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 Pastor Makarios Darawi

11:00 A.M.

January 21, 2007

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 CALL TO WORSHIP

READING- # 350 "Sing With Joy"

UNISON: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord is God! It is he that made us, and

we are his.

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him, bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures for ever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

*OPENING HYMNS- #150 "Crown Him With Many Crowns" (Vv.1 & 2) "To God Be The Glory" (insert) (Vv. 1 & 2)

*INVOCATION

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

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: Revelation 2:1-7(P 1914)

MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: "The Letter to the Church in Ephesus"

*HYMNS #285 "We Would Be Building" (Vv. 1 & 2) #96 "I Love To Tell The Story" (Vv. 1 & 2) SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: Acts 2:14-41 (Pp. 1692-1694)
MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: "The Birth Of The Church (Message III)

*HAYR MER - #133

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Park K0ez D0er, Asdvadz M0er"

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR this morning is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Moses and Maggie Avakian in memory of Maggie's mother Owssanna Takessian.

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

THE BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING will be held on Sunday, January 28, following the fellowship hour in the Christian Education room.

PLEASE RESERVE THE FOLLOWING DATE: Friday, February 9, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. for our Family Night. All ages are welcome. Donations are \$10.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children 6-12 years old; no charge for children under 6 years. Come enjoy delicious Armenian food, fun and games. Please write your names on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

AEUNA CHURCH MISSION SURVEY. The AEUNA is asking its member churches to participate in a very important survey for the evaluation of their understanding of church missions and outreach. For a copy of the survey, please speak to Pastor Mak.

CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS.

- Please pray that God will use the upcoming Revival Meetings to revive us as a church and to draw others closer to Him.
- Pray for God's guidance and wisdom on your pastor and the church leadership.

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

(Revelation 2:1-7)

The first of these seven letters is addressed to the church at Ephesus in Asia Minor. In the case of all seven churches, we have a speaker (Christ) who here is identified as "He who holds the seven stars and walks among the seven lampstands." In 1:20 we are told that the seven stars represent the seven angels of the seven churches and the lampstands are the seven churches. The speaker commends this church for enduring trials and adversity with patience, for working so hard, and for testing false apostles. But he has something against this church, "It has forsaken its first love" (v.4). The fire of its affection for Christ has died down. They were still sound in doctrine and very active in service, but they have lost the purpose that motivates true worship and service. The speaker continues by prescribing a solution for their problem, "Repent and do the things you did at first" (v.5). They are told to go back to their first love which characterized their early Christian life. If they don't, Christ will remove the lampstand at Ephesus', that is, that they would cease to exist as a true church. Then they are exhorted to listen to the Spirit, and they are promised a reward to the overcomer. The overcomer in the New Testament is the person who believes that Jesus Christ is the Son of God (1 John 5:5). The promise for those who overcome is, "The right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God" (v.7). This is the promise of eternal life.

As we study the case of this church, we are led to ask ourselves, as a church, how are we doing as far as our love of Christ is concerned? Is our church known for its love of Christ or for its lack of it? As a church we want to be doctrinally sound, active in service to Him, but also motivated by our love for Him.

Armenian Congregational Church 90th Anniversary Celebration

REVIVAL MEETINGS

Bring family and friends to hear the good news of hope and salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ

Friday, March 23, 2007 (Armenian) Saturday, March 24, 2007 (English) 7:00 p.m.

> Guest Speaker Rev. Daniel Albarian