

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

11:00 A.M.

May 4, 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

***HYMNS & SONGS**—#54 *“There Shall Be Showers Of Blessing”* (Vv. 1,3,4)
#116 *“In My Heart There Rings A Melody”* (Vv. 1,2)
#4 *“Here I Am To Worship”* (Songbook)

INVOCATION

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYER

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: *1 Peter 2:18-25 (P. 1889)*

MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: *“The Example Of Christ”*

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

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: *Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:19-22; 5:25-27,31-32*

MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: *“Basic Christian Beliefs*

The Church (III)”

***HAYR MER** — #133

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE

**Congregation is requested to stand*

**** Latecomers may be seated*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR TODAY is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Dennis and April Tini in honor of her parents Sue and Haig Arabian’s 50th wedding Anniversary.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this morning are given by Mr. & Mrs. Haig and Sue Arabian in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

NEW BOOK. Rev. Dr. Vahan Tootikian’s 30th book “As I See It” has just been published. The book is a compilation of articles and essays in English and Armenian and copies of the book are available from Rev. Tootikian.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

VBS will be held **June 30- July 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** This year we are doing “Outrigger Island.” The theme is “Living God’s Unshakable Truth” based on Psalm 86:11. Participants will enjoy applicable Bible lessons, fun praise and worship, skits, puppet shows, crafts, games, and snacks. VBS will be geared towards children ages 3-11. Older students are encouraged to assist with the younger groups. For more information please speak to Mrs. Leslie Banerian or Mrs. Ann Bayleran.

MOTHER’S DAY BANQUET

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

This is your last week to reserve your seating, please call the church office or see Alice Kakousian to RSVP.

Please reserve for (Name) _____

Total Number Attending: _____

\$25.00 per Adult x ___ = _____

\$10.00 (Ages 6-15) x ___ = _____

Free (Under 6 years old) # _____

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY.

- We praise God and we thank you for your generosity, which allowed the church to complete the first part of phase one of the church remodeling projects.
- Pray that God will continue providing so that the church can complete the rest of the projects.

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

(1 Peter 2:18-25)

In this section, Peter moves from addressing the believer's relationship to government to the believer's relationship to masters. The word slave here is also translated as servants elsewhere. The early Christians to whom Peter is writing were of the working class category; they had masters (bosses, employers) for whom they worked for a living. The overall idea here is that servants should relate to their masters following Christ's example. Whether they are treated well or not by their masters, they are to patiently endure it just like Christ did. When He was unjustly accused and had to endure insults and suffering, He did not retaliate, but patiently bore it for our sake. Christ's strength at this point came from Him trusting God who is a just judge. They also are to find comfort that even when they find themselves serving an unjust master in this world, they can trust the just Judge who is in heaven.

Friends, we surely live in different times, however the principles of the teaching in this section can easily be applied to any employment situation. We also should take Christ as our example when we find ourselves mistreated, falsely accused, or had to suffer under an unappreciative employer, or supervisor, etc. This passage is not teaching that we should allow mistreatment or abuse of power to go on, but that we should not retaliate in the same manner.