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11:00 A.M.

May 28, 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.

ORGAN PRELUDE

GREETINGS & CALL TO WORSHIP

***OPENING HYMNS** - #3 "O Worship The King" (Vs. 1 & 2)

#159 "Praise Him! Praise Him!" (Vs. 1 & 2)

RESPONSIVE READING - #361 "Jesus The Bread Of Life"

PASTOR: I tell you the truth: you are looking for me because you ate the bread and had all you wanted, not because you saw my work of power.

Do not work for food that spoils; instead, work for the food that lasts for eternal life. This food the Son of Man will give you, because God, the Father, has put his mark of approval on him.

PEOPLE: **What can we do in order to do God's Works?**

PASTOR: This is the work God wants you to do: believe in the one he sent.

PEOPLE: **What sign of power will you perform so that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?**

Our ancestors ate manna in the desert. He gave

them

bread from heaven to eat.

PASTOR: I tell you the truth. What Moses gave you was not the bread from heaven; it is my Father who gives you the real bread from heaven.

For the bread that God gives is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

PEOPLE: **Give us this bread always.**

PASTOR: I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never be thirsty.

***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: *Luke 13:22-30 (p.1621)*

SERMON IN ARMENIAN: "The Shut Door"

***HYMNS** - #13 "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" (vs. 1,2)

#70 "Anywhere With Jesus I Can Safely Go" (vs. 1,2)

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: *John 14:5-9 (p.1675)*

SERMON IN ENGLISH: "Is Jesus The Only Way?"

***HAYR MER** - # 133

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** "Park K²ez D²er, Asdvadz M²er"

ORGAN POSTLUDE

***Congregation is requested to stand*

**** Latecomers may be seated*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRADUATION NOTICE! ACC would like to honor our graduates by publishing their names and degrees in the monthly bulletin and at church on Sunday, June 11. Please submit names of your loved ones graduating this year from Elementary School, Junior High, High School, College, Graduate or post Graduate School, deadline for submission is today.

THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP first gathering will be held on June 4th, 2006. All men are invited to a continental breakfast at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING will be held on Saturday June 3, 2006, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All board members of Deacons and Trustees are required to attend.

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

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES. Volunteers are needed for Church Clean-Up Day (June 10) and Classroom Redecorating. Please add your name to the green sheets posted for painting days on the bulletin board.

AEUNA BIENNIAL CONVENTION. The 18th AEUNA General Assembly 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.

THE KADIAN EDUCATION FUND will be awarding its scholarships for the academic year 2006/2007 to our church community members. If you would like to apply for this scholarship and would like more information please call the church office.

CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS Please pray for God's guidance and wisdom to all church leaders who will be meeting on June 3rd. Pray also for Sunday school volunteers for the coming year.

Synopsis of the Armenian Sermon

In Luke 13: 22-30 while Jesus is traveling towards Jerusalem and his ultimate suffering and crucifixion, someone in the crowd asks him this question, "Are only few people going to be saved?" Jesus' answer is that the door to heaven is open now but some day will be closed. Throughout history God has given humans opportunities to be saved, but often they have rejected it. The door is narrow according to Jesus because there is only One Way to be saved and that is through Jesus Christ who is the Only Way to the Father. For many people back then and more so today, to accept Jesus' biblical claim that He is the only way is very narrow and unacceptable. But the Jesus in Matthew 7:13, 14 says, "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only few find it." Jesus continues and says that once the door is shut there will be no more any opportunity to get in. The people in the parable "protested that they had lived on intimate terms with him. But Jesus was not moved by these pretensions." The problem with many people is that they want to come to God through their own way. There way is the way of formality, without faith, ritual without reality, and religion without righteousness. They do not want to repent, ask for forgiveness of their sins, and embrace Jesus by faith that is God's way. But want to trust in their own good works and religiosity. This Jesus says will lead to destruction.

Friends, the door to heaven is open for now and for everyone. But don't wait for tomorrow and don't depend on a religious experience – accept Christ as your personal Savior today.