

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

**11:00 A.M.**

**January 20, 2008**

*We welcome all who are worshiping 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** – #159 *“Praise Him! Praise Him!”* (Vv. 1 & 2)  
#76 *“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”* (Vv.1, 2,3)  
#54 *“There Shall Be Showers Of Blessing”* (Vv. 1,4)

**INVOCATION**

**IN UNISON - #309 “The Lord’s Prayer”**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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**ANTHEM  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY**

**PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN:** *Luke 2:41-52 (Pp. 1592-93)*

**MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN:** *“Jesus At His Father’s House”*

**HYMN - #20 “Sing Them Over Again To Me” (Vv.1 & 2)**

**SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH:** *John 3:1-15 (Pp. 1649-50)*

**MESSAGE IN ENGLISH:** *“Basic Christian Beliefs -*

*The Holy Spirit (III)”*

**\*HAYR MER - #133**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** *“Park K0ez D0er, Asdvadz M0er”*

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

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*\*Congregation is requested to stand*

*\*\*\* Latecomers may be seated*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR THIS MORNING** is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Moses and Maggie Avakian in memory of Maggie’s mother Ovssanna Takessian.

**THE BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING** will be held today at 12:30 p.m.

**3<sup>RD</sup> 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 **today** 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.

**VARTANANTS:** The Greater Detroit Armenian Churches are sponsoring a united Vartanants observance, on Thursday, January 31, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, 29125 Six Mile Road, in Livonia. The Host church is St. Vartan Armenian Catholic Church. We invite all of you to join us for this special gathering.

**PLEASE RESERVE THE FOLLOWING DATE:** Friday, February 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. for our Family Night. All ages are welcome. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults; \$6.00 for children 6-12 years old; no charge for children under 6 years. Come enjoy delicious Armenian food, entertainment, fun and games with Mihran Kupelian. Please write your names on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

**CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS**

- Please continue to pray for Matthew DeRaad, Nella Lommert and George Terterian.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES.** Following are the A.C.C. 2008 Board of Trustees members: Mark Kadian –*Chairman*, Bob Kachadourian –*Vice Chairman*, Ralph Garabedian – *Treasurer*, Ed Bayleran – *Secretary*, Chris Basmadjian, James Derian, Harold Gant, Aram Kakousian, Ruth Pinto-Cieslak.

## **Synopsis of the Armenian Message**

(Luke 2:41-52)

In this section of Luke's narrative we have the only story that sheds some light on Jesus' childhood. He is twelve years old, and at about this age, a boy becomes a responsible individual before the Jewish law. The Passover, which lasted seven days, was a special celebration that brought many pilgrims to Jerusalem. The pilgrims were expected to stay in Jerusalem for at least two days. Joseph and Mary also made this journey, accompanied by Jesus. But on their way back they realized that Jesus was not with them. Now we need to remember that the family most probably traveled with a large group of people and their animals, and it was possible that Jesus' parents assumed that he was walking with children His age. At any rate, when they find out that He was not with them, they go back to Jerusalem looking for Him. They find Him in the temple involved in discussions with the Rabbis who would usually be teaching there. Mary is understandable unhappy with Him and reproves Him. Jesus answers her by saying, "Didn't you know that I had to be in my Father's house?" Jesus' response is not disrespectful but it is forthright (49). He returns with his parents and we are told that, "He was obedient to them." His mother treasured all these things in her heart as Jesus was growing up.

Over the years there has been a lot of speculation about Jesus' early years and books have been written claiming to have the answer. But in these verses, we see that Jesus had a normal human childhood in a common Jewish family. Verse 52 tells us that, Jesus grew in wisdom (mental growth), in stature (physical growth), in favor with God (spiritual growth), and in favor with men (social growth).

The questions that come out of this story are, (1) what kind of a relationship do you have with your heavenly Father? (2) How eager are you to be found in your Father's house? And (3) are you growing in favor with God, and as a result, with others (men)?