Mr. Darryl Roenicke, Pianist - Choir Director Pastor Makarios Darawi

11:00 A.M.

April 6, 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.

PRELUDE CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMNS - #6 "We Praise Thee, O God" (Vv. 1,2,4) #11 "Shout To The Lord" (Songbook) #2 "Forever" (Songbook)

INVOCATION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM
ANNOUNCEMENTS
JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY
PRAYER
OFFERING

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: 1Peter 1:3-12 (Pp. 1886-87)
MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: "The Glorious Salvation"

HYMN - #148 "Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing"

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH:

MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: Mr. Andy Baligian

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME today our guests Andy, Kim and Katherine Rose Baligian who are preparing to leave as missionaries to Dublin, Ireland and London, England.

THE A.C.C. WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP business meeting will be held today following the fellowship hour.

MISSION (AMAA) SUNDAY come join us on Sunday, April 13, 2008, as the AMAA field director, Pastor Dikran Youmshakian visits us and participates in our morning worship service. Later, during our complimentary Missions Luncheon, he will give an up-to-date report with video presentation on the work and ministry of the AMAA in Armenia and around the world.

AMAA APPEAL with the passing away of Salpi Cholakian, beloved wife of Rev. Vicken Cholakian, the family has incurred significant medical expenses, some of which remains outstanding. The AMAA is asking the congregation for a special offering - gifts in lieu of flowers - to help the family. You can make your gifts to AMAA.

93rd ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

Sunday April 20 at 2:00 p.m. at St. John Armenian Church with guest speaker Rosemary Russell Boze, Hamazkayin Arax Dance Ensemble, and AGBU School Students.

Thursday April 24 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church in Dearborn.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

The A.C.C. Women's Fellowship would like to invite you, your family members, and friends for an inspirational day with our guest speaker, *Mrs. Tamar Albarian*, on Saturday, April 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The day will include worship, seminars, discussion groups and lunch. Register by Sunday April 20 for \$15.00 or \$20.00 at the door.

MOTHER'S DAY

This year Mother's Day is on Sunday, May 11. Please join us at the 11:00 o'clock worship service, as we honor our mothers. The Mother's Day Banquet will be held that afternoon at <u>4:00 p.m.</u> with a special guest, *Baroness Caroline Cox*, who will speak about Armenia & Karabagh. Sponsors are needed for this event. Please speak to Mr. Bob Kachadourian or Mr. Mark Kadian.

IOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

Please continue to pray for the Cholakian family. Pray also for the Baligian family as they travel to Ireland.

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

(1 Peter 1:3-12)

In verses 1-2, Peter, introduces himself and greets the scattered believers in Asia Minor. Here in verses 3-12, he praises God for the glorious salvation He has made available to all believers through Jesus. The **source** of this salvation is God's mercy. God, out of mercy and grace and not because of anything we have done, gives us this new birth. The basis of this salvation is the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross. As sinners we were hopeless and destined to die, but Jesus paid the full penalty of our sins and satisfied God's righteous demands for justice. The **present reward** of this salvation is a **living hope**. The resurrected living Jesus is the assurance that all those who die in Christ will also live. The living hope in Jesus is for present life and not just for the life to come. The **future** reward of this salvation is an imperishable inheritance kept for each believer by the power of God. This inheritance is all the future blessings that the believers will enjoy. Peter goes on to say, that this glorious salvation with its living hope should make these suffering Christians rejoice. He says, that this suffering is only temporary, and it will authenticate their faith. By suffering for Jesus' sake, they will bring praise and honor to Him. He ends this section by telling them that the Old Testament prophets had prophesied about salvation even though they did not understand it.

Friends, let us **praise** God for the mercy He has shown us through Jesus. Let's **remember** that in all circumstances we have a living hope. And let's **take advantage** of the privilege of living at a time when God has made His plan of salvation so clear.