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11:00 A.M.

June 4, 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** #6 "We Praise Thee, O God" (Vs. 1 & 2)

#94 "Rejoice, The Lord Is King" (Vs. 1 & 2)

RESPONSIVE READING -#362 "The Christian's Armor"

PASTOR: I want to remind you that your strength must come from the Lord's mighty power within you.

PEOPLE: **Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand safe against all strategies and tricks of Satan.**

PASTOR: For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against persons without bodies-the evil rulers of the unseen world, those mighty satanic beings and great evil princes of darkness who rule this world; and against huge numbers of wicked spirits in the spirit world.

PEOPLE: **So use every piece of God's armor to resist the enemy whenever he attacks, and when it is all over, you will still be standing up.**

PASTOR: But to do this, you will need the strong belt of truth and the breastplate of God's approval.

PEOPLE: **Wear shoes that are able to speed you on as you preach the Good News of peace with God.**

PASTOR: In every battle you will need faith as your shield to stop the fiery arrows aimed at you by Satan.

PEOPLE: **And you will need the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit - which is the Word of God.**

PASTOR: Pray all the time. Ask God for anything in line with the Holy Spirit's wishes. Plead with him, reminding him of your needs, and keep praying earnestly for all Christians everywhere.

PEOPLE: **Quit the evil deeds of darkness and put on the armor of right living, as we who live in the daylight should!**

PASTOR: Be decent and true in everything you do so that all can approve your behavior. Don't spend your time in wild parties and getting drunk or in adultery and lust, or fighting, or jealousy.

PEOPLE: **But ask the Lord Jesus Christ to help you live as you should, and don't make plans to enjoy evil.**

***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: *Matthew 21: 28-32 (p.1533)*

SERMON IN ARMENIAN: "Two Sons"

***HYMNS** - #148 "Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing" (vs. 1,2)

#233 "Faith Is The Victory" (vs. 1,2)

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: *Matthew 11: 1-11 (pp. 1512-13)*

SERMON IN ENGLISH: "I Doubt It"

***HAYR MER** - # 133

***BENEDICTION**

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

****Congregation is requested to stand**

***** Latecomers may be seated**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE GROUP. Next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 8th, from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. in the Christian Education room. Women of all ages are welcome to attend.

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 11th we will celebrate children's day during the Morning Worship Service. The Sunday school children will participate in our worship service, and we will also recognize all our church graduates.

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.

FATHERS DAY LUNCHEON. There will be a luncheon celebrating Father's Day on June 18th, following the worship service. Donations are \$12.00 for adults, \$8.00 for children 6-12 years old, and no charge for children under 6 years of age.

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 our sister church of Dilijan in Armenia. Pray also for Sunday school volunteers for the upcoming year.

Synopsis of the Armenian Sermon

In the parable of Matthew 21:28-32, a father of two sons orders them to go work in his vineyard. The first refused, but later changed his mind and obeyed his father. The second agreed, but later changed his mind and did not go work in the vineyard. When the religious leaders were asked which son did the will of his father, the answer was the first.

God the Father sent John the Baptist to pave the way for Jesus and his ministry of salvation. Tax collectors and harlots, who were considered sinners and looked down on by society, are like the first son. At first they might not have been attracted to John's preaching, but later many of them did repent and believe. The religious leaders on the other hand, often professed to approve of John's preaching, but never really trusted Jesus.

Many today also approve of the Christian faith in general, yet they never fully trust Jesus. Many do not accept Christ because it is too hard for them to admit that they are sinners and need to repent. Others have doubts about the truthfulness of the Bible and that Jesus is really the **Only Way** to the Father. What about you? Are you like the first son or the second?