

Pastor Makarios Darawi
Mrs. Susan Harrison, Pianist and Organist

11:00 A.M.

March 8, 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 & SONGS** – #26 “To God Be The Glory” (Vv. 1,2,3)
#1 “Blessed Be Your Name” (Songbook)

***RESPONSIVE READING - # 369 “Known By Our Love”**

PASTOR: Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God; for God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins.

PEOPLE: **Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. So we know and believe the love God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.**

UNISON: **There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts our fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and he who fears is not perfected in love. We love, because he first loved us. If any one says, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him, that he who loves God should love his brother also.**

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: *Matthew 5:13-16 (P. 1501)*

MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: “Salt And Light”

ANTHEM

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING

***HYMN** – #217 “Be Still, My Soul” (Vv. 1,2)

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: *Psalms 27 (Pp. 864-65)*

MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: “Absolute Confidence In The Lord”

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. Armen and Meline Santikian, and Mary Arslanian in memory of husband, father, and grandfather, Hagop Arslanian.

THE A.C.C. WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP meeting will be held today following the morning worship hour.

UPDATING THE DIRECTORY. Mr. Michael Mousigian will be taking pictures for the directory today 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. Admission is \$15 per person. 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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY. Pray for Thelma and Ray Jernukian, Betty Yeghessian, Nella Lommert, and Evan Darawi.

Synopsis of Armenian Sermon

(Psalm 27)

This beautiful psalm was most likely written at a time when David was fleeing from either Saul or Absalom. In Verses 1-3, the psalmist expresses an uncompromising confidence in the Lord. He is so sure of the Lord's deliverance that he says, "Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident" (v.3). His trust in the Lord is also unshakable, "Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me" (v.10). For most of us, this kind of confidence and trust seems foreign. Our society teaches us to derive our security from our health, our income, our relationships, and our family. When any of these things is threatened, we become concerned and fear creeps in. We are taught that these same things are what gives us meaning and purpose in life. For David, purpose, meaning and security in life came from his relationship with God, that is why he says, "One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple" (v.4). The psalm ends as it began with a strong affirmation of confidence and trust in the LORD (v.13). But the psalmist also urges others (us) to have that kind of confidence in God, "Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD" (v.14).

Friends, what about you? In a world that is so unpredictable and full of uncertainties, in what do you trust? Do you have confidence that come what may, the Lord will see you through? Bring all your fears and worries to the Lord. Trust in the God that gave His Son Jesus because He loves you and cares about your and your future.