

Makarios Darawi, Pastor

Mrs. Susan Harrison, Choir Director and Organist

11:00 A.M.

November 14, 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.

**CALL TO WORSHIP
CHORAL INTROIT**

***HYMN – #19 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (Songbook - vv. 1,2,3)**

READING IN UNISON: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: ‘He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.’ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seeds and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.”

PRAYER

SONG - #74 “Take My Life, And Let It Be” (vv. 1,2,4,6)(Seated)

ENGLISH MESSAGE: Matthew 22:15-22 (p.1535)

“Bearing God’s Image”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

OFFERING – Offertory Anthem

ARMENIAN MESSAGE: Colossians 3:1-17 (pp. 1834-35)

“Higher Living”

REMINDERS

***HAYR MER – #133**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: “Park Køez Døer, Asdvadz Møer”**

***Congregation is requested to stand**

***** Latecomers may be seated**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR this morning is sponsored by Ms. Siroon Karapetoff and family in memory of her daughter Dianne Niemi.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES November meeting will be held this Thursday, Nov. 18 at 7:00 pm.

MISSIONS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

© **Christmas In October.** Bring Christmas joy to the children of Armenia, and Karabagh through AMAA Armenia Summer Camp Christmas Committee. The forms are available in the hallway. Make checks payable to the ACC.

© **Community Service.** The ACC Mission Committee is gathering a group of 12-14 people to attend the Grace Centers Of Hope in Pontiac on Friday, December 10th at 4:30 p.m. to prepare and serve dinner to the needy families in the center. If you would like to attend, please call the church office to add your name. For more information you may speak to Pastor Mak or Suzan.

ACYF. The ACC Youth Group will be having a Movie Night on Friday, November 19th at 7:00 p.m. All youth 13-18 years old are welcome.

THE DECEMBER ISSUE OF THE A.C.C. BULLETIN will be a Christmas issue. Once again, as in the past, we offer you the opportunity to send your Christmas greetings to all the church members and friends by making a contribution to our missions fund. Please submit your names by December 10 to Suzan at the office or Pastor Mak.

THE ACC ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER. We invite all of you to come and join us **NEXT** Sunday, November 21 as we begin our day with the celebratory Thanksgiving Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. and later that day at 5:00 p.m. join us for our annual Thanksgiving dinner. Please make your reservations **TODAY.**

I/we will attend the “**Thanksgiving Banquet**” on Sunday, November 21, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

Name(s) _____ (\$25 per adult -- \$10 per child 6-15 years. (No charge for children under 6 years old)

In addition I would like to make a donation of \$ _____

In memory/honor of _____

Supporters of any amount are needed

Please make your checks payable to: **Armenian Congregational Church**

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY.

In Christian Sympathy. Ellen Jessie (Yazejian) Habib, niece of Bob and Diran Yazejian, died in California on November 2, 2010. Ellen is survived by her husband Kirk and daughter Kelly. May the comfort, peace and grace of our Lord be with the Habib and Yazejian families, their friends and relatives.

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

In these section, Paul exhorts the Colossians to set higher standards for their lives as those who have been raised with Christ. Verses 1-4, teach us to put our minds on things above. We are being reminded not to be bound by earthly rules and human limitations, but to be subject only to Christ. With our minds set on heavenly things, we have two assurances: our life is hid with Christ in God (v.3); and when Christ returns, we will be with Him in glory (v.4). Verses 5-11, teach us to put off fleshly habits. Paul lists some of the specific sins that must be removed (5,8,9). They may be classified in three categories: sensualism, pride, and unbrotherly division. We must shed these habits like an old, tattered garment. Whatever the price, these sins must be removed. Paul goes on to explain why we must shed these habits (v.6). God will not tolerate sin. You may fool others, but not Him. Instead, live a renewed life (v.10). Verses 12-17, teach us to put on Christlike character. Paul here lists the graces that characterize a holy life (12-15). How are we to acquire these traits? Through God's Word; through help from other believers; through dedicating all of our efforts to the Lord.

Friends, Christianity is more than what we don't do. It involves an active life of service, desiring always to please God. As Christians we should always be striving for higher living. We can do that by keeping our eyes focused on Jesus. "Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (v.17).