

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

11:00 A.M.

December 13, 2009

THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT

*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.*

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

\*HYMNS -#31 "Joy to The World" (Vv. 1,2,3)

#175 "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" (Vv. 1,2,4)

**PRAYER**

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**LIGHTING OF THE 3<sup>rd</sup> ADVENT CANDLE - Michael Banerian**

*Gabriel Kadian*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE & MESSAGE:** Matthew 11:1-24 (Pp. 1512-13)

**"Jesus Pays Tribute to John the Baptist"**

**SANCTUARY CHOIR**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE & MESSAGE:** Acts 14:19-28 (1717-18)

**"Planting Churches"**

**REMINDERS**

\*HAYR MER - #133

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Park K0ez D0er, Asdvadz M0er"

**POSTLUDE**

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*\*Congregation is requested to stand*

*\*\*\* Latecomers may be seated*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR** this morning is sponsored by,

- Mr. & Mrs. Jano and Lena Bouladian in memory of her mother, Yeghisapet Baran.
- Ms. Ovsanna DerVartanian in memory of her father, Bedros and sister, Never DerVartanian.

**ACC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

- The ACC Women's Fellowship would like to thank all the women who donated baked goods to make the bake sale a great success.
- The December business meeting will be held **today** following the fellowship hour. All ladies are welcome to join us.

**THE DECEMBER ISSUE OF THE A.C.C. BULLETIN WILL BE A CHRISTMAS ISSUE.** Once again we offer you the opportunity to send your Christmas greetings to all the church members and friends, in and out of town, by making a contribution to our missions fund. Please submit your name and donation to the church office **today**.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS.** We are taking orders for flowers to adorn our chancel on Christmas Sunday. The poinsettia price is \$15.00. Please submit your name to the church office no later than Wednesday, December 17.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL.** Please join the Sunday School on December 20<sup>th</sup> for this year's Christmas Program. The program begins after the church service, with a luncheon to follow. All are welcome.

Parents make sure to mark your calendars: the rehearsal for the Christmas Program is on **Saturday, December 19 at 11:00 a.m.** with complimentary Pizza lunch.

**ARMENIAN RADIO HOUR.** The Pastor will be giving a short Christmas message on the Armenian Radio Hour on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Please tune in to AM 690.

**ACC CHOIR.** The ACC Sanctuary Choir and director Mrs. Susan Harrison are preparing a special Christmas program, which they will present during the Christmas Eve Service. Plan on joining us this year.

**MISSIONS. Christmas Joy Packages.** Bring Christmas joy to the children of Armenia, Karabagh & Georgia through AMAA Armenia Summer Camp Christmas Committee.

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES** December meeting will be held on Thursday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Christian Education room.

### **ACC 2009 YEAR TO DATE BUDGET**

Budgeted stewardship and offerings \$77,000.00  
Received to date (January - November) \$68,803.06

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Total year budget \$181,320.00  
Received to date (January - November) \$127,521.24

#### **JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY.**

Please keep Marie Arslanian, Herb Jernukian, Emily Rukkla, Jan Janigian, Dee Fogarty, Debbie Smetana, Hovnathan Krikorian and family, Tylor, nephew of Mary Conley, and Kasper Tokatlian in your prayers.

**Next Sunday. English:** Luke 2:8-20 - "Rejoice, Christ Jesus is Born"

**Armenian:** Matthew 2:1-12 - "The Birth of the Christ"

#### **Synopsis of the Armenian Message**

Paul and Barnabas started their first missionary journey in Antioch of Syria, sailed to Cyprus, then to Asia Minor, traveled to Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe, Perga, Attalia and returned to Antioch of Syria. Despite all the hardship and the opposition they faced they continued to proclaim Christ. Paul and Barnabas seem to have a good understanding of what it takes to establish and grow a church, "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." God rewards their efforts by bringing people to faith in Jesus, and churches are established. After all the persecution they faced, and after they were almost killed, they go back for a follow-up visit "Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, strengthening the disciples and encouraging them **to remain true to the faith.**" At this time, Paul and Barnabas also appoint elders who will oversee (Elders mean overseers) the ministry of these churches after they have left. On their return to the home church that sent them out, they reported to them all that God had accomplished through their ministry. They did this so that the Church in Antioch will be encouraged and to rejoice in "how God had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles."

Friends, the same God is still actively opening doors of faith to all kinds of people. Let us remain true to the faith, and let consider the Christmas season as another open door for us to proclaim Jesus Christ, born to save people from their sins.