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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11:00 A.M.

December 17, 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- #33 "There Is No Name So Sweet On Earth" (Vv. 1&4)
#171 "The First Noel, The Angel Did Say" (Vv. 1&2)

RESPONSIVE READING – see insert

***INVOCATION**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - "The candle of Peace"

Koehler Family

**ANTHEM
ANNOUNCEMENTS
JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY
PRAYER
OFFERING
*DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER**

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: John 1:14-18 (Page 1646)
MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: "Grace And Truth Came Through Jesus Christ"

***HYMNS-** #172 "Away In a Manger"
175 "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" (Vv. 1 & 2)

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: Luke 2 (selected Readings)
MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: "The Promise Fulfilled" (Message IV)

***HAYR MER** – #133
***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** "Park K'oz D'Oer, Asdvadz M'Oer"
ORGAN POSTLUDE

**Congregation is requested to stand
*** Latecomers may be seated*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this morning are given by Mr. & Mrs. Michael and Susan Mousigian in honor of Samuel's 11th birthday.

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR LUNCHEON is sponsored by the ACC Women's Fellowship and the parents of the Sunday School children. The luncheon will immediately follow the children's Christmas program. We would like to thank everyone who contributed towards this program, and a special thank you to Leslie Banerian and Ann Bayleran for their time and effort in preparing the program.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS. Please join the Sunday School today 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. It's a message you will want to share with others.

CHRISTMAS SEASON CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

- The **Christmas Sunday** service will be held on Sunday, December 24 at 11:00 a.m. ACC Minister Emeritus, the Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian, will be giving the English message and also performing a dedication and a baptism during the service.
- The **Christmas Eve Family Candlelight** service will be held Sunday, December 24, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. After the service, refreshments and desserts will be served by the Women's Fellowship.
- The **New Year** Sunday service will be held on December 31, 2006 at 11:00 a.m.
- **Communion Sunday** of the New Year will be held on January 7, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. The December meeting will be held on Thursday December 21, at 7:00 p.m.

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.
- Pray for the comfort of Bill, Bobby and Billy Lindeman, and also the Sekulich and Hagopian families.
- Pray for the situation in Lebanon, and Iraq.

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

(John 1:14-18)

John who had so far focused on the eternal origins of the coming Messiah (the Word), in verse 14 gives us his version of the incarnation (Jesus' birth). Jesus who had always existed as the Son of God with the Father in heaven, now has chosen to come into the world in a human body. He did not come for a short visit, or make a brief appearance, but we are told that he "made his dwelling among us." He came to live as a Man among humans. "We have seen his glory," means that the radiance of His perfect life and character was evident to everyone. He was perfect in all His ways. Every virtue was manifested in His life. There was also the visible shining of His glory when He was transfigured on the Mount of Transfiguration. This was seen by Peter, James, and John who were with Him. In verse 18, we are told that no one has seen God, but His Son who was with Him. He was one with God, and equal with God. He has fully revealed to humans what God is like. Jesus showed people God's love and care. He taught them God's ways and declared to them God's will. God, by revealing Himself through His Son Jesus, has come close to us. He invites us all to come close to Him. He wants to change us and transform us into the likeness of His Son Jesus. Why don't you allow Him to do that this Christmas?

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 18th, 2006.

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

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

My name is _____