

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

11:00 A.M.

December 9, 2007

**Second 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** - #29 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"  
#33 "There Is No Name So Sweet On Earth (Vv. 1,4)  
#171 "The First Noel, The Angel Did Say" (Vv. 1,2,4)

**INVOCATION**

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**LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE** - *The Mousigian Family*  
**ANTHEM**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY**  
**PRAYER**  
**OFFERING**

**SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN:** *James 5:13-20 (P. 1885)*  
**MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN:** "Calling On The Lord In Faith"

**HYMN** - #175 "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" (Vv. 1,2,4)

**SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH:** *Colossians 1:15-23 (P.1832)*  
**MESSAGE IN ENGLISH:** "Basic Christian Beliefs - Christ (III)"

**\*HAYR MER** - #133  
**\*BENEDICTION**  
**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** "Park K'öz D'öer, Asdvadz M'öer"  
**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

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

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE FLOWERS** on the altar this morning are given by Dr. and Mrs. Edward and Ann Bayleran in honor of their anniversary.

**THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR** this morning is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Raymond and Thelma Jernukian in remembrance and in memory of Hratch (Herbert) and Novart (Rose) Jernukian, by their Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

**PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE RESCHEDULED.** Come join us on Friday, December 14, 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. This event will coincide with our **Sunday School Christmas Rehearsal**. Families of children and youth please come for diner at 6:00 p.m.

**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. **Today** is the last day that you can submit your name and donation to the church office.

**THE A.C.C. WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** business meeting will be held today at 12:30p.m. Following the fellowship hour in the Christian Education room.



### **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Sunday, December 16, 2007 at 12:30 p.m.

### **CHRISTMAS SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

Sunday, December 23, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.

### **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

Monday, December 24, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS BOOKS AND VIDEOS** are available from our Children's Library. Parents and children, stop by today to borrow materials to help you focus on the Reason for the season!

**CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS**

- **Congratulations** to the Basmadjian Family. Levi Findling was born on December 3, 2007, to proud parents David and Jennifer (Basmadjian) Findling, and grand parents George and Carole Basmadjian.
- Please continue to pray for Matthew DeRaad and Marion Artinian.
- Pray for the families of the victims of the Omaha shooting.

**Synopsis of the Armenian Message**  
(James 5:13-20)

In the closing section of his letter, James turns to the subject of prayer. He exhorts us to pray in all circumstances. Whether we are in trouble, or sick, or everything is just fine and we are happy, he says we should pray and praise God. Our prayer should be in faith, trusting God to act according to His will. We should also pray to ask God for forgiveness. After using Elijah as an example of faithful prayer, James closes the letter with a final exhortation to look out for those believers who are backsliding. He says if we turn a sinner from his ways to the truth (faith and fellowship with God) we will save the person from death and his sins will be forgiven. The idea here is that sin leads to death, but faith and fellowship with God leads to forgiveness of sins and life. How can we turn someone back to God? We can't alone, but we can earnestly pray for them, and ask God to show them the error of their ways.

Friends, we all admit that we believe in prayer, but the question is how much and how often do we pray? Do we pray believing that God will respond to our prayer? May we learn from these verses and practice the art of lifting God's name in prayer and praise.

**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 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

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

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

My name is \_\_\_\_\_