

Pastor Makarios Darawi
Mr. John Chance, Pianist and Organist

11:00 A.M.

November 9, 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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMNS – # 54 *“There Shall Be Showers of Blessings”* (Vv.1, 2, 3)
#159 *“Praise Him! Praise Him!”*

*RESPONSIVE READING: **Philippians 4:4 – 9**

PASTOR: Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

PEOPLE: Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

PASTOR: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

PEOPLE: And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

UNISON: Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things... And the God of peace will be with you.

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: *Hebrews 13:5-6* (Pp. 1878-79)

MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: “Freedom” Rev. Ara Jizmejian

ANTHEM

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING

*HYMN – #121 *“Love Lifted Me”* (Vv. 1,3)

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: *II Thessalonians 1:3-12-* (P. 1842-3)

MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: “When Jesus Is Revealed”

REMINDERS

*HAYR MER – #133

*BENEDICTION

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

**Congregation is requested to stand*

**** Latecomers may be seated*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME today to our pulpit Armenian Evangelical Youth Fellowship Eastern Region Youth Pastor Rev. Ara Jizmejian.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS AND THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR this morning are sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Ed and Phyllis Garabedian in honor of their 44th anniversary.

THE ACC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:

- Business meeting will be held *today* following the fellowship hour. All ladies are welcome!
- The ladies will be holding a Monte Bake Sale on Sunday, November 16th during the fellowship hour for their mission projects to Armenia and Lebanon.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS. Board of Trustees: Raffi Eurdekian, Ed Garabedian, and Mark Kadian. Board of Deacons: Dan Haroutunian, and Gayaneh Kachadourian.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE'S GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

1. **Christmas Joy Packages.** Bring Christmas joy to children of Armenia, Karabagh & Georgia through AMAA Armenia Summer Camp Christmas Committee.
2. **Operation Christmas Child.** The Sunday School is participating again this year in Operation Christmas Child, a ministry started by Franklin Graham that reaches out to poor and under privileged children around the world with the good news of the gospel through gifts packed in shoeboxes. Pick-up a form from the foyer and return completed boxes by Sunday, November 16.
3. **Change For Children:** Pennies for Kids Campaign is a fund-raiser that supports Grace Centers of Hope's building of a Childcare Center. Grace Centers of Hope is Oakland County's oldest and largest human service provider, giving homeless men, women and children the opportunity to rebuild their lives, equipping them to be functioning citizens of society.

THANKSGIVING DINNER. Please reserve November 23, 2008 at 5:00 pm for the annual Thanksgiving Banquet. In addition to the delicious menu, we are planning a most entertaining program. The speaker this year is Peter Nigoghosian, missionary to Armenia.

Please consider becoming a sponsor or a supporter.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY.

Please pray for God's comfort on the Perry family as they mourn the death of **Joseph Perry** who passed away on Friday, October 31, 2008.

Pray also for Charles Ayanian.

I/we will attend the **"Thanksgiving Dinner"** on Sunday, November 23, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

Names(s) _____ \$25.00 per adult, \$10.00 per child

6-15 years. (No charge to children under 6 years old)

In addition I would like to make a donation of \$ _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Any donation is gratefully accepted.

Please make your checks payable to: **Armenian Congregational Church**

Memo: Thanksgiving banquet.

For Tickets please see Bob Kachadourian, Frances Garabedian, ACC Office.

Synopsis of the Armenian Sermon

(II Thessalonians 1:1-12)

Paul begins his second letter to the Thessalonians in an identical salutation to the one found in the first letter (1:1-2). He wishes them grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. In verses 3-4, he gives thanks for their growing faith and love for each other that was taking place under the most difficult conditions. In verses 5-10, he encourages the believers by telling them that; (1) their growth, perseverance and faith are evidence that they are part of God's people and that they will be "counted worthy of the kingdom of God", (2) God will pay back their persecutors through Jesus when He is revealed, and He will give them rest from their persecutions, (3) God will punish those who do not know Him or obey His word, and Jesus will be glorified by those who have believed. Verses 11-12, is Paul's prayer for the saints.

Friends, are you growing in faith and love? May you be found "worthy of the kingdom of God" when Jesus is revealed.