

Pastor Makarios Darawi
Mr. John Chance, Pianist and Organist

11:00 A.M.

December 28, 2008

NEW YEAR'S SUNDAY

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 – #5 “Come, Thou Almighty King” (Vv. 1,2,3)
#101 “Father, Here We Dedicate This New Year” (Vv. 1,2,3)

READING: #375 “A Litany For The New Year”

PASTOR: O God, in the quietness of thy sanctuary we wait the closing moment of another year.

PEOPLE: **We lift up our hearts unto thee, O Lord.**

PASTOR: From the failures of the past, from broken hopes and disappointed ambitions, from our sins against ourselves and against others.

PEOPLE: **We lift up our hearts unto thee, O Lord.**

PASTOR: We confess the unworthy living that has stained the record of the year that now is dying. For pardon, for grace to make restitution, for a clean heart and a right spirit with which to enter the new year.

PEOPLE: **We lift up our hearts unto thee, O Lord.**

PASTOR: From loss of faith and hope and courage, from anxiety that harasses us, fear that frightens us, cowardice that defeats us, and from the loss of thy companionship, without which no life is good, no soul is strong,

PEOPLE: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

PASTOR: Bring us to the new year's beginning with such vision of our duty, such resolution to perform it, and such resources for its consummation that whether in this year ahead we live or fall asleep, we shall be unashamed before thee.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy upon us and grant us these blessings. Amen.**

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: *Matthew 2:1-12 (Pp. 1497-98)*

MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: “Wise Men Bring Gifts To The King”

ANTHEM

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING

*HYMN – #148 “Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing” (Vv. 1,2)

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: *Luke 5:1-11 (Pp. 1597-98)*

MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: “Put Out Into Deep Water”

REMINDERS

*HAYR MER – #133

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: “Park K'oez D'oeer, Asdvadz M'oeer”

**Congregation is requested to stand*

**** Latecomers may be seated*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this morning are in loving memory of Dr. George Kadian, who passed away 15 years ago today. Gone but never forgotten by his wife and family.

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR this morning is sponsored by Mrs. Alice Kadian in honor of the December birthdays of son Mark Kadian, granddaughter Gabriel, and grandson's Christopher and Bradley Banerian.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE'S GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

1. **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.

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOEPS. The 2009 stewardship envelopes for adults and children are ready. Please pick them up at the entrance of the fellowship hall.

PASTOR MAK will be featured as the Pastor of the week on WLQV AM 1500 Christian Radio, Monday, December 29 to Friday, January 2 at 2:55 p.m.

INSTALLATION OF ACC BOARD MEMBERS. There will be an Installation Service for the newly elected members of the board of Trustees and Deacons on January 11, 2009 during our Sunday morning worship service. We kindly request that the continuing and the newly elected members be present.

ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS – THE LORD'S SUPPER

Sunday, January 4, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY. Please pray for the safe return of Ani Ashegian daughter of Stephan and Hasmik Ashegian in Windsor. Ani has been missing in Honk Kong since November 10th. Pray also for Lucy Yazejian who had a mild stroke and is recovering.

Synopsis of the Armenian Sermon

(Luke 5:1-11)

We are only four days away from the start of a new year. As we think about our lives, here are few practical lessons from the story of Jesus' calling of His first disciples for you to consider. (1) Peter allowed Jesus to use his boat for teaching the crowds. Consider allowing Jesus to use your property and possessions and see what he can do with it. (2) Even though Peter was an experienced fisherman and had his doubts after a night with no catch, he obeyed Jesus' direction on where to find fish. Even when in doubt learn to obey Jesus. (3) It was in deep water that they caught plenty of fish. Go deeper with your walk with Jesus this coming year. (4) Jesus called Peter from catching fish to catching men. Ask Jesus to make you a fisher of men also. (5) James, John, and Peter left their boats and followed Jesus. What are some of the things that you need to forsake in order to fully follow Jesus in the coming year?

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