

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

11:00 A.M.

December 23, 2007

Fourth 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** - #31 "Joy To The World" (Vv. 1,2,3)
#29 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (Vv.1, 2,3)
#167 "Angels We Have Heard On High" (Vv. 1,2,3)

INVOCATION

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LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF JOY - *The Kurkechian Family*
LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF LOVE - *(Insert) In Unison*

ANTHEM
ANNOUNCEMENTS
JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY
PRAYER
OFFERING

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: *Luke 1:26-38 (P. 1588)*
MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: "The Birth Of Jesus Announced"

HYMN - #182 "What Child Is This, Who, Laid To Rest" (Vv. 1,2,3)

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: *John 1:1-5, 10-40 (Pp. 1645-1647)*
MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: "The Real Meaning of Christmas"

***HAYR MER** - #133
***BENEDICTION**
***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** "Park K0ez D0er, Asdvadz M0er"
ORGAN POSTLUDE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME to our pulpit this morning ACC Minister Emeritus, the Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian. We also welcome our organist/pianist John Chance.

THE FLOWERS on the altar this morning are given by Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Susan Mousigian in honor of Samuel's 12th birthday.

THANK YOU to Dr. & Mrs. Richard and Mary Marburger for sponsoring the Fellowship Hour today. Please join us for a complimentary luncheon following the Sunday School Program.
The ACC would like to also thank all the members of the ACC Women's Fellowship and the Sunday School parents who contributed to the lunch today.

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPS. The 2008 stewardship envelopes for adults and children are ready. Please pick them up at the entrance of the fellowship hall.

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

- Please continue to pray for Matthew DeRaad, Gloria Hamm and Jane Waples (friends of Haig and Sue Arabian).
- Pray for the families of the victims of the recent shootings in Colorado.



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

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

NEW YEAR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, December 30, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.

ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS AND COMMUNION

Sunday, January 6, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

(Luke 1:26-38)

The angel Gabriel, who had earlier appeared to Zechariah to announce that his wife Elizabeth will be pregnant and have a son, now appears to a young virgin named Mary who was engaged to a man called Joseph to announce that she will have a child also. The angel's greeting and the explanation in verse 30 simply say that Mary had found a special privilege in God's sight. Mary had been chosen for a very special task, to be the mother of the coming Messiah. Verses 31- 35 expresses some very important truths about the Messiah. He will be conceived in the womb of Mary and be born of her. This speaks of His humanity. He was going to have a normal human birth. His name will be Jesus, meaning "God Saves" or "God is Savior." This speaks of Him coming as the Savior. He will be called the "Son of the Most High" and will be born as a result of a miracle of the Holy Spirit in the life of Mary. This speaks of His divinity. The child who will be born to Mary is also God. He will be given the throne of David and His kingdom and rule will be everlasting. God was going to bring all this about because "nothing is impossible with Him" (V.37). Mary's humble submission in her answer to the angel is an excellent example to all of us. "I am the Lord's servant. May it be to me as you have said." As we anticipate the birth of the child Jesus, may we all learn from Mary and be willing to allow God to accomplish His purposes in and through our lives.

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 **TODAY**.

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

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

My Name is _____