

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

11:00 A.M.

November 13, 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** – #76 “*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*” (Vv. 1,2,3)
#25A “*All I Have Is Christ*” (Songbook)

***READING IN UNISON** – “*Ephesians 4:17-24*”

“So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more.

You, however, did not come to know Christ that way. Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.”

PRAYER

***HYMN**- #109 “*Some Day The Silver Cord Will Break*” (Vv. 1,2,3)

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ENGLISH MESSAGE: *Hebrews 1:1-2 (P. 1862)*

“Best Word”

SANCTUARY CHOIR

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

OFFERING- *offertory music*

ARMENIAN MESSAGE: *Ephesians 4:17-24 (Pp. 1821-22)*

“Your Mind Matters”

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

WE WELCOME to our pulpit this morning AEUNA Eastern Region Youth Pastor, Rev. Dr. Ara Jizmejjan.

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR this morning is sponsored by Ms. Siroon Karapetoff and family in memory of Dianne Niemi.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS. Board of Trustees: Chris Banerian, and Garo Koundakjian. Board of Deacons: Frances Garabedian, and Aram Kakousian.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY is this Wednesday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m.

THE ACC WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP meeting will be held today following the fellowship hour.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES November meeting will be held this Thursday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m.

THE ACC ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER. We invite all of you to come and join us on Sunday, November 20 as we begin our day with the celebratory Thanksgiving Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. and later that day at 5:00 p.m. join us for our annual Thanksgiving dinner.

I/we will attend the “**Thanksgiving Banquet**” on **Sunday, November 20, 2011** at 5:00 p.m.

Name(s) _____ (\$25 per adult -- \$10 per child 6-15 years. (No charge for children under 6 years old)

In addition I would like to make a donation of \$ _____

In memory/honor of _____

Supporters of any amount are needed

Please make your checks payable to: **Armenian Congregational Church**

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

•The month of November is *National Adoption* month, pray for the many children who are waiting to be adopted into new families and find new homes.

•**CONGRATULATIONS** to Mrs. Sandra Haroutunian, today she is receiving a Bachelor of Arts with major in Social Psychology (Cum-Laude) from Park University Wright-Patterson AFB in Springfield, Oh.

MISSIONS

- **Angel Tree.** Angel Tree is a program of Prison Fellowship started by Charles W. Colson. Your support will help bring joy to the children of prisoners by giving them a Christmas present, letting them know they are not forgotten, and telling them about the love of Jesus. If you would like to make a donation please make checks to the ACC, memo-Angel Tree.
- **Christmas In October.** Bring Christmas joy to children of Armenia and Karabagh through AMAA Armenia Summer Camp Christmas Committee. You can make checks payable to ACC. The forms are available in the hallway.
- **Food Bank.** On your next trip to the store, or your pantry, collect some non-perishable food items to share with the needy people of Oakland County. Please bring your contributions to the Food Bank box in the foyer.

Synopsis of Armenian Message

In this section, Paul addresses two concepts that are distinct yet related: thinking and behavior or worldview and lifestyle. The way we behave or live is shaped by the way we think. So he urges the Ephesians, and us, to “no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking” (17). Not having the light of Christ, their thinking is “darkened,” and being “separated from God... they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more” (18-19). Freedom from this destructive cycle of sinful thinking and behavior comes through “knowledge of the truth that is in Jesus” (20-21). This is not just head knowledge, but a personal relationship that results in “made new in the attitude of your minds; and put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness” (23-24).

Friends, your minds matter because your thinking shapes your life. To experience a change in your life you need to experience a change in your thinking, and to experience a change in your thinking you need the total renewal of the self that only Jesus can bring. This renewal (regeneration) is brought by the Holy Spirit and through the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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