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**PALM SUNDAY**

11:00 A.M.

April 1, 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-**"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

**Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold,  
your king is coming to you;  
He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble,  
and mounted on a donkey,  
Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

*Zechariah 9:9*

**\*OPENING HYMNS-**# 190 "All Glory, Laud, And Honor" (Vv. 1,2)  
# 191 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (Vv. 1,2)  
# "Ovsanna" (insert -Vv. 1,2)

**INVOCATION**

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN-** "Ovsanna" (insert- V. 3)

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**ANTHEM**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY**

**PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN:** *Matthew 7:13-14(P.1506); 21:1-11 (P.1531)*

**MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN:** "The Road Less Traveled"

**HYMN-** "Hosanna" (insert-Vv. 1,2)

**SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH:** *Psalm 118 (Pp. 956-57)*

**MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: Psalm 118**

**\*HAYR MER - #133**

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

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*\*Congregation is requested to stand*

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

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY THE SUNDAY SCHOOL** children will join us to celebrate Palm Sunday in the morning worship service.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY.** The A.C.C. Choir is preparing a special concert of sacred music to be held on April 5, 2007, at 8:00 p.m. in the A.C.C. Sanctuary. The concert will conclude with the Lord's Table. A complimentary Maundy Thursday supper will precede the concert in the Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian Fellowship Hall starting at 7:00 p.m.

**EASTER SUNDAY** Next Sunday's Easter Service is a family service. The Sunday school students may worship with their parents in the sanctuary, or attend a combined class.

**EASTER BREAKFAST** sponsored by our youth group (ACYF) will be held on Easter Sunday morning, April 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Please join us along with your friends and family. Tickets may be purchased at the door: \$6.00 for young and old alike.

**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.

**92nd ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE.**

- Sunday April 22 at 2:00 p.m. at Dearborn Performing Arts Center.
- Tuesday April 24 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Sarkis Armenian Church.

**FELLOWSHIP MEETING** There will not be men's or women's fellowship meeting held on Easter Sunday. Women's Fellowship will meet April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**2007 CHURCH DIRECTORY.** Are available to be picked up, each family is entitled to one free copy. Pick up yours in the lobby today.

**CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS.**

- Pray for spiritual growth in our church.
- Pray for our sister church of Dilijan Armenia.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN MESSAGE**

(Matthew 7:13-14; 21:1-11)

It is spring and soon it will be summer when many people take vacations. It is recommended and certainly smart to take time before getting on the road, to plan the trip, the roads that will be taken, and the intended destination. In reality we are all travelers on the journey of life, and Jesus in Matthew 7:13-14 has some words of advice and warning for all of us. He says that there are two gates and two roads. The wide gate leads to a wide road and the small gate to a narrow road. The wide gate and road signifies ease and comfort, and it is inviting because many people can go through it. On the other hand the small gate is harder to go through and the narrow road harder to negotiate. Jesus' advice is to take the narrow road. In Matthew 21:1-11, we have the story of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. This was certainly a planned journey for Jesus knew what was awaiting him at the end of the week, the cross. Jesus was also definitely traveling on the narrow road for the wide road would have led to escaping the cross. What are the lessons that we can learn from Jesus' journey on the narrow road? (1) The narrow road is the road of humility, (traveling on a colt). (2) it is the road of submission, (Jesus was in submission to the Father's will). It was the road of obedience, (fulfilling the Father's plan). It was the road of sacrifice, (Jesus was going to be sacrificed on our behalf). It was the road of love, (Jesus gave Himself up because He loved us). The wide road Jesus said leads to destruction, but the narrow road to life. The narrow road goes through Jesus who purchased life for us on the cross. Which road are you traveling on?

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**EASTER FLOWERS: For Easter Lilies and Tulips in the Sanctuary.**

Number of Easter Lilies you wish to purchase at \$16.00 each: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tulips you wish to purchase at \$13.00 each: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor/Memory of: (please circle one)—Please print clearly:  
\_\_\_\_\_Deadline for placing  
an order is Today; please tear this and place it in the offering plate or call the  
church office.