

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

11:00 A.M.

December 2, 2007

First Sunday of Advent

*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** - #170 "O come, All Ye Faithful" (Vv. 1,2,3)
"Open the Eyes of My Heart" (insert)
"Step by Step" (insert)

INVOCATION

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE – *The Banerian Family*
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM
ANNOUNCEMENTS
JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY
PRAYER
OFFERING

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: *James 5:7-12 (P.1885)*
MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: "Be Patient In Suffering"

HYMN - #165 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Vv. 1,2,4)

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: *Selected Readings*
MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: **Basic Christian Beliefs – Christ (II)**

***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 FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this morning is in loving memory of Dr. George Kadian, given by his children Nancy Kadian, Leslie and Kirk Banerian, Ronni and Mark Kadian.

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR this morning is sponsored by Mrs. Alice Kadian with love and appreciation for her eight grandchildren in the Banerian and Kadian families.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS. We invite you all to come and join us on Sunday, December 16th, for our Sunday School Christmas program and luncheon. The program will follow the morning worship service. Please note that there will be a rehearsal for the program on Friday, December 14th, at 6:00 p.m.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE. Come join us on Friday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m. for our second Praise and Worship service! This service will feature contemporary praise and worship music led by Andrew Kulha. Pastor Mak will preach an inspiring message geared towards young people. Anyone interested in participating in this type of worship and desiring to grow spiritually is encouraged to attend. A food and fellowship time will follow the service.

THE DECEMBER ISSUE OF THE A.C.C. BULLETIN WILL BE A CHRISTMAS ISSUE. Once again, as in the past, we offer you the opportunity to send your Christmas greetings to all the church members and friends – in and out of town – by making a contribution to our mission, and Christian Education fund. Please submit your name and donation to the church office, no later than Sunday, **December 9th.**

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.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEERED their time on Saturday at the Gleaners Community Food Bank.

THANK YOU to Mrs. Joyce Gant for beautifully decorating the church and the church entrance for Christmas.

CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS

- Please continue to pray for Matthew DeRaad and Marion Artinian.
- Pray for God's guidance in the search for a temporary organist/pianist.

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

(James 5:7-12)

After dealing with the rich who were oppressing the poor in the previous section (1-6), James, now speaks some encouraging words to the believers who were being oppressed. He uses the farmer as a way to illustrate the need to learn to be patient. Just as the farmer waits patiently for the rain that will nourish his crops, so should the oppressed wait patiently for their deliverance by the Lord. The important thing is to remain firm as the Lord's coming is near, he says. Be patient with one another, also, for during times of suffering and oppression people turn against each other. In verse 12, when James forbids swearing, he is not teaching that swearing an oath in a court of law is forbidden, but that the practice of using God's name or any other name to affirm the truthfulness of our words is forbidden. The Christian is to be a person of integrity and trustworthiness without the need for swearing. People should be able take his or her "Yes" as a "Yes" and "No" as a "No."

Friends, let us remember these words when we go through times of suffering. Let us also remember to be straightforward in our speech without the need for swearing.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS: If you would like to donate one or more Christmas poinsettias for the church altar, please contact the church office. The traditional red Poinsettias are \$15.00 each: Please submit the form below when you place your order: Deadline is December 19th, 2007.

I wish to order Red Poinsettia for the Church Altar (___)

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

My name is _____