Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit 26210 W. 12 Mile Road ~ Southfield, MI 48034 Telephone: (248) 352-0680; Fax (248) 352-5568 Mr. Matthew DeRaad, Organist-Choir Director Rev. Makarios Darawi

11:00 A.M.

September 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 four and under.

ORGAN PRELUDE GREETINGS & CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMNS – #3 "O Worship The King" (vv. 1-3) #54 "There Shall Be Showers Of Blessing" (vv. 1-2)

RESPONSIVE READING- #320 "In The Days Of Your Youth"

PASTOR: My son, never forget the things I've taught you. If you want

a long and satisfying life, closely follow my instructions.

PEOPLE: Never forget to be truthful and kind. Hold these

virtues tightly. Write them deep within your heart.

PASTOR: If you want favor with both God and man, and reputation

for good judgment and common sense, then trust the Lord

completely; don't ever trust yourself.

PEOPLE: In everything you do, put God first, and he will

direct you and crown your efforts with success.

UNISON: Don't be conceited, sure of your own wisdom.

Instead, trust and reverence the Lord, and turn your

back on evil; when you do that, then you will be

given renewed health and vitality.

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*DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER *SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF INSTALLATION

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SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: Luke 12:35-40 (p. 1618) SERMON IN ARMENIAN: "The Unfaithful Steward"

*HYMN - # 258 "Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory" (vv1, 2)

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: Ephesians 3:20-21 (p. 1820) SERMON IN ENGLISH: "Battle Hymn Of The Republic"

*HYMN - #258 "Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory" (vv 3, 4)

*HAYR MER - #133

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Park K²ez D²er, Asdvadz M²er" ORGAN POSTLUDE

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

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR THIS MORNING are given by Mr. & Mrs. Leo and Cathy Brito in honor of their 3rd wedding anniversary.

AMAA APPEALS FOR HELP. The AMAA is asking all the Armenian Evangelical Churches to pray and consider making financial donations to support our brothers and sisters in Lebanon. If you would like to support the AMAA efforts, please pick-up a form from the lobby.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY. A children's library has been created in the Early Elementary classroom to offer a fun place for children to spend their time following the morning worship service, as well as to make excellent Christian resources available to families. Library hours are 12:10-1:00 p.m. every Sunday. Please speak to Jennifer Darawi if you are interested in volunteering as a librarian.

ARMENIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION a performance of music and dance in Sardarabad, Armenia, will be on TV-56 PBS this afternoon, Sunday September 17,2006 at 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Presented by: Robert Kachadourian.

CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS.

- Please continue to pray for the Koehler family, and for Moses Avakian and his family as he recovers from back surgery.
- Pray for the Evangelical Church of Armenia.
- Pray for all the people traveling to Armenia for the 160th anniversary of the Armenian Evangelical Church.

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

(Luke 12:35-40)

God has made us stewards or caretakers of talents and possessions. He has given us. He requires faithfulness. In this parable, the master has gone away. The servants are to await his return. They are to be constantly ready and expecting his coming again. MacDonald explains, "Their **waist** was to be **girded**, and their **lamps burning**. In eastern lands, a belt was drawn around garments when a person was about to walk quickly or run. The girded waist speaks of a mission to be accomplished and the burning lamp suggests a testimony to be maintained."

As Christians, we await our Lord's return. Prophecies of both Old and New Testaments are being fulfilled. Christ will return soon.

Are you a faithful servant? We are told to "occupy till He comes" (Luke 19:13). Though watching for His coming, we are to be busy living the Christian life, using our God-given talents and possessions for His glory, and seeking to win unbelievers to Christ. His coming will be unexpected; it will come as unexpectedly as the lightning (Matthew 24:27).