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11:00 A.M.

July 2, 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.

ORGAN PRELUDE

GREETINGS & CALL TO WORSHIP

***OPENING HYMNS** – #277 “*Count Your Blessings*” (vv. 1&2)

#258 “*Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory*” (vv. 1&2)

RESPONSIVE READING -#387 “*A Litany For Independence Day*”

PASTOR: O Lord, who has made us one nation out of many peoples, amid our diversities of race and tradition unite us in a common love of freedom and in loyalty for our national life.

PEOPLE: **Continue in us that faith which guided our fathers across the seas and upheld them in the wilderness.**

PASTOR: Maintain in our generation the liberty which their devotion won, and the struggle for justice, equity and good will which they sought.

PEOPLE: **Help us to establish our land in every righteous way.**

PASTOR: Revive in the people of this land a spirit of devotion to the common goal, so that we may open new doors of hope to the neglected and oppressed. Cleanse our hearts from the greed which preys upon others; deliver our politics from corruption.

PEOPLE: **Lead us, O Lord, to righteousness.**

PASTOR: Give the spirit of wisdom to those entrusted with authority, that there may be peace within our borders, and that we may stand in our place among the nations of the earth, an example of justice and good will.

PEOPLE: **Let your peace, O Lord, rule in all our hearts.**

PASTOR: To every council where nations bring their hopes and fears, grant wisdom and mutual understanding, that distrust and hatred may be diminished.

PEOPLE: **Let your peace, O Lord, prevail throughout the earth.**

UNISON: As you have made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on the face of the earth, amid all diversities of race and faith enable us to feel your all-embracing love, which calls all the sons of men your children. Amen.

***INVOCATION**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER**

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: *Romans 1:8-17 (p.1747)*

SERMON IN ARMENIAN: “*Imperative for Evangelism*”

***HYMNS** -# 263 “*Once To Every Man And Nation*” (vv. 1&2)

#225 “*O Beautiful For Spacious Skies*” (vv. 1&2)

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: *Romans 1:8-17 (p. 1747)*

SERMON IN ENGLISH: “*Imperative For Evangelism*”

***HAYR MER** - # 133

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** “*Park K²ez D²er, Asdvadz M²er*”

ORGAN POSTLUDE

**Congregation is requested to stand*

**** Latecomers may be seated*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH this morning our guest pianist, Mrs. Norine Duck.

FREE BOOKS. The pastor has put some extra copies of books and hymnals on the table in the fellowship hall entrance. Please help yourselves to however many you like.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY. Volunteers are needed for *Classroom Redecorating* beginning this week. Families please plan on donating a few hours of your time to help complete this project. Call the office before dropping by.

CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS Please continue to pray for Hovsep Koundakjian and his family, Thelma Jernukian's sister Notre, and Nora Baylerian.

THE ACC OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday, July 4th. Happy Independence Day.

160th Anniversary of Armenian Evangelical Movement
(1846 – 2006)

“Today we celebrate the 160th anniversary of the founding of the Armenian Evangelical Church. It was established on July 1, 1846, in the Pera district of Istanbul, Turkey. The founding members were composed of 37 men and 3 women. However, it was on November 27, 1850 that it was recognized by the Ottoman Sultan Abdul Mejid as an independent church and community. The movement had started with the intention of spreading the gospel of salvation among our people through evangelism and Christian education. The Armenian Church and community leaders were not ready at the time to accommodate the fresh ideas and activities innovated by the Society For Piety. This consisted of a group of the former students of the Armenian Seminary who became the precursors of the Armenian Evangelical Church. Eventually, an action taken by the Patriarch of the day, resulted in the separation of the spiritual reformists from the Mother Church. It must be stated that the Evangelical Movement has proved to be the religious manifestation of the 19th century Armenian general renaissance movement in the Ottoman Empire. Our 160-year history will show that as an Armenian Evangelical Church and community we have proved to be a great asset in the life of the Armenian nation. Evangelism was, and should continue to be, the *raison d’etre* of the Evangelical movement and church. Let us faithfully carry on our mission of evangelism with the power of the Holy Spirit.” (Rev. Barkev N. Darakjian).