

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

11:00 A.M.

July 3, 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

***HYMNS & SONGS** – #115 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (Vv. 1,2,3)
#263 “Once To Every Man and Nation” (Vv. 1,2,3)

RESPONSIVE READING – “Independence Day”

PASTOR: O Lord, who has made us one nation out of many peoples, amid our diversities of race and tradition unite us in a common love of freedom and in loyalty for our national life.

PEOPLE: **Continue in us that faith which guided our fathers across the seas and upheld them in the wilderness.**

PASTOR: Maintain in our generation the liberty which their devotion won, and the struggle for justice, equity and good will which they sought.

PEOPLE: **Help us to establish our land in every righteous way.**

PASTOR: Revive in the people of this land a spirit of devotion to the common goal, so that we may open new doors of hope to the neglected and oppressed. Cleanse our hearts from the greed which preys upon others; deliver our politics from corruption.

PEOPLE: **Lead us, O Lord, to righteousness.**

PASTOR: Give the spirit of wisdom to those entrusted with authority, that there may be peace within our borders, and that we may stand in our places among the nations of the earth, an example of justice and good will.

PEOPLE: **Let your peace, O Lord, rule in all our hearts.**

PASTOR: To every council where nations bring their hopes and fears, grand wisdom and mutual understanding, that distrust and hatred may be diminished.

PEOPLE: **Let your peace, O Lord, prevail throughout the earth.**

UNISON: **As you have made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on the face of the earth, amid all diversities of race and faith enable us to feel your all-embracing love, which calls all the sons of men your children. Amen.**

PRAYER

SONG - #19 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (Songbook- Vv. 1,2,3)

ENGLISH MESSAGE: *Galatians 5:1-12 (P. 1815)*

“What Freedom Really Means”

SANCTUARY CHOIR

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

OFFERING- *offertory music*

ARMENIAN MESSAGE: *I John 4:1-6 (P.1902)*

“Test The Spirit”

REMINDERS

***HAYR MER** – #133

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE

*Congregation is requested to stand

*** Latecomers be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, July 4th. The ACC wishes everyone a happy and a safe 4th of July!

E.A.C.H INITIATIVE. Check www.2WordStory.com for opportunities to volunteer and to get involved.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

Please continue praying for Evan Darawi. For updates on his condition check www.caringbridge.org/visit/evandarawi.

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

John in this passage warns the believer against accepting “every spirit.” With the word “spirit” he means, a teaching or a doctrine. We are to “test the spirits to see if they are from God.” The test centers on the person of Jesus. It is not enough to believe that Jesus is divine, but that He is God incarnate. Jesus is “God with us.” Jesus is God who took on flesh to live among us for a while, suffer and die on the cross for our sins, and to rise again from the grave.

Friends, the core doctrinal teachings of the Christian faith has been passed on from the apostles to the church which has preserved it in its creeds, confessions, and the teachings of the faithful saints over the ages. Be very careful of anyone who says that doctrine or absolute truth is not important and what matters the most is love.

Happy 4th of July!