

Mr. John Chance, Organist-Choir Director
Pastor Makarios Darawi

11:00 A.M.

January 13, 2008

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** – #6 *“We Praise Thee, O God”* (Vv. 1, 2, 4)
#79 *“When We Walk With The Lord”* (Vv.1, 2)
#85 *“Fairest Lord Jesus”* (Vv. 1, 2)

UNISON READING - #311 “The Nicene Creed”

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven; and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven; and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life; who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead; and the life of the world to come.

INVOCATION

ANTHEM
ANNOUNCEMENTS
INSTALLATION OF BOARD MEMBERS
JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY
PRAYER
OFFERING

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: *Luke 2:21-35* (Pp. 1591-92)
MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: **“My Eyes Have Seen Your Salvation”**

HYMN - #57 *“What A Wonderful Change In My Life”* (Vv.1, 2)

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: *John 16: 5-16* (P. 1678)
MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: **“Basic Christian Beliefs – The Holy Spirit (II)”**

***HAYR MER** – #133

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** *“Park K’oer D’oer, Asdvadz M’oer”*

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE A.C.C. WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP BUSINESS MEETING will be held today from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. All women are welcome.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING will be held on Thursday, January 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the Christian Education Room.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING will be held on Sunday, January 20th at 12:30 p.m.

3RD ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE. All church members and friends are invited to the Darawi home on Saturday, January 26 from 4:00 – 9:00 p.m. for food and fellowship. R.S.V.P to Jennifer by January 20th at 248-990-6171.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, January 27 immediately following the morning worship service. All chairpersons of the boards please have your written reports ready before the meeting date.

CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS

- Please continue to pray for Matthew DeRaad, Nella Lommert, Marion Artinian, and George Terterian.
- Pray for God’s wisdom and guidance for all the board members of 2008.

GREETINGS FROM OUR SISTER CHURCH IN DILIJAN We have received an email greeting from pastor Garnik Tootikyan, he is the pastor of Armenian Evangelical Church of Dilijan, Armenia. He wishes our church a blessed Christmas and Happy New.

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

(Luke 2:21-35)

As we follow Luke's narrative of the events of the birth of Jesus, we come to this section where Jesus' parents, in accordance with Jewish custom bring Jesus to the temple to be circumcised and dedicated. While at the temple, a godly man by the name of Simeon happened to be there. This godly man was promised through the revelation of the Holy Spirit that he would see God's Christ (The Anointed One) before he dies. On seeing the baby Jesus, Simeon recognized Him, took Him in his hands and praised God for allowing him to see His salvation. In other words, Simeon recognized that Jesus was God's salvation to all people, Gentiles and the Jews alike. After praising God, Simeon blessed the parents and spoke prophetically to Mary (34-35). The content of the prophecy was; (1) Jesus will cause the fall of those who are unrepentant and unbelieving, and will bless those who repent of their sins and accept Him as their Lord. (2) Because of who Jesus is and because He will publicly rebuke sinners and expose their sin, He will face bitter opposition and animosity. (3) The reaction of people to Jesus will reveal what is in their hearts. (4) The last part of the prophecy has to do with the Mary's grief on witnessing her Son's death on the cross.

Friends, Jesus' person was and still is the main issue today. The Bible clearly tells us who He is. He is God's salvation, and the promised Messiah. The question that we all need to answer is who we think Jesus is? And how are we going to respond to Him? May God give you the wisdom and by His Spirit move you to embrace Him by faith.