

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

11:00 A.M.

December 19, 2010

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN – #29 “*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*”

*HYMN – #167 “*Angels We Have Heard On High*” (vv. 1,2,3)

*READING AND LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE -
Bob and Gayaneh
Kachadourian

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ENGLISH MESSAGE: Luke 1:26-38 (pp. 1588)
“**God’s Unlikely Choices**”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY
OFFERING – *Sanctuary Choir - "Sing We Now of Christmas"*

ARMENIAN MESSAGE: Luke 2:1-20 (pp. 1590-91)
“**The Birth of Jesus**”

REMINDERS

*HAYR MER – #133

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT this morning, the Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian, ACC minister emeritus.

THANK YOU to Dr. Richard Marburger for sponsoring the Fellowship luncheon today in memory of Mrs. Mary Marburger. We invite you all to join us for this complimentary luncheon following the Sunday School Program. The ACC would like to also thank all the Sunday School parents who contributed to the lunch today.

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR will have a Christmas Eve rehearsal this Wednesday, December 22 at 7:00 p.m., at the church. All who will be singing on Christmas Eve please attend the rehearsal.

THE ANNUAL WINTER CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, January 23, 2011, immediately following the morning worship service.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
Today at 12:15 p.m.
LUNCH
Today at 1:00 p.m.
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
Friday, December 24, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.
FIRST SUNDAY OF THE NEW YEAR – ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS –
THE LORD’S SUPPER
Sunday, January 2, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY.
Please pray for Mr. Bob Arabian, Rev. Barkev Darakjian, Ray Jernukian, and Charlotte Oehler (friend of Lara Zanazanian).

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

The greatness of Christmas is lost to many people. There are so many little things attached to the Christmas experience that can squeeze out the greatest opportunities. By taking a fresh look at the Christmas story, we can be reminded of important things that will help us keep our lives open to the flow of God's message.

Verses 1-7 describe the world's greatest event. Many wonderful things have happened in the history of our world, but this was the greatest event of them all. Jesus was born in a stable where cattle were fed to show He would be the bread of life. The clothes in which Jesus was rapped signify that the King of the universe became poor so that we might become rich. Could any other event in the world history ever compare to this?

Verses 8-14 describe the world's greatest announcement. The announcement of the birth of the King of the universe was greater than any other announcement in history. Since the birth affected the entire universe, God placed a special star in the sky. Since He would bring great joy, a marvelous choir of angels sang the announcement.

These verses 8-14, also give us the world's greatest message. No other message could affect the world as this one. The announcement of a solution to humankind's greatest problem, the sin problem, was made (v.11). The announcement that there can be peace in our lives while living on this earth was made (v.14). In spite of its greatness, God sent a personal message to everyone who reads it (v.11). This is a message of forgiveness for all of our sins. It is a message that brings freedom from the bondage of sin.

Verses 15-17, describe how this message evoked the greatest response. This message demands a response. The shepherds reacted to the first message in a positive way. They became acquainted with Christ by following the guidance of the message. They shared the message with others after they had received it (v.17). each one of us can react in the same way by having a personal encounter and then by sharing that with others.

Christmas is the greatest day in the history of the world. Do not let the small things of life rob you of the maximum enjoyment of this experience. Let us celebrate the coming of the Christ.

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***Christ is Born and is Revealed,
Good Tidings to You and to Us***