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

11:00 A.M.

February 21, 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 & SONGS – #57 "What A Wonderful Change In My Life" (1,2,3) #24 "Seek Ye First" (Songbook)

\*READING - "Armenian Evangelical Confession of Faith"

- 1. I believe in the existence of one only living and true God. The Creator, Preserver, and Governor of the universe; omniscient, omnipresent; self-existent, independent, immutable; possessed of infinite benevolence, wisdom, holiness, justice, mercy, and truth, and Who is the only proper object of worship.
- 2. I believe that the one God exists in three persons; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and that these three are one God.
- 3. I believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by inspiration of God, and are a revelation of His will to man, and the sufficient and only rule of faith and practice.

PRAYER

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ENGLISH MESSAGE: Matthew 13:31-35; 44-46 (P.1518-19)
"More Images Of The Kingdom"

**SANCTUARY CHOIR** 

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OFFERING

**HYMN -** #20 "Sing Them Over Again to Me" (Vv.1,3)

**ARMENIAN MESSAGE**: Acts 17:1-1 5 (Pp.1722-23)

"Proclamation and Proof"

### REMINDERS

- \*HAYR MER #133
- \*BENEDICTION
- \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Park KOez DOer, Asdvadz MOer"

## **POSTLUDE**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER TIME.** Please join us for a prayer time following the worship service right here in the sanctuary.

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES** February meeting is this Thursday, February 25, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

**THE BOARD OF DEACONS** February meeting will be held next Sunday, February 28, following the Fellowship Hour.

**THE LORD'S SUPPER** will be celebrated next Sunday, February 28, 2010 during the morning worship hour.

### **BOWLING PARTY**



Students, you will not want to miss out on bowling with your Sunday School friends next Sunday, February 28th, at the Langans Norwest Lanes, from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$9.00 per person. Scholarships are available for families in need. We want all to participate. RSVP to Leslie Banerian *today*.

**ACC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP LENTEN LUNCHEON** The A.C.C. Women's Fellowship is sponsoring their annual Lenten Luncheon on Friday, March 12 at 12:00 noon. Come enjoy a beautiful program. Both men and women are welcome. To RSVP please contact the church office.

### CAPITAL FUND REPORT

The ACC Board of Trustees would like to extend their profound gratitude to the church members and friends, who continue to give to the Capital Fund. Currently the balance is \$26,605.00. Funds raised will be used for Phase II of the building plan, which is replacing the windows. Please continue making special donations to the Capital Fund.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY.

Please pray for Marie Arslanian, Eugene Milewski (Friend of Alice Kakousian), Ozzie (Sarjanian) Stasak (Friend of Doris Krikorian), and Terri Karoubian (Tony Janigian's cousin).

Next Sunday. English: Matthew 13:53-58 - "Jesus Rejected By Family and Town"
Armenian: Acts 17:16-34 - "Unknown God?"

## Synopsis of the Armenian Message

In todau's passage, Paul and his companions visit two cities, Thessalonica and Brea preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. In both cities Paul presents the essence of the gospel in the same way: "As his custom was, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he **reasoned** with them from the Scriptures, **explaining** and **proving** that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. "This Jesus I am **proclaiming** to you is the Christ," (2,3). There is a positive response to Paul's preaching in both cities, although the Bereans we are told, "received the message with great eagerness and **examined** the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true" (11). These Bereans who Luke says were of more "noble character" examined, meaning they investigated to find out whether what Paul was preaching was really true. "That, surely, is a model for how we should respond to a preacher; after all, their authority comes not from themselves, but from God. Eager, enthusiastic embracing of a message is not to be gullible acceptance, but a testing of the message's truth claims" (SU).

Friends, to grow in our faith we need to be studying God's word. Yes, pastors are called to preach and teach the Word and help us understand it and apply it to our lives, but like the Bereans we need to also examine what we are being taught by looking into God's Word ourselves. (See Ephesians 4:11-16, page 1821).