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**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

11:00 A.M.

December 10, 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 two and under.*

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

**GREETINGS & CALL TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING HYMNS** -#167 "Angels We Have Heard On High" (Vv. 1 & 2)  
#32 "O Little Town Of Bethlehem" (Vv. 1 & 2)

**RESPONSIVE READING** - see insert

**\*INVOCATION**

**LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE**- "The candle of Love"

-Avakian Family

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**ANTHEM**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY**

**PRAYER**

**OFFERING AND**

**\*DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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**SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN:** John 1:6-13 (p. 1646)

**MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: "Children Born of God"**

**\*HYMNS-** "Savior Of The Nations, Come" (Vv. 1 & 2) (insert)  
# 166 "Watchman, Tell Us Of The Night" (Vv.1 & 2)

**SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH:** Matthew 1:18-23 (p. 1497)

**MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: "The Promise" (Message III)**

**\*HAYR MER** - #133

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** "Park K'oez D'oez, Asdvadz M'oez"

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** this morning are given by the Banerian and Kadian families in loving memory of Dr. George Kadian who passed away December 28, 1993.

**THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR** today is sponsored by Alice Kadian to honor the December birthday of her son Mark, granddaughter Gabriel Kadian, and grandsons Christopher and Bradley Banerian.

**THE A.C.C. MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** meetings will be held today from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. All men and women are welcome to join us.

**ACYF CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be held this Friday, December 15, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at Ms. Marjorie Nanian's home. Youth ages 12 to 18 are welcome. There will be an invitation and directions in the mail soon.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS.** Please join the Sunday School on December 17<sup>th</sup> for this year's Christmas Program. The program begins after the church service, with a luncheon to follow. Let us share with you the meaning of God's gift to the world, the birth of Jesus Christ. Please invite your friends and family. It's a message you will want to share with others.

**THE FAMILY CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** will be held on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. After the service, refreshments and desserts will be served by the Women's Fellowship.

**HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PLEDGE FOR 2007?** Those who did not pledge on Stewardship Sunday can still do so. Pledge cards are available if needed from the church office.

**STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES.** The 2007 stewardship envelopes for adults and children are ready. Please pick them up at the entrance of the fellowship hall.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY 2007** if anyone would like to add their mobile number or their e-mail address to the directory please call the church office.

**CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS.** Please continue to pray for the health of Ray and Herb Jernukian, and Armen Kasabach. Pray for the comfort of Siroon Karapetoff, Bill, Bobby and Billy Lindeman, the Haroutunian and the Mousigian families, and also the Sekulich and Hagopian families on the passing away of Larry's mother Mary Sekulich.

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*\*Congregation is requested to stand*

*\*\*\* Latecomers may be seated*

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## Synopsis of the Armenian Message

(John 1:6-13)

Two weeks ago we discussed John the Baptist's confession that he is not the Christ, but the one who comes to prepare the way for Him. Today we are told that John the Baptist came as a witness to the coming light. The light is Jesus that brings illumination into the lives of people. When a person's life is in darkness, they cannot really see their sin. But when the light of Jesus shines on them, they are revealed as they actually are.

V.12, clearly tells us that only those who receive Jesus and believe in His name are given the right to become children of God. V.13, explains the three ways by which the new birth does not take place, and the one way it does. **Of natural descent;** this means that a person does not become a Christian through having Christian parents. **Of human decision;** this means that the person does not have the power in themselves to produce the new birth. **A husband's will, or the will of man;** this means that no other human can save a person. How, then, does this birth take place? The answer is "**but born of God.**" This means that the power to produce the new birth does not rest with anything or anyone but God.

As we prepare for the birth of the Savior, let us come to the light that can illuminate our lives, let us receive Him and believe on Him, and He will give us the right to be children of God, born of God.

**POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS:** If you would like to donate one or more Christmas poinsettias for the church altar, please contact the church office. The traditional red Poinsettias are \$15.00 each: Please submit the form below when you place your order: Deadline is December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

I wish to order Red Poinsettia for the Church Altar (\_\_\_)

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

My name is \_\_\_\_\_