

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

11:00 A.M.

January 10, 2010

***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 - #78** *When We Walk With the Lord" (Vv. 1,2,3)*  
*#121 "Love Lifted Me" (Vv. 1,2,3)*  
*# 20 "He Is Exalted" (Songbook)*

**PRAYER**

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**INSTALLATION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE & MESSAGE:** *Matthew 12:9-14 (P.1514)*  
**"Jesus, Lord of The Sabbath-II"**

**SANCTUARY CHOIR**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY**  
**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**  
**OFFERING**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE & MESSAGE:** *Act 15:1-21 (Pp. 17178-19)*  
**"The First Church Council"**

**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**

**INSTALLATION OF ACC BOARD MEMBERS.** The installation service for the members of the Board of Trustees and Deacons is *today* during the worship service.

**THE ACC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** January meeting will be held today following the fellowship hour in the Christian Education Room.

**SANCTUARY CHOIR** will have a rehearsal on Thursday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m.

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

**THE ACC BOARD OF TRUSTEES** meeting will be held on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Christian education room.

**2009 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS.** You will soon be receiving your Income Tax receipts for your 2009 church donations in the mail. Please review your receipts, and if any corrections need to be made, please call the church office immediately.

**MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDIES** will resume on Wednesday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

**Next Sunday. English:** Matthew 12:15-21, "The Chosen One"  
**Armenian:** Acts 15:22-35, "The Council's Decision"

**REMINDERS**

## **Synopsis of the Armenian Message**

The gospel message had been rapidly spreading, and new churches were being established under strong opposition coming mainly from outside. But for the first time the church was facing a serious internal issue. The issue was this, "Some men came down from Judea to Antioch and were teaching the brothers: 'Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved'" (15:1). Since Christianity began within Judaism, these men were teaching that in order for a person to become Christian, they first had to convert to Judaism. Paul and Barnabas were quick to recognize the seriousness of this erroneous teaching and took action by confronting these teachers. The church in Antioch decided to send Paul and Barnabas to Jerusalem to present the issue to the apostles. In Jerusalem, Peter shared his experience at the household of Cornelius, and how his understanding was challenged as he saw the Holy Spirit move among the Gentiles as it did among the Jewish converts. In verse 8-11, Peter explains how the heart of the new message is the grace of God and not law-keeping. He says, "We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are." Following Peter, James gives the clinching argument showing from Scripture how everything that is happening is in accordance with God's promises. The final conclusion was, "... We should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God."

Friends, "Divisive issues often arise in the Church. The problem is recognizing when there is the possibility of true fellowship despite different opinions and when the issue is so crucial that it must be faced so that the Gospel is not compromised" (SU). The way the early Church handled this issue teaches us a lot about how we should handle disagreements also. (1) They gathered to talk about the issue. (2) They listened to their leaders. (3) They looked into God's Word. (4) They resolved the problem.