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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

11:00 A.M.

April 30, 2006

We welcome all who are worshiping 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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE

CHIMES AND LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN - #51 "All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name"

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

O God -- our hearts are gladdened in your house -- let all the beauty we have known -- show forth your glory -- let all the truth our minds have found -- speak out your praise -- let all the goodness our souls have received -- bless your holy name. Let this house of worshiping people-- truly acknowledge You, and confess that You are our Lord and Savior. Open our spiritual eyes so we may see you, to serve you in the best way we know -- Lord, shelter our eternal souls in your eternal love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

"Our Father, Who art in heaven..."

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A LITANY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE IN THE CHURCH

PASTOR: O God, we pray for ourselves who are your church in this place:

PEOPLE: **And for all who serve in the work of your church, both here and throughout the earth.**

PASTOR: We pray for men and women who share in the governance of your church.

PEOPLE: **May they be firmly committed to order and to freedom, to justice and to compassion.**

PASTOR: We pray for men and women who teach in the Church School.

PEOPLE: **May they love the treasures of your word and be skillful in sharing them.**

PASTOR: We pray for Christian men and women who take the church with them wherever they go bearing clear and tactful witness to the faith:

PEOPLE: **May your divine word speak through their words, compelling others to listen and to respond.**

PASTOR: Lord of the Church, help us truly be what we are -- your people, your body:

PEOPLE: **For the reconciliation of the word through your son who died for us so that we might live for him.**

UNISON: **In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

ANTHEM

NOTICES AND CONCERNS

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH SOLO – *Gayaneh Kachadourian*

DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE: *Mathew 21:28 –32 (p. 1533)*

ARMENIAN SERMON: *What Does the Lord Require of Us? – Rev. Dr.*

Vahan H. Tootikian

*HYMN #76 – "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine"

ENGLISH SCRIPTURE: *Luke 19:1-10 (pp. 1630-31)*

ENGLISH MESSAGE: *Where Christ Feels Welcome – Rev. Dr. Vahan H.*

Tootikian

*HAYR MER - # 133

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Park Kéz Dér, Asdvadz MÉR"

QUIET MEDITATION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

** Congregation is requested to stand.*

**** Latecomers may be seated.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT THIS MORNING The Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian, Minister Emeritus ACC. We also welcome to our chancel our own soloist, Gayaneh Kachadourian.

THE APRIL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DEACONS will be held today in the Christian Education room following the Morning Worship Service.

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

Synopsis of the Armenian Sermon

What Does the Lord Require of Us?

The story of today's Gospel reading is this: A father told both of his sons to go work in the family vineyard. The first said: "I am on my way, Sir," but never went. The other flatly refused, but later changed his mind and went.

The story teaches us 3 important lessons:

1. ***Good intentions are not a substitute for good deeds.***

The first son had every intention of keeping his word. He just never got around it. Most of us can sympathize with this man, because we have done the same thing. Only going to the "vineyard" and doing the work will transform good intentions into useful living.

2. ***The goal of usefulness is achieved by genuine change.***

Jesus told this story to the chief priests and the elders. It would have required a radical change for them to become truly useful people. And they were unwilling to change.

3. ***What the Lord requires of us is obedience.***

If you and I are going to be all that God has called us to be, we need to begin now. Jesus says: "Go to the vineyard" Don't procrastinate and don't try to find excuses.

"A father had two sons...." Which son are you?

MOTHER'S DAY, SUNDAY MAY 14, 2006 this is your invitation to join us in the Morning Worship Service to pay tribute to our mothers. That afternoon at 5:00 p.m. is our annual Mother's Day Banquet. The Co-Chairpersons are Mark Kadian and Aram Kakousian. Tickets are now available for sale. Donation: Adult \$20.00, (Ages 6-12 years) \$10.00. Ages under 6 years are free. We need sponsors, patrons and donors.

Please reserve for: Name: _____

Total Number Attending: _____

\$20.00 per Adult x _____ = _____

\$10.00 (Ages 6-12) x _____ = _____

Free (Under 6 years old)