

Makarios Darawi, Pastor

Mrs. Susan Harrison, Choir Director and Organist

11:00 A.M.

August 28, 2011

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-#54 "There Shall Be Showers Of Blessing"(Vv. 1,2,4)
#77 "I Am Thine, O Lord" (Vv. 1,2,3)

READING IN UNISON - 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17,3:1-5'

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the teaching we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

Finally, brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men, for not everyone has faith. But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. We have confidence in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we command. May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.

PRAYER

SONG - #23 "Jesus Paid It All" (Songbook)

ENGLISH MESSAGE: *Ezra 10:1-17 (Pp. 747-48)*

"Unhappy Ending"

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

OFFERING- *offertory music*

ARMENIAN MESSAGE: *3 John 1:1-13 (Pp. 1907-08)*

"Work Together For The Truth"

REMINDERS

*HAYR MER - #133

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "*Park Khez Dher, Asdvadz Mher*"

POSTLUDE

*Congregation is requested to stand

*** Latecomers be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR this morning is sponsored by Pastor Mak and Mrs. Jennifer Darawi in honor of their 12th wedding anniversary.

THE ACC CHANCEL CHOIR is hosting a dinner followed by rehearsal on Thursday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m. to start the season and to prepare for 2011/2012. New and returning choir members please RSVP with Gayaneh Kachadourian 248-334-3677, or call the church office.

RALLY AND MISSION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2011

- **RALLY SUNDAY.** Come join us as we kickoff the 2011/2012 Sunday School year with classes beginning and the Sunday School Staff commissioning during the worship service.
- **MISSION SUNDAY.** Mr. David Aynejian from the AMAA will join us during our morning worship service. Later during our Mission Luncheon, he will give an up-to-date report with a video presentation on the work and ministry of the AMAA in Armenia and around the world.

ACC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP. Please join the ACC women on Rally Sunday, September 11, as they host the AMAA luncheon following the morning worship service. The first Women's Fellowship business meeting will be held on September 18, all women are welcome.

A TOUR OF ARMENIA. The AMAA on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of Armenia's Independence and AMAA's Mission work in Armenia, has organized a tour to Armenia from September 15-27, 2011. For more info please call Elizabeth at AMAA 201.265.2607 or e-mail amaadevelopment@amaa.org.

ACC COUNCIL MEETING. There will be an ACC Council meeting on Sunday, September 25 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. All Board (Deacons and Trustees) members are required to attend. Please pray for this important meeting.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for the situation in Libya and Syria. Pray also for our nation as it prepares to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks on America.

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

In his third and final letter, the apostle John gives us a glimpse into church life in the latter half of the first century. W. MacDonald writes, "With just a few concise strokes of the pen the apostle sketches in three characters: Gaius the hospitable and spiritual, Demetrius the commendable, and the Diotrephes the self-seeking and unloving." The letter is addressed to Gaius who seems to be doing well spiritually but not so well physically. This is so unlike most professed Christians who in most cases seem to be doing very well physically but not so well spiritually. John says that he is praying for Gaius. We also should be praying for those who are not doing well physically and spiritually. As Gaius is commended for his hospitality, love and generosity toward those who have gone out preaching the Gospel, Diotrephes is reprimanded for his self-seeking, arrogant, inhospitable, and dictatorial leadership. Diotrephes represents the strong self-willed personality types that sometimes gain too much power in a church and begin to assert their will over the whole congregation. The last person mentioned in the letter, "Demetrius is well spoken of by everyone – and even by the truth itself. We also speak well of him." Demetrius is a man of good testimony.

Friends, these three characters from the early church represent the different types of people that all churches at all times have had in their membership. If the apostle John were writing a letter to this church, the ACC, what would he say about you?

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