join us along with your friends and family. Tickets may be purchased at the door: \$6.00 for young and old alike.

**MEN’S FELLOWSHIP.** All ACC men are invited to a short meeting on Sunday April 16, at 9:30 a.m. We will meet during the AEYF Easter breakfast, and for the purpose of deciding on a suitable date for the Men’s Fellowship monthly get together.

**MOTHER’S DAY, SUNDAY MAY 14, 2006** we invited you to join us in the morning worship service, as we honor our mothers. Mothers Day Banquet will be held that afternoon at 5:00 p.m. Sponsors are needed for this event. Please talk to Co-chair persons Aram Kakousian, or Mark Kadian.

**CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS** Please continue to pray for Alice Kennedy, Keith Kennedy, and Mrs. Figot.

**STEWARDSHIP STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2005** were sent out in the mail. If the information that you received is incorrect, or you did not receive a statement, please call the A.C.C. office and we will gladly correct it or issue you a statement.

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

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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:

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

**SYNOPSIS FOR THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

In Matthew 20:1-16 we have a parable about a vineyard owner (symbolizing God), who hires workers at different hours of the day, and at the end of the day pays them all the same amount. In a postmodern world that is defined by democracy and equal rights, this parable makes one ask, "Where is fairness?" Stiller says, "This parable is not an implicit instruction by Jesus on management theory. Jesus gives no indication that he was promoting a certain economic or labor theory or practice. This is a story only about his kingdom." Things work differently in the kingdom of God than they do in this world. In verse 15, we see that God is sovereign. He can do as He pleases. One thing we can count on and be sure of is that God knows what He is doing and that He is a loving, caring, merciful and gracious God. He will reward according to His knowledge and not according to what we consider fair and equal. "God rewards us with generosity and not according to our accomplishments" (Stiller). In verse 16, Jesus concludes the parable by telling his listeners that things are not always what they look and seem on the surface. In the end there will be surprises. Those who we think deserve to be first might end up being last. Let's just remember that first the call to service comes from God. God calls all kinds of people and under all kinds of circumstances. And God will reward them according to His choice.