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11:00 A.M.

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*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

**O Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our
salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of
praise!
For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.**

*OPENING HYMNS- #54 "There Shall Be Showers Of Blessing" (Vv.1, 2)
#21 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (Vv.1, 2)

*INVOCATION

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

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: Revelation 2:8-11 (P. 1914)
MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: "The Letter To The Church In Smyrna"

*HYMNS #20 "Sing Them Over Again To Me" (Vv.1, 2)
#37 "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross" (Vv.1, 2)

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: Acts 2:42-47 (P. 1694)

MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: "The Birth Of The Church (Message IV)

*HAYR MER - #133

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Park K'oz D'zer, Asdvadz M'zer"

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING will be held today, following the fellowship hour in the Christian Education room.

FAMILY NIGHT. 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ICE-SKATING. All Sunday School Children, volunteers, and parents are invited for an afternoon of fun, food, and ice-skating at Tony and Lori Janigian's house, on February 11, 2007, following the fellowship hour. Bring your skates and enjoy the fun!

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 also for God's comfort on the Dink family as they mourn the death of Hrant Dink.
- Pray for the Armenian community in Turkey.

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

(Revelation 2:8-11)

The second letter is addressed to the church at Smyrna(modern Izmir). The speaker (Christ) is identified here (the First and the Last, who died and came to life again). This speaks of His eternality and His victory over death. Christ is the beginning and the end (1:8), from everlasting to everlasting. He triumphed over death by His resurrection. Christ commends this church for their endurance of tribulation, persecution and suffering. Their persecution came in the form of poverty, slander, prison, and death. Because of their suffering for Christ, He does not have anything against them. This is the only one of the seven churches that Christ does not pronounce a verdict against. The appeal to this church was to, "Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life." The New Testament makes it very clear that suffering is inevitable for true Christians and for the church. We are asked to trust Christ, who also suffered, and remain steadfast in our faith. The promised reward for those who overcome is that they "will not be hurt at all by the second death." John Stott says, "If we endure, ... and by our endurance prove the genuineness of our Christian profession, we shall escape the hell which is *the second death* (v.11) and enter the heaven which is *the crown of life* (v.10)."

The message for us from this letter is that true Christians will suffer for the cause of Christ. But we are exhorted to be faithful and not fear. Christ, who is from everlasting to everlasting, controls our destiny and He has triumphed over death. His victory is ours by faith.

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