

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

11:00 A.M.

September 18, 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** - #6 *"We Praise Thee, O God"* (Vv. 1,2)
#159 *"Praise Him! Praise Him!"* (Vv. 1,2,3)

***READING** – *I Corinthians 15: 1-11*

Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. Whether, then, it was I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

PRAYER

SONG - #6 *"In Christ Alone"* (Vv. 1,2,3,4- Songbook)

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ENGLISH MESSAGE: *Revelation 1:1-8* (Pp. 1912-13)

"The Testimony of Jesus Christ"

SANCTUARY CHOIR

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

OFFERING- *offertory music*

ARMENIAN MESSAGE: *Ephesians 1:1-14* (Pp. 1817-18)

"Chosen By God"

REMINDERS

***HAYR MER** – #133

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** *"Park K'hez D'her, Asdvadz M'her"*

POSTLUDE

*Congregation is requested to stand

*** Latecomers be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR today is sponsored by Dr. & Mrs. Bob and Gayaneh Kachadourian in honor of their 41st wedding anniversary.

PRAYER TIME. Please join us for a prayer time following the worship service in the room at the back of the church.

THE ACC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP meeting will be held *today* during the fellowship hour, all women are welcome.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY group will meet at the church on Wednesday, September 21. We invite all men and women to join us.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES September meeting has been rescheduled to this Thursday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m.

ACC YOUTH GROUP. We invite all youth ages 12-18 to attend the ACC Youth Group every Friday evening starting September 23. Each Friday holds a different activity night, and Worship night with Jenny Jacobs. Teens come and bring a friend!

THE ACC COUNCIL MEETING has been rescheduled from Sunday September 25 to either October 2nd or 9th. The meeting will follow the services and will last for about 1 hour. All Board (Deacons and Trustees) members are required to attend. Please pray for this important meeting.

THE ACC IS COLLECTING used clothes and household items in *excellent condition* to give to the resale store of Westside Christian Academy. All donations will go to support the schools' financial needs. Please bring your donations to the ACC and give them to Moses.

E.A.C.H SERVICE OPPORTUNITY. Come join a group of volunteers from area churches as they spend a day sprucing-up the House of Help in Detroit (7 Mile and Grand River). Workday is Saturday, October 8th. Work to be done: cleaning, repairs, painting, mowing, landscaping, and community beautification. Work hours are: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, and 1:00 pm to 4 pm. 12:00-1:00 lunch provided. People can work either or both shifts. If you are interested in helping please sign-up at www.signupgenius.com/go/house23

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

Pray for our sister church of Dilijan in Armenia and its pastor, Rev. Garnik Tootikyan. Pray that the AMAA would accept a proposal by the church to purchase a piece of land for a new church building.

Synopsis of Armenian Message

Ephesians is a Pauline “Prison Epistle” (a letter written from prison to the church). It is a typical Pauline letter which starts with a salutation followed by thanksgiving, doctrine, application, and closing greetings. Following the introduction and salutation in verses 1-2, Paul quickly launches into a heavy dose of deep theology. In few verses (3-14), he covers the span of world history from before the creation to beyond its end. In verses 4-6, Paul says that God from eternity past has elected, predestined, and adopted as children all those who are to come to faith and be saved. All this He has done through His Son Jesus, and “to the praise of his glorious grace.” In verses 7-12, Paul explains how God has accomplished this “election and adoption.” God did it by redeeming and forgiving the sins of the saved through the blood of Jesus. In verses 13-14, Paul says that having believed in Christ, the Christian is then marked with a seal – the Holy Spirit. There are two important things we need to notice when reading these verses. First, it is Trinitarian. It begins with the Father’s eternal plans, accomplished through the Son’s work on the cross, and sealed by the Holy Spirit. Second, notice that, “Human beings, in Paul’s panorama, are the central beneficiaries of the workings of God. No matter how huge the landscape is, the picture focuses on us. We are blessed (3) in all sorts of ways: chosen (4); predestined (5); adopted (5); redeemed (7); forgiven (7); included (13); marked with a seal (13)” (SU).

Friends, think of all the blessings that God has promised you (the believer) in Christ. Pray for anyone you know who needs to come to Christ to experience all the same blessings. Thank God for His grace, thank Jesus for His sacrifice on the cross, and thank the Holy Spirit for His everyday presence with us.

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