# Pastor Makarios Darawi

11:00 A.M.

August 31, 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.

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

\*HYMNS & SONGS - #3 "O Worship The King" (Vv. 1,2,3)

#33 "There Is No Name So Sweet On Earth" (Vv. 1,4) #39 "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less" (Vv. 1,4)

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## \*RESPONSIVE READING -#388 "A Litany For Labor Day"

**PASTOR:** O God, our Father, whose love is over every creature whom

thine hands have made, as we go out this morning to the world and our work we ask Thee to bless all classes and conditions

of men and women everywhere.

PEOPLE: Bless those who are workmen and workwomen, and

help them to serve with diligence; and bless those who are bosses and help them to direct and to control with

justice and with mercy.

**PASTOR:** Bless those who are rich, and help them to remember that they

must hold all their possessions in stewardship for thee; and bless those who are poor, and grant that they may find others

kind.

PEOPLE: Bless those who are strong and fit, and grant that they

may never use their good health selfishly, and bless those who are weak and ailing, and keep them from all

discouragement and discontent.

**PASTOR:** Bless those who are happy, and help them not to forget Thee in

the sunny weather. Bless those who are sad, and ease their

pain and comfort the loneliness of their hearts.

PEOPLE: Bless each one of us, and grant that we may go out to

live as those who have been with Jesus. Amen.

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OFFERING

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: Micah 7:14-20 (Pp. 1449-1450)
MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: "Prayer, Praise and God's Answer"

\*HYMN- #74 "Take My Life, And Let It Be" (Vv. 1,2,6)

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: Jeremiah 1:4-19 (P. 1169) MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: "Ieremiah"

\*HAYR MER - #133

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Park KOez DOer, Asdvadz MOer"

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

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THANK YOU** to Mrs. Genya Derian for accompanying our worship on the piano today.

**THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR** this morning is sponsored by Pastor Mak and Mrs. Jennifer Darawi in honor of their 9<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

#### THERE WILL BE NO BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING TODAY.

**RALLY SUNDAY** Please come and join us on Sunday September  $7^{th}$  as we kickoff the 2008/2009 Sunday School year with children's registration and a complimentary Luncheon.

### **JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY.**

Please pray for God's guidance and direction for the different ministries of the church as they prepare for Rally Sunday on September 7. Pray for the Sunday School children and staff, the Choir, the Women's Fellowship, the mid-week Bible study group, and the Armenian Congregational Youth Fellowship.

## Synopsis of the Armenian Message

In the final section of Micah's prophecy begins with a dialogue between Jerusalem and its God. In vv.14-15, Jerusalem prays to God and God responds. In vv. 16-17, Jerusalem replies that when the nations see God's restoration of Israel they will be shamed and they will turn in fear to the Lord God. The concluding three verses are praise and an affirmation of God's incomparable forgiveness and mercy. What makes our God so unique and different is that He is a God who forgives the sins of His chosen people; He is a God who "does not stay angry forever but delights to show mercy," and who is faithful to His promises. Today we know that the ultimate act of forgiveness of sin was done through Jesus Christ, God's Son, on the cross.

Friends God first and foremost is a God of love and forgiveness. Even though, God has to judge and punish sin, He does not delight in judgment and punishment. God desires to have a loving personal relationship with each one of us. Have you experienced God's forgiveness? Do you have a personal relationship with God?