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

11:00 A.M. January 3, 2010

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 - #70 "Anywhere With Jesus I Can Safely Go" (Vv. 1,2) #1 "Blessed Be Your Name" (Songbook)

PRAYER

DEDICATION – Evan John Darawi

CELEBRATION OF THE LORDS SUPPER

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ENGLISH SCRIPTURE & MESSAGE: Matthew 12:1-8 (P. 1514) "Jesus, Lord of The Sabbath - I"

SANCTUARY CHOIR

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OFFERING – Solo- Gayaneh Kachadourian

ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE & MESSAGE: Isaiah 9:1-6 (P. 1072)
"To Us A Child Is Born"

REMINDERS

*HAYR MER - #133

*BENEDICTION

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR this morning is sponsored by Pastor Mak and Jennifer Darawi in honor of Evan's dedication.

COMMUNITY GROUPS. The next Community Groups will be held on Wednesday, January 6, at 7:00 pm. Please join us at the homes of Pastor Mak and Jennifer Darawi, or Bob and Gayaneh Kachadourian.

INSTALLATION OF 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.

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.

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

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY.

Please pray for Marie Arslanian, Herb Jernukian, George Basmadjian, and Jennifer Lulic and family (friend of Julie Dawson).

ACC 2009 YEAR TO DATE BUDGET

Budgeted stewardship and offerings \$82,000.00 Received to date (January - December) \$77,113.06

Total year budget \$181,320.00 Received to date (January - December) \$143,378 **#EMINDERS**

Next Sunday. English: Matthew 12:9-14, "Jesus, Lord of the Sabbath-II" **Armenian:** Acts 15:1-21, "The First Church Council"

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

In Isaiah chapter 9, God speaking through the prophet promises the people of Israel a future deliverance through the coming Messiah. In verse 1 the promise is "no more gloom for those who were in distress." Help is on the way. So there is no reason to be downcast. The Messiah is coming as Light for people living in darkness (John 1:1-9). His coming will also bring joy and rejoicing to the nation. In verse 6 the first Advent is described, "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, …" (Matthew 1:23), and then His name is given,

- 1. He is a "Wonderful Counselor." This name speaks of His person, His work, and His wisdom in government.
- 2. He is a "Mighty God." This speaks of His being omnipotent and an all mighty God.
- 3. The "Everlasting Father." This speaks of His being eternal and the source of eternity. But it also speaks of His being loving, tender compassionate, and a Provider.
- 4. The "Prince of Peace." This speaks of Him as the One who will at last bring peace to this troubled world. Moreover, peace here means not only the absence of strive, but peace with God.

Friends, what a beautiful promise God has given to His people. There is encouragement for our daily lives. The promise in Isaiah 9 is for help with the affairs of our lives. Our "Wonderful Counselor" will give us guidance and direction. Our "Mighty God" will give us strength for every problem we face. Our "Everlasting Father" will never pass away or forsake us. Our "Prince of Peace" will bring peace to our lives in the midst of uncertainty, anxiety and fear.

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