

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

11:00 A.M.

December 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

***HYMNS - #101 "Father, Here We Dedicate This New Year" (Vv. 1,2,3)**
#18 "Be Thou My Vision" (Songbook)

***RESPONSIVE READING - #375 "A Litany For The New Year"**

PASTOR: O God, in the quietness of thy sanctuary we wait the closing moment of another year.

PEOPLE: **We lift up our hearts unto thee, O Lord.**

PASTOR: From the failure of the past, from broken hopes and disappointed ambitions, from our sins against ourselves and against others.

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PASTOR: We confess the unworthy living that has stained the record of the year that now is dying. For pardon, for grace to make restitution, for a clean heart and a right spirit with which to enter the new year.

PEOPLE: **We lift up our hearts unto thee, O Lord.**

PASTOR: From loss of faith and hope and courage, from anxiety that harasses us, fear that frightens us, cowardice that defeats us, and from the loss of thy companionship, without which no life is good, no soul is strong.

PEOPLE: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

PASTOR: Bring us to the new year's beginning with such vision of our duty, such resolution to perform it, and such resources for its consummation that whether in this year ahead we live or fall asleep, we shall be unashamed before thee.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy upon us and grant us these blessings. Amen.**

PRAYER

ENGLISH SCRIPTURE & MESSAGE: Matthew 11:25-30 (Pp. 1513-14)
"Finding Rest in Jesus"

SANCTUARY CHOIR

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER
OFFERING

ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE & MESSAGE: Luke 5:1-11 (Pp. 1597-98)
"A Receipt For Spiritual Success"

***HAYR MER - #133**

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE

**Congregation is requested to stand*
**** Latecomers may be seated*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR this morning is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Hovsep and Karine Koundakjian in memory of Hovsep's brother Hagop, who passed away in Aleppo on October 12, 2009.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Friday, January 1, 2010. We wish all the church family, and friends a Happy New Year!

ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS and THE LORD'S SUPPER, Sunday, January 3, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.

INSTALLATION OF THE ACC BOARD MEMBERS. There will be an Installation Service for the newly elected members of the board of Trustees and Deacons on January 10, 2010 during our Sunday morning worship service. We kindly request that the continuing and the newly elected members be present.

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPS. The 2010 stewardship envelopes for adults and children are ready. Please pick them up at the entrance of the fellowship hall.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. The winter congregational meeting will be held on January 17, 2010, immediately following the morning worship service. All boards and organizations are requested to submit their reports.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY.

Please pray for Marie Arslanian, Herb Jernukian, and George Basmadjian.

Next Sunday. English: Matthew 12:1-8 - "Jesus, Lord Of The Sabbath"
Armenian: Isaiah 9:6 - "To Us A Child Is Born"

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

Almost everyone is interested in success. As we approach the beginning of yet another new year, let us look at a group of fishermen who felt like a failure until Jesus taught them a lesson. It was a lesson that sustained them the rest of their lives.

Peter, Andrew, James and John did all they knew to do and still had come up empty. These fishermen had to trust the word of Jesus even though it did not make sense at the time. When Jesus asked them to go out, it was to the deep water. The fishermen were tired, but willing to do their part. They were discouraged, but willing to try again. As success came, they had to work together. Since Jesus was the ultimate focus, it didn't matter who got the credit. The catch of fish was even greater than they would have expected. Our God delights in surprising us. Peter did not take credit for the success. In fact, he humbled himself before God and came face to face with his own unworthiness.

Friends, do you want a receipt for spiritual success in the New Year? Learn from these fishermen.

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HAVE A BLESSED NEW YEAR