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

11:00 A.M.

November 8, 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

*HYMNS & SONGS – #115 "joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (Vv.1,3,4) #19 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (Songbook-Vv.1,2,3) #1 "Blessed Be Your Name" (Songbook)

*READING - #357 "True Happiness" PRAYER

ENGLISH SCRIPTURE & MESSAGE: 1 peter 1:17-21

"Fear of Strangers"

SANCTUARY CHOIR

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OFFERING

ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE & MESSAGE: Acts 11:19-30 (Pp.1711-12)

"They Are Called Christians"

REMINDERS

*HAYR MER - #133

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Park K@z D@er, Asdvadz M@er" POSTLUDE

*Congregation is requested to stand

Next Sunday: English Message: Matthew 9:35-10:4

"Jesus Seeks and Enlists Workers"

Armenian Message: Acts 12:1-19a "Peter Rescued"

ANNOUCNEMENTS

WE WELCOME today to our pulpit Rev. Ara Jizmejian, AEUNA Eastern Region Youth Pastor.

THE ACC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP business meeting will be held today following the fellowship hour. All ladies are welcome!

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR will have rehearsal next Thursday, November 12th, 7:00 p.m. at the church. The choir will use this time to practice for the Christmas Eve cantata!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS. Board of Trustees: Sima Avakian, Bob Kachadourian, and Bob Kurkechian. Board of Deacons: Carole Basmadjian, Marian Flanagan, Hourig Jacobs, and Dicranouhi Keshishian.

MISSIONS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

- 1. <u>Christmas Joy Packages.</u> Bring Christmas joy to children of Armenia, Karabagh & Georgia through AMAA Armenia Summer Camp Christmas Committee.
- 2. **Operation Christmas Child.** The Sunday School is participating again this year in Operation Christmas Child, a ministry started by Franklin Graham that reaches out to poor and under privileged children around the world with the good news of the gospel through gifts packed in shoeboxes. Pick-up a form from the foyer and return completed boxes by Sunday, November 8.
- 3. **Change For Children:** Pennies for Kids Campaign is a fund-raiser that supports Grace Centers of Hope's building of a Childcare Center. Grace Centers of Hope is Oakland County's oldest and largest human service provider, giving homeless men, women and children the opportunity to rebuild their lives, equipping them to be functioning citizens of society.

THE ACC ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER We invite all of you to come and join us on Sunday, November 22 as we begin our day with the celebratory Thanksgiving Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. and later that day at 5:00 p.m., join us for our annual Thanksgiving dinner. Tickets are available from the ACC office. Childcare will be provided following the dinner.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY.

• Please pray for Marie Arslanian, Herb Jernukian, Dean Janigian, Dee Fogarty, Debbie Smetana, Hovnathan Krikorian, and Izabel Weigand.

Reservation and Contribution Form

I/we will attend the " Thanksgiving Banquet " on Sunday, November 22, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.
Name(s)(\$25 per adult \$10 per child 6-15 years. (No charge for children under 6 years old)
In addition I would like to make a donation of \$
In memory/honor of
Sponsor \$ 2,000.00; Benefactor \$ 500.00; Patron \$ 250.00; Contributor \$100.00; Supporter any amount.
Please make your checks payable to: Armenian Congregational Church

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

In this passage, Luke takes a break from telling us about Peter to share with us how the Gospel continued to spread through anonymous disciples. As this unnamed disciples shared the Good News of Jesus Christ with the Gentiles, a church was formed, and soon Barnabas and Paul came alongside to assist with this growing ministry. It was here that the disciples became known for the first time by the name "Christian" (26). The next thing we see is a beautiful display of unity between the church in Antioch and the church in Jerusalem. When a time of famine came, the Christians of Antioch willingly and according to their ability provided help to the Christians living in Judea.

Friends, God still uses "anonymous" Christians to be His witnesses in reaching people for Christ. And God still expects us to willingly and according to our ability to share in the work of the Gospel. Pray that God will help you be a "more rounded Christian."