## Pastor Makarios Darawi Mrs. Susan Harrison, Choir Director and Organist

11:00 A.M.

September 27, 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.

### PRELUDE CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN & SONG - #8 "Holy, Holy, Holy" (Vv. 1,2,3) #6 "In Christ Alone" (Songbook-Vv. 1,2,3,4)

#### \*RESPONSIVE READING - "Romans 5:1-3 and 6-11"

**PASTOR:** Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace

with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

**PEOPLE:** Through whom we have gained access by faith into this

grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the

hope of glory to God.

**PASTOR:** You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless,

Christ died for the ungodly.

PEOPLE: Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though

for a good man someone might possibly dare to die.

**PASTOR:** But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were

still sinners. Christ died for us.

PEOPLE: Since we have now been justified by his blood, how

much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through

him!

**PASTOR:** For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him

through the death of his Son, how much more, having been

reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

PEOPLE: Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord

Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received

reconciliation.

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: *Matthew 9:1-8 (Pp. 1508-09)* MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: "Jesus Forgiver of Sins"

ANTHEM - "Thy Word"

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY** 

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OFFERING** – "Judge Me, O Lord"

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: Acts 9:1-19 (Pp.1706-07)
MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: "Saul Sees The Light"

**REMINDERS** 

\*HAYR MER - #133

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Park KOez DOer, Asdvadz MOer"
POSTLUDE

### \*Congregation is requested to stand

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR THIS MORNING** is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Tony and Lori Janigian in honor of their 19th wedding anniversary.

**THE BOARD OF DEACONS SEPTEMBER MEETING** will be held on today following the fellowship hour.

**SANCTUARY CHOIR.** The rehearsals are scheduled for the first Thursday of each month. Please plan to be at the church, *7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 1*.

**CLASSICAL MUSIC PRESENTED BY THE ACC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** please reserve Friday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m. for a very special evening with the students of Ms. Emma Bagdasarian. To obtain more information please call the church office.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY** there is a printout copy of the church directory that will be used for our 2010 directory. Please review it and make changes if necessary. You may also call the church office for Souzanne to make the changes as well.

# **ACC 2009 YEAR TO DATE BUDGET**

Budgeted stewardship and offerings \$77.000.00 Received to date (January - August) \$47,495.46

Total year budget \$181,320.00 Received to date (January - August) \$92,853.90 **HARVEST PARTY.** Mark your calendars for the following night, Friday, October 30 at 6:00 p.m. come enjoy delicious food, fun and games. All ages are welcome.

### JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY.

• Continue to pray for Marie Arslanian, Lucy Yazejian, and Herb Jernukian.

#### Synopsis of the Armenian Message

One of the most amazing conversion stories recorded in the Bible is the conversion of Saul (Paul). He was a most promising young man in Judaism with a zeal for his faith surpassed by no other. Seeing a threat in the growing Christian faith to his own religion, he was intent on destroying it. He persecuted and imprisoned the followers of Jesus wherever he found them. He was on his way to Damascus to arrest any Christians he might find there when the Lord confronted him. The Light, Jesus struck down this young, zealous, single-minded religious devotee. When Saul was on the ground he heard a voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" when he inquired about the voice, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," came the answer. Later when Jesus tells Ananias to go see Saul, He says, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel" (15). Saul's conversion was to have a most significant impact on the future of the Christian faith.

Friends, the conversion of Saul even though unique in the sense that Jesus directly spoke to him, it is not entirely different than how God has and still calls individuals to Himself. God calls us to repentance; He forgives our sins and our past through Jesus Christ, and then He directs us to serve Him in the power of the Holy Spirit.