

Mr. Matthew DeRaad, Organist-Choir Director
Pastor Makarios Darawi

11:00 A.M.

November 11, 2007

We welcome all who are worshipping 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

***OPENING HYMNS** - #76 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine" (Vv. 1,2,3)
#158 "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing" (Vv. 1,2,3)
#85 "Fairest Lord Jesus" (Vv. 1,2)

READING -#390 "A Litany For Stewardship"

PASTOR: Our God of Spirit and truth, we live in a money-motivated culture where a person is judged not by who he is on the inside, but by what he is on the outside.

PEOPLE: **In our daily tasks we have submerged the Christian values of stewardship, comradeship, integrity, and hard work beneath underhanded dishonesty, blind ambition, cushioned greed, faulty workmanship.**

PASTOR: Why have we wasted our time?

PEOPLE: **What have we done with our talents?**

PASTOR: Why have we lost faith in what you can do through us?

PEOPLE: **We are guilty, Lord, for betraying you into the hands of material security and for selling our souls for less than thirty pieces of silver.**

PASTOR: Liberate us from the illusion that money buys everything and that everything comes at the right price.

PEOPLE: **Forgive us...help us...love us...so that we may possess the vision to recognize the right, the courage to accept your truth, the wisdom to love others.**

PASTOR: Lord God, our Provider and Sustainer, have we forgotten how to be thankful in an age of luxury and economic growth?

PEOPLE: **Does our wealth blind us to the poverty of others?**

PASTOR: We have been extravagant with our use of material possessions. We have surrendered to low ideals. We have ignored eternal hopes.

UNISON: **Lord, deliver us. We beg forgiveness. Provide us then with a new opportunity to prove ourselves worthy of your blessings. And may we seek to follow our Lord and Master with thankful and joyful hearts. Amen**

INVOCATION

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ANTHEM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYER

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: James 4:13-17 (P.1884)

MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: "If It Is God's Will"

HYMN - #54 "There Shall Be Showers Of Blessing" (Vv.1,2)

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: Luke 12: 13-24 (P.1617)

MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: "The Rich Fool"

***HAYR MER** - #133

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** "Park K'øez D'øer, Asdvadz M'øer"

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS. Board of Trustees: Chris Basmadjian, Ruth Pinto, Harold Gant, and Ed Bayleran. Board of Deacons: Alice Kadian, and Alice Kakousian.

THE A.C.C. WOMEN'S AND MEN'S FELLOWSHIP will be held today following the fellowship hour, Women Fellowship will be holding the business meeting, and Men's Fellowship will hold the book discussion.

COME AND MEET THE NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT of Nagorno Karabakh, **H.E. Bako Sahakyan** on Monday, November 12 at 4:00 p.m. in the Christian Education Room.

CHRISTMAS GIVING

- **Christmas Joy Packages.** Bring Christmas joy to children of Armenia, Karabagh & Georgia through the AMAA's Armenian Summer Camp/Christmas Committee. Forms are available in the hallway.
- **Volunteering Opportunity** On Saturday, December 1st a group of A.C.C. members will be going to Gleaners Community Food Bank in Howell to help pack boxes of food for the needy families in Michigan. If you would like to volunteer from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, please contact Pastor Mak or the church office. Also please remember that even if you cannot volunteer your time, you can participate by donating canned goods to the box in the foyer.

CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS

- Please continue to pray for Marion Artinian, and Sonia Terterian.
- Pray for the faithful veterans who have served our country.

Armenian Congregational Church 90th Anniversary Banquet

Next Sunday, **November 18, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.** the Armenian Congregational Church will celebrate its 90th anniversary with a special banquet that will be held in the Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian Fellowship Hall located at 26210 W. Twelve Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48037.

We invite you all to come join us as we celebrate this important milestone in the life of our congregation.

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

James so far in chapter 4 has been dealing with different sins, such as covetousness, fighting and divisions because of selfish desires. Now at the conclusion of the chapter he deals with the sin of boastful planning. The issue here is that those who are guilty of this sin are persons who have totally taken God out of the picture of their future plans. They act as if God has no bearing on their future plans. Instead of consulting Him and planning in dependence on Him, they act as if they are in control of things. James reminds us how our lives are so frail and unpredictable. Nothing is for sure from one minute to the other. Only God knows and He is the only one who holds the future.

Friends, it is wise to plan for the future, but let us remember that our plans, destinies and even our own lives are in His hands. So let us plan in dependence on Him.