

Pastor Makarios Darawi
Mr. John Chance, Pianist and Organist

11:00 A.M.

March 1, 2009

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** – # 6 *“We Praise Thee, O God”* (Vv.1, 2, 3)
11 *“Shout To The Lord”* (2X Songbook)

***RESPONSIVE READING** - # 320 *“In The Days Of Your Youth”*

Pastor: My son, never forget the things I’ve taught you. If you want a long and satisfying life, closely follow my instructions.

People: **Never forget to be truthful and kind. Hold these virtues tightly. Write them deep within your heart.**

Pastor: If you want favor with God and man, and reputation for good judgment and common sense, then trust the Lord completely; don’t ever trust yourself.

People: **In everything you do, put God first, and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success.**

Unison : **Don’t be conceited, sure of your own wisdom. Instead, trust and reverence the Lord, and turn your back on evil; when you do that, then you will be given renewed health and vitality.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: *Matthew 5:7-12 (P.1501)*

MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: **“The Beatitudes” (II)**

ANTHEM

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING

***HYMN** – # 46 *“I Will Sing Of My Redeemer”* (1, 4)

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: *Psalm 24 (Pp. 862-3)*

MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: **“Who is the King of Glory”**

REMINDERS

***HAYR MER** – #133

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE

****Congregation is requested to stand***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR this morning is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Leo and Cathy Brito in memory of her grandmother Eugenie Toukhanian.

THE ACC CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS work session will be held today following the morning worship service in the sanctuary. Members please remain seated.

UPDATING THE DIRECTORY. Mr. Michael Mousigian will be taking pictures for the directory on March 8 during the fellowship hour in the Christian Education room. We encourage everyone to take a few minutes of their time to see Michael.

ACC WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP LENTEN LUNCHEON

Mark your calendars for Friday, March 20th at 12:00 noon. The A.C.C. Women’s Fellowship is sponsoring the annual Lenten Luncheon. Come enjoy a beautiful program and delicious meal. Both men and women are welcome. To obtain more information please call the church office.

ACC COUNCIL MEETING. All Deacons, Trustees, and leaders of other ministries are required to attend a planning meeting on Saturday, March 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please pray for this important meeting.

THE ACC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CONGRATULATE Pastor Mak and Mrs. Jennifer Darawi on a very special occasion, their new addition to the family, baby boy ***Evan John Darawi***, born on Saturday, February 21st at 12:40 p.m.
Congratulations on your precious gift from God!

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY. Pray for Thelma and Ray Jernukian, Dr. Antranig Chalabian, Harold Gant, and Evan and Jennifer Darawi.

Synopsis of the Armenian Sermon

(Psalm 24)

The occasion of this psalm is most likely the procession that followed the bringing of the Ark of the Covenant by King David to Jerusalem. It is a triumphant and joyous occasion that celebrates the greatness of God.

Verses 1 and 2 open the psalm with a grand pronouncement that the earth and everything in it belong to the Lord because He created all of it. Verses 3-6, speak of a special place in this world where God is present in a special way. This place is the *Mount Zion* where the Ark of the Covenant, which symbolized God's presence, was going to be placed. But only certain people can ascend there into God's holy presence. These people are holy and righteous in their actions (clean hands), they are sincere in their motives and uncorrupted in their minds (pure hearts), they do not pervert justice (swear by what is false), and they are holy and sincere in their devotion to God (they do not lift up their soul to an idol). It is such people that will receive God's blessings. In verses 7-10, the procession carrying the Ark has reached the gates of the city and the people shout, "*Lift up your heads, O you gates... that the King of glory may come in.*" Back comes the call from the city, "*Who is this King of glory?*" The answer comes back from the procession, "*The Lord strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.*"

Friends, the Lord of this universe who has created you and me, wants to come in into our hearts and reign in our lives as the King of glory. He is calling to you to open the gates of your heart. Would you let Him in?