# 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.

February 18, 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 UNISON READING

From this confession, none ever can shake us, neither angels nor men, neither sword, fire, water, nor any bitter tortures. All our goods and chattel we commit into your hands; our bodies also are at your disposal. Do as you will. If you choose to leave us in the free exercise of this faith, we on our part will exchange you for no other lord on earth; neither, however, will we own in heaven any other Lord than Jesus Christ only, besides whom there is no God.

\*OPENING HYMNS- #22 "Our God, Our Help In Ages Past" (vv. 1,2) #88 "Faith Of Our Fathers" (vv. 1,2)

\*INVOCATION

**HYMN-** "Jesus Paid It All" (vv. 1,3,4) (Insert) **COMMUNION** 

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

Dan Haroutunian

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: Romans 8:34-39 (p. 1758)
MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: "Vartanants"

\*HYMN- #263 "Once To Every Man And Nation" (vv. 1,2)

**SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH:** *Acts* 4:1-21 (pp. 1696-1697)

MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: "The Early Church"

\*HAYR MER - #133

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Park K0ez D0er, Asdvadz M0er" ORGAN POSTLUDE

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

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER TIME.** Come join us today for a prayer time right here in the sanctuary following the worship service.

**A.C.C. WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP BUSINESS MEETING** will be held today following the fellowship hour in the Christian Education room.

**BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING** will be held on Sunday, February 25, 2007 following the fellowship hour in the Christian Education room.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING** will be held on Monday, February 26, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Christian Education room.

**EASTER SEASON DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN.** Read through the four Gospels following the plan printed in the lobby.

**MEMBERSHIP CLASS** will be offered on Sunday, March 11, 2007. From 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Christian Education room. This class is required for those who are either interested in becoming communicant members or transferring their membership from another church to A.C.C. Please speak to Pastor Mak if you are interested in attending the class.

**CHILDREN'S ARMENIAN WORSHIP MUSIC DVD & CD** made in Armenia by Tamar Albarian. Children can sing along as they experience the beautiful and historical sites of Armenia. If you would like to purchase this professionally made DVD and CD for \$25.00 for your children, grand-children, nieces or nephews, please see Pastor Mak.

**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 intervention in bringing stability and peace to Lebanon, Iraq, Israel, Afghanistan, and other conflict zones in the world.

## Synopsis of the Armenian Message

(Romans 8:34-39)

Vartanants is the commemoration of the battle that took place in 451 A.D. between the Armenian forces under the leadership of Vartan Mamigonian and the Persian forces. But Vartanants, is more than just another battle in the history of a certain people, in this case the Armenian people. It is a battle that shaped the history of the Armenian people and nation. The Leaders of the Armenian people of the day were put in a very difficult situation. King Hazgard of Persia gave the Armenians one choice, deny Christ and your Christian faith and become Zoroastrian. The Armenian leaders responded by saying, "No one can shake us from our faith." This reminds us of the words of Romans 8:35, "Who will separate us from the love of Christ?" and the answer to this question is in verses 38 and 39. For this decision the Armenians paid dearly. The Persian king sent some of his best forces to fight the Armenians, who on that day lost the battle, and also Vartan and 1035 others with him were martyred.

The victory for the Armenians was that a few years later the Persians changed their stance against the Armenians and gave them the freedom to practice their Christian faith.

The question for all of us today is how much do we love Christ? Are we willing to give up those things that separate us from 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