

Pastor Makarios Darawi
Mrs. Susan Harrison, Pianist and Organist

11:00 A.M.

March 22, 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** – #51 “All Hail The Power Of Jesus’ Name” (Vv.1,2,3)
#233 “Faith Is The Victory” (Vv. 1,2,3)

***RESPONSIVE READING - #343 “God Is With Us”**

PASTOR: God is our shelter and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.

PEOPLE: **So we will not be afraid, even if the earth is shaken and mountains fall into the ocean depths; even if the seas roar and rage, and the hills are shaken by the violence.**

PASTOR: There is a river that brings joy to the city of God, to the sacred house of the Most High.

PEOPLE: **God lives in the city, and it will never be destroyed; at early dawn he will come to its help.**

PASTOR: Nations are terrified, kingdoms are shaken; God roars out, and the earth dissolves.

PEOPLE: **The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge!**

PASTOR: Come, see what the Lord has done! See what amazing things he has done on earth!

PEOPLE: **He stops wars all over the world; he breaks bows, destroys spears, and sets shields on fire!**

PASTOR: He says, Stop your fighting, and know that I am God, supreme among the nations, supreme over the world!

UNISON: **The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge!**

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE AND MESSAGE IN ENGLISH:

Rev. Asatur Nahapetyan

ANTHEM

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING

***HYMN** – #21 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (Vv. 1,2)

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: *Psalm 46 (P.885)*

MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: “God Is With Us”

REMINDERS

***HAYR MER** – #133

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE

**Congregation is requested to stand*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT this morning Rev. Asatur Nahapetyan, general secretary of the Union of the Evangelical Christian Baptist Churches of Armenia.

THE ACC BOARD OF DEACONS meeting will be held next Sunday following the fellowship hour in the Christian Education Room.

THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDIES are being held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to come and learn from God’s Word.

MAUNDY THURSDAY. On **Thursday, April 9th, at 7:00 p.m.** we will remember our Lord’s last hours on earth through a special worship service that will include a concert by the ACC Choir, and celebration of the Lord’s Table. The evening will start with a special complimentary supper in the Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian Fellowship Hall.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY. Pray for Thelma and Ray Jernukian, Nella Lommert, Evan Darawi. Pray also for continued freedom of worship and religion in Armenia.

Betty Yeghissian passed away on Saturday, March 14, 2009. The funeral is being held on Friday March 27th at 11:00 a.m. at the Armenian Congregational Church.

ACC 2009 YEAR TO DATE BUDGET

Budgeted stewardship and offerings \$77,000.00
Received to date (January - February) \$12,396.20
Shortfall for January and February \$437.12
Monthly needs to meet year-end budget \$6,416.66

EASTER FLOWERS those wishing to arrange for an Easter flower to place in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please call the church office, or submit the form below no later than April 8th.

Number of Easter Lilies you wish to purchase at \$16.00 each: _____

Number of Tulips you wish to purchase at \$13.00 each: _____

Name of Donor: _____

In Honor/Memory of: _____

Please tear this and place it in the offering plate or call the church office.

Synopsis of Armenian Sermon

(Psalm 46)

Psalm 46 has over the years been used to comfort and uplift discouraged hearts during times of great crises. Martin Luther wrote his famous Reformation hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" based on this psalm. The Psalm's original historical background is most likely God's miraculous deliverance of Jerusalem when it was besieged by the Assyrian army. In verses 1-3, the psalmist affirms that when God is our refuge, there is nothing to fear. In contrast to the "foaming and roaring water of the sea," in verses 4-7, the psalmist mentions the calm and quiet waters of the river that refreshes the city of God (Jerusalem). Now Jerusalem does not have a river, and what the psalmist most likely means here is that God is like a river to His city (people). In verses 8-11, we are invited to go out and witness God's decisive victory. Then, His voice is heard assuring His people to relax for He is supreme among the nations and over all the earth. The people respond with, "God is with us." What is your response in times of trouble?