

In the beginning

WAS THE WORD, AND THE WORD
WAS WITH GOD, AND THE WORD WAS GOD.

... IN HIM WAS LIFE; AND THE LIFE WAS
THE LIGHT OF MEN. JOHN 1:1, 4



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NEW YEAR'S SUNDAY

11:00 A.M.

December 31, 2006

*We welcome all who are worshipping 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- # 5 "Come, Thou Almighty King" (Vv. 1 & 2)

22 "Our God, Our Help In Ages Past" (Vv. 1 & 2)

RESPONSIVE READING - # 375 "A Litany For The New Year"

PASTOR: O God, in the quietness of thy sanctuary we wait the closing moment of another year.

PEOPLE: *We lift up our hearts unto thee, O Lord.*

PASTOR: From the failures of the past, from broken hopes and disappointed ambitions, from our sins against ourselves and against others,

PEOPLE: *We lift up our hearts unto thee, O Lord.*

PASTOR: We confess the unworthy living that has stained the record of the year that now is dying. For pardon, for grace to make restitution, for a clean heart and a right spirit with which to enter the new year,

PEOPLE: *We lift up our hearts unto thee, O Lord.*

PASTOR: From loss of faith and hope and courage, from anxiety that harasses us, fear that frightens us, cowardice that defeats us, and from the loss of thy companionship, without which no life is good, no soul is strong,

PEOPLE: *Good Lord, deliver us.*

PASTOR: Bring us to the new year's beginning with such vision of our duty, such resolution to perform it, and such resources for its consummation that whether in this year ahead we live or fall asleep, we shall be unashamed before thee.

PEOPLE: *Lord, have mercy upon us and grant us these blessings. Amen.*

***INVOCATION**

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ANTHEM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYER

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: *John 1:29-34*

MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: *"The Lamb of God"*

***HYMNS-** # 101 *"Father, Here We Dedicate This Year"* (Vv. 1&2)

74 *"Take My Life And Let It Be"* (Vv. 1&2)

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: *Matthew 1:18-25*

MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: *"The Result Of The Promises In Our World"*

***HAYR MER - #133**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** *"Park K'ez D'er, Asdvadz M'er"*

ORGAN POSTLUDE

****Congregation is requested to stand***

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR this morning is sponsored by Hasmig Imirzian & family, Alice Haidostian, Balig Stein and family, in memory of Siroun Berberian's 35 year anniversary.

THE NEW YEAR'S FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY will be held on January 7, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.

INSTALLATION OF THE CHURCH OFFICERS. There will be an Installation Service for the newly elected members of the board of Trustees and Deacons on January 7th, 2006 during our Sunday morning worship service. We kindly request that the continuing and the newly elected members of both boards be present.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on January 21, 2007, immediately following the morning worship service. All boards and organizations are requested to submit their reports.

CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS.

- **Pray.** Please pray for the health of Maddy Brown, and Anna Nanian.
Pray also for God's comfort on the Pope family as they mourn the death of Henry's Dad and the Basmadjian family as they mourn the death of Shannon's brother.

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

(John 1:29-35)

Jesus' mission on earth was clearly set from the beginning. He came to "take away the sin of the world." When John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him, he calls him "the Lamb of God." In the Old Testament the lamb was a sacrificial animal. God's people were instructed by Him to slay a lamb as a substitute for the forgiveness of their sins and to sprinkle its blood as a sacrifice. However, the lambs sacrificed in the Old Testament period were only a temporary solution until the time that God would provide **The Lamb** who would take away the sin of the world. Now that the time has come, John the Baptist triumphantly announces the arrival. John was baptizing people with water by the Jordan River in preparation for the One who was greater than him and who was to baptize people by the Holy Spirit. Jesus' mission "to take away the sin of the world" was accomplished by His death as a substitute for our sins. His death was sufficient for the whole world, but only those who receive Him as Lord and Savior are forgiven and baptized by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is given as a sign to show we belong to God.

Jesus can take away your sins and baptize you with the Holy Spirit. Why don't you draw near to Him this New Year, as He drew near to us? As we start another New Year, may we all show a deeper commitment and a stronger love towards the Lamb of God.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

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