

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

11:00 A.M.

April 25, 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** - #21 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (Vv. 1,2,3)
#1 Blessed Be Your Name (Songbook)

PRAYER

***READING** - #382 "A Litany For Armenian Martyrs' Day"

ENGLISH MESSAGE: 2 Corinthians 1:3-11 (Pp. 1794-95)

"The God of All Comfort"

SANCTUARY CHOIR

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

OFFERING-Special Music- Dan Haroutunian "You Are Mine"

***HYMN** - #88 "Faith of Our Fathers" (Vv. 1,2)

ARMENIAN MESSAGE: Habakkuk (Pp. 1456-61)

"The Righteous Shall Live By His Faith"

REMINDERS

***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. Aram and Alice Kakousian in memory of our Martyrs.

ACC COUNCIL MEETING. All Deacons, Trustees, and leaders of other ministries are required to attend the ACC Council planning meeting on Saturday, May 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please pray for this important meeting.

AEUNA BIENNIAL CONVENTION. Registration forms for the AEUNA Convention coming up in July and hosted by the ACC are now available on our Website or from the office.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY.

↑Please pray for Siran Chalabian and the Koundakjian, and Chalabian families. Pray also for the upcoming AEUNA Convention.

↑**In Christian Sympathy.** John Dean Janigian, passed away on Sunday, April 18, 2010. May the grace and comfort of our Lord be with the Janigian family, their friends and relatives.

Visitation is today from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at the ACC.

Funeral is on Monday, April 26, at 11:00 a.m. at the ACC.

MOTHER'S DAY BANQUET



Please join us on Sunday, May 9 at 11:00 a.m. as we worship our Lord and honor our mothers, and later in the day at 5:00 p.m. for the Mother's Day Dinner. Sponsors are needed for this event; please speak to Mark Kadian or Bob Kurkechian.

Please reserve for (Name) _____

\$25.00 per Adult x ___ = _____

\$10.00 (Ages 6-15) x ___ = _____

Free (Under 6 years old) # _____

Next Sunday, English: Matthew 15:29-39 "Jesus Feeds Four Thousand"

Armenian: Acts 20:23-41 "Man-Made Gods Are No Gods At All"

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

This weekend we are commemorating the 95th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. As there is still no just solution, many people as they remember, they will be asking, "Why, O Lord?" and "For how long, O Lord?" These questions are nothing new; people throughout history have raised them following horrific and tragic events. Some of God's most loyal and obedient servants in the Bible have questioned God – David, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and today the prophet Habakkuk who wrote at a difficult time in the history of Israel.

Habakkuk's first problem (1:2-3). There is violence, destruction, and injustice. The prophet wonders where is God when all this is happening. God's first response (1: 5-7, 11). God is doing something; He is raising a powerful force to punish the wicked people. Habakkuk's second problem (1:12,13). Habakkuk doesn't like what God is doing. God is dealing with wickedness with even greater wickedness. God's second response (2:2-4, 14). The righteous will live by his faith. Faith is internal believing and trusting in God's promises. Faithfulness is a response to faith. Habakkuk's prayer (3:2, 17-19a). Habakkuk prays as a response of faith. He has come to terms with what God is doing, and wants God to have mercy in wrath (3:1,2). What can we do when we find ourselves in a similar situation?

(1) Be careful not to surrender your faith. (2) See the big picture. (3) Live by faith.

Friends, Knowing that God is working through the events of this world good or bad, and is directing them according to his sovereign plans and purposes should be an encouragement and a comfort to us. It should also make us want to be an even brighter light of hope (not fear) to the world. May God strengthen your faith as you go on living in this world that is full of uncertainties, wars, violence, disasters and destruction. May He also remind you that He has given His Son Jesus who triumphed over sin and death as a Savior and as a hope for us.