

Pastor Makarios Darawi
Mr. John Chance, Pianist and Organist

11:00 A.M.

January 4, 2009

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 – #26 “To God Be The Glory” (Songbook- Vv. 1,2,3)
#70 “Anywhere With Jesus I Can Safely Go” (Vv. 1,2)

PRAYER

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN – #23 “Jesus Paid It All” (Songbook – Vv.1,3,4)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S TABLE

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: Hebrew 1:1-3 (P.1862)

MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: “God Has Spoken To Us By His Son”

ANTHEM

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING – Special Music- Harout Eurdekian

SOLO – Gayaneh Kachadourian

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: Luke 2:8-20 (P.1591)

MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: “Good News Of Great Joy”

REMINDERS

*HAYR MER – #133

*BENEDICTION

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

**Congregation is requested to stand*

**** Latecomers may be seated*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR this morning is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Aram and Alice Kakousian to thank everyone for their prayers and concern during their time of need.

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

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.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on January 18, 2009, immediately following the morning worship service. All boards and organizations are requested to submit their reports.

GREETINGS FROM OUR SISTER CHURCH IN DILIJAN. We have received email greetings from Pastor Garnik Tutikyan, the pastor of the Armenian Evangelical Church of Dilijan, Armenia. He wishes our church a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. The email is posted on the bulletin board by the hall entrance.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY. Please pray for the safe return of Ani Ashekian daughter of Stephan and Hasmik Ashekian 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, and Thelma Jernukian.

Synopsis of the Armenian Sermon

(Luke 2:8-20)

These days it seems that there is no shortage of bad news. It is Christmas time and usually it is a time of celebration, joy and cheer. Yet it seems that for many people this year things are a little different. Even for those who have not been directly affected by the economic downturn, the mood is more sober. Is there any good news? Is there some thing to be encouraged by? Is there something worth celebrating? Yes, yes, and yes. The Angel of the Lord who appeared to the shepherd on the night Jesus was born made this announcement, "I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord" (Vv. 10-11). The good news is that our God has come to our rescue through a child. This child is the Savior (will save people from their sin), the Christ (God's anointed one), and Lord (He is God incarnate).

Friends, no matter how bad the news is these days, no matter how bad you might be feeling, there is good news. Christ Jesus has come. Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever, he has come to bring freedom from the bondage of sin, healing and help for the present, and hope for the future. So, cheer up friends, and wish someone a very good New Year.

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