

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

11:00 A.M.

January 23, 2011

*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** – #51 *“All Hail The Power of Jesus’ Name”*  
#1 *“Blessed Be Your Name”* (songbook)

**\*READING** – *Ephesians 6:1-18*

**PASTOR:** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.  
**PEOPLE:** **Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.**

**PASTOR:** For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

**PEOPLE:** **Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.**

**PASTOR:** Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in the place.

**PEOPLE:** **and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.**

**PASTOR:** In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

**PEOPLE:** **Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.**

**UNISON:** **And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.**

**PRAYER**

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**ENGLISH MESSAGE:** Matthew 24: 1-14 (p. 1538)

**“Signs of The End of The Age”**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**  
**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY**  
**OFFERING** – *offertory music*

**ARMENIAN MESSAGE:** Malachi 2:10-16 (p. 1489)

**“Faithfulness”**

**REMINDERS**

**\*HAYR MER** – #133

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** *“Park Kłez Dłer, Asdvadz Młer”*

**POSTLUDE**

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**\*Congregation is requested to stand**

\*\*\* Latecomers be seated

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE WINTER CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held **TODAY** immediately following the worship service, please remain seated.

**THE BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING** will be held next Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup> following the morning worship hour.

**SANCTUARY CHOIR** will have a rehearsal on Thursday, January 27 at 7:00 pm.

**2010 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS.** You will soon be receiving your Income Tax receipts for your 2010 church donations in the mail. Please review your receipts, and if any corrections need to be made, please call the church office immediately.

**COMMUNITY GROUPS** bible study will be held on Wednesday January 26 at the Darawi’s, and on Friday, January 28 at the Arslanian’s.

**FAMILY NIGHT.** The ACC Women’s Fellowship will be hosting a Family Night on Saturday, February 12, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. Come enjoy delicious food, entertainment, fun and games. All ages are welcome. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults; \$7.00 for children 7-17 years old; no charge for children under 6 years. Please write your names on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

**ACC YOUTH GROUP SUPER BOWL PARTY.** All youth are invited to a Superbowl party on Sunday, February 6, 2011 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. at the church in the Christian Education Room.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY.** Please pray for Mary Arslanian, and for EACH campaign ([www.eachtoday.com](http://www.eachtoday.com)). The month of January is National Sanctity of Human Life month. Pray for those who's life is at risk.

### **Synopsis of the Armenian Message**

In verses 10-16, Malachi addresses the issue of marital faithfulness. Verse 10 consists of three questions that introduce the problem. In verse 11, he says that Judah (i.e. the people who live in Judah) has broken faith and desecrated God's sanctuary by marrying "daughters of a foreign god." In the Old Testament God clearly prohibited His people from intermarrying with people who worshiped other gods. The prohibition was based on religious not racial grounds. It seems that whenever a worshiper of God married a person from another religion, they ended-up either with divided loyalties or they totally abandoned God to follow the pagan gods of their spouses. Solomon is a good example of this (1 Kings 11:1-8). Christians who marry non-believers face the same problem, and for that reason, Paul also addresses this issue in the New Testament (2 Corinthians 6:14).

In verses 13-15, Malachi points out to another serious problem, the problem of unfaithfulness in the marriage relationship. The people were wondering why God has stopped accepting their offerings. The answer is that they were breaking their marriage vows. Notice in verse 14 he says that marriage is: (1) a covenant not a contract or an agreement or something else, (2) that God is the witness of that covenant, and (3) that the wife is a partner in the marriage relationship. Being unfaithful to the marriage covenant is displeasing to God. God desires healthy marriages that are necessary for healthy families.

In verses 15-16, Malachi says that God had intended His people to be one pure people, introducing "godly offspring." Unfaithfulness often leads to divorce, and God says that He hates divorce. So the prophet urges them to be vigilant and to guard themselves and not break faith.

Friends, these are strong but timely words to us about how God sees marriage, and what He expects from married couples. How is your marriage? What are you doing to guard your marriage?