

Pastor Makarios Darawi
Mrs. Susan Harrison, Pianist and Organist

11:00 A.M.

March 29, 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** – #94 “Rejoice, The Lord Is King” (Vv. 1,2,3)
#2 “Forever” (Songbook)

***RESPONSIVE READING - # 377 “A Litany For Lent”**

PASTOR: Lord God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as we remember the temptation, suffering and death of Jesus Christ help us to take up the cross and follow him.

PEOPLE: **Lord God, save us from the hurt pride that leads to anger so that we nurse our grudges and resentments and refuse to love and forgive.**

PASTOR: By the power of the Holy Spirit help us to do as Jesus did.

PEOPLE: **Love our enemies, pray for our persecutors and forgive others the wrongs they have done.**

PASTOR: Lord God, save us from the self-centeredness that makes us blind to the needs of others because we begrudge the time and money and effort we might have to spend in helping them.

PEOPLE: **By the power of the Holy Spirit, help us to live as Jesus lived- always ready to listen, never too tired to help, always living not for ourselves but for you and for other men.**

PASTOR: Lord God, save us from the selfishness that turns us in on ourselves so that we put ourselves first and push other people out of our way.

PEOPLE: **By the power of the Holy Spirit, help us to do as Jesus did - leave self behind and take up the cross. In his name we ask it.**

UNISON: **Now to you, our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we give all honor and praise for ever and ever. Amen.**

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE ENGLISH: Matthew 5:21-26 (P. 1502)

MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: “Interpersonal Relationships”

ANTHEM

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING

***HYMN** – #121 “Love Lifted Me” (Vv. 1,2)

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: *Psalm 51 (Pp. 889-890)*

MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: “Create In Me A Pure Heart, O God”

REMINDERS

***HAYR MER** – #133

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE

**Congregation is requested to stand*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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. Please continue to pray for Thelma and Ray Jernukian, Nella Lommert, Evan Darawi. Also pray for Mousigian family for the passing of Mike’s father Michael Mousigian.

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-off this and place it in the offering plate or call the church office.

Synopsis of Armenian Sermon

(Psalm 51)

As the heading explains, David wrote this psalm after Nathan the prophet was sent by God to confront him for committing adultery with Bathsheba and for murdering her husband Uriah. David was a man after God's own heart, yet in a moment of weakness he committed a grievous sin. When he was confronted with his sin, he did not try to excuse himself or justify it, but as a man of integrity he took full responsibility for it. In verse 1-6, David understands that ultimately all sin is against God, and so he says, "Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, ..." It is true that sin has its consequences on the sinner and everyone else involved, but at its core it is a transgression against God. In verses 7-12, David asks for God's cleansing. If all sin is first and foremost against God, then only God can really forgive and cleanse a person from sin. David asks for a new heart with a new motivation that only God's Holy Spirit can produce in a person through regeneration. In verses 13-19, David recommits himself to God, and resolves to teach others about Him. He wants to serve God with a renewed spirit, and will tell others so that they will repent also.

Friends, in the New Testament we are told, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Our God is a forgiving and restoring God if we will only humbly come to Him and confess our sins. Have you?