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EASTER SUNDAY

11:00 A.M.

April 16, 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.

ORGAN PRELUDE

GREETINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

***OPENING HYMNS**-#42 "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today" (vs. 1,2 & 5)
#41 "Low, In The Grave He Lay" (vs. 1 & 2)

RESPONSIVE READING - #380 "Litany For Easter"

PASTOR: Now is the Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

PEOPLE: **Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast. I know that my Redeemer is living. Our Savior, Jesus Christ, has abolished death, and has brought life and immortality to light.**

PASTOR: I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believes in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

PEOPLE: **For we know that if the earthly house of ours is dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.**

PASTOR: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or anguish, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

PEOPLE: **I am persuaded, that neither life, nor death, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord.**

UNISON: **You are the King of glory, O Christ; you are the everlasting Son of the Father. Christ is risen: he is risen indeed. Because he lives, we shall live also. Amen.**

***INVOCATION**

***GLORIA PATRI - #295**

ANTHEM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER**

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: John 20:19-31 (pp.1686-87)

SERMON IN ARMENIAN: "The Risen Messiah"

***HYMNS** -#194 "Alleluia! Hearts To Heaven" (vs. 1,2)
"Because He Lives" (Insert, vs. 1,2)

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: John 20: 1-9 (pp. 1685-86)

SERMON IN ENGLISH: "What does Easter Tell Us?"

***HAYR MER** - # 133

***BENEDICTION**

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

***Congregation is requested to stand*

**** Latecomers may be seated*

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BLESSED EASTER TO ALL!

"Kristos Haryav Ee Mérélots. Orhnyal Eh Harootyunen Kristosee!"

MANY THANKS TO OUR YOUTH GROUP (A.C.Y.F.) for the Easter Breakfast, and thank you to those who helped in the kitchen.

91st ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE.

- Sunday April 23, at 2:00 p.m. at St. John Armenian Apostolic Church.
- Monday April 24, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church.

MISSION SUNDAY will be held on Sunday, May 7th, 2006, the AMAA field director, Pastor Dikran Youmshakian brings us the Armenian and English message during our morning worship service. Later during our Mission Luncheon, he will be giving an up-to-date report on the work and ministry of the AMAA in Armenia and around the world.

SPRING SEMINAR for women will be held on Saturday, May 13, 9:00–12:00. Mrs. Cathy Tanana will be our guest speaker. Please register by May 7 (forms in foyer). Questions? Contact Mrs. Jennifer Darawi.

MOTHER'S DAY, SUNDAY MAY 14, 2006 Please join us in the morning worship service, as we honor our mothers. The Mother's 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 Mrs. Anahid Haroutunian, and the many needs of our church community.

BIRTH. Stephen Raymond Boujoulian was born on April 8, 2006 to proud great-grandmother Armina Boujoulian, grandparents Raymond and Jean Boujoulian, parents Mike and Lindsay Boujoulian. Congratulations to the Boujoulian, Krikorian families and all their relatives and friends.

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.

SYNOPSIS FOR THE ARMENIAN SERMON

(John 20:19-31)

On the evening of the third day after his crucifixion, Jesus appears to his disciples and says "Peace be with you." He himself had achieved peace with God through his shed blood on the cross, and now he shows them proof of that peace; his hands and side. He had resurrected from the dead as he said he would do. "The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord" (v.20). The resurrected Lord is the source of the Christian's rejoicing, and today we also rejoice and celebrate the resurrected Jesus because, through his finished work on the cross, we also have peace with God.

Today we are called Christians because we believe and are followers of Jesus Christ. He is God's Son who was obedient to His Father's will. He accomplished and finished the work of salvation through his death and resurrection on the cross of Calvary. Now he is seated at the right hand of God in heaven, and all that remains is his Second Coming in glory.

Thomas wanted evidence to believe. John gives us his eyewitness account (gospel) as evidence, and through the words of Jesus, invites us to "Stop doubting and believe." If we accept this invitation and trust in Him as our Lord and Savior, we are promised "Life in his name." The resurrected Jesus himself is our guarantee of eternal life.

Jesus Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed.