

Makarios Darawi, Pastor

Mrs. Susan Harrison, Choir Director and Organist

11:00 A.M.

December 18, 2011

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

SPECIAL MUSIC – *Gabriel, Bailey Kadian, and Nicole Tini*

READING AND LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

***HYMN**– # 32 “*O Little Town Of Bethlehem*” (Vv. 1,2,3)

171 “*The First Noel, The Angel Did Say*” (Vv. 1,2,3)

PRAYER

CHOIR RESPONSE

ENGLISH MESSAGE: *Isaiah 40: 1-11, 28-31, (Pp.1119-21)*

“Comfort, Comfort My People”

SANCTUARY CHOIR

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

OFFERING- *offertory music*

ARMENIAN MESSAGE: *Luke 1:46-56 (Pp. 1589)*

“A Song Of Joy”

REMINDERS

***HAYR MER** – #133

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE

***Congregation is requested to stand**

*** Latecomers be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU to Dr. Richard Marburger for sponsoring the Fellowship luncheon today. We invite you all to join us for this complimentary luncheon following the Sunday School Program. The ACC would like to also thank the Women’s Fellowship and all the Sunday School parents who contributed to the lunch today.

CHRISTMAS CARDS. The ACC Youth has a box of beautiful Christmas card packages available for any amount of donation. Each package includes 12 cards, three each of four different designs, plus envelopes. The cards are on the table at the fellowship entrance.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS. Help us adorn our chancel with beautiful flowers on Christmas Sunday. If you wish to do that, please submit your name to the church office no later than Wednesday, December 21. The poinsettia price is \$15.00.

CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Saturday, December 24, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY

Sunday, December 25 –11:00 a.m.

NEW YEAR’S SERVICE –COMMUNION

Sunday, January 1 – 11:00 a.m.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

Pray for Florence Varbedian and Evan Darawi.

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 Joy Package.** 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 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.

UPDATING THE ACC DIRECTORY. If you would like to make changes to your address or phone number, or if you know anyone you would like to add or remove from the ACC directory please submit your information to the church office.

Synopsis of Armenian Message

Luke in this passage records to us the words that Mary uttered while visiting her cousin Elizabeth. Mary's song is similar to Old Testament psalms in that it is a hymn of praise for God's kindness. It is a song of pure joy, for Mary had found great reason to lift her voice in praise to God in spite of adverse circumstances. There were many unanswered questions (29-35), and her position in the society of the day was very uncomfortable, but Mary still revealed a heart of praise. She praised God for what He had done. She is joyful because God's promises are being fulfilled through her. Mary calls God her Savior. She seems to have a proper understanding of her position and place. She is joyful and filled with praise because of four divine qualities that she sees in God. (1), In verses 49-53, God is the Mighty One who has done great things. He has scattered and brought down the proud, but lifted up the humble. He has sent the rich away empty, but has filled the hungry with good things. (2), In verse 49b, God is Holy. Holiness communicates ideas of sincerity, purity, and singleness of purpose. (3), In verse 50, God is merciful towards those who fear Him. God is compassionate and desires to help. (4), In verses 54-55, God is Faithful. Mary rejoiced because God was keeping His promise. Mary's song of joy is the result of her realization that God's promise demonstrated that He had not forgotten Israel. God has never failed His people, nor will He ever fail them. His record of faithfulness is perfect.

Friends, no matter what your circumstances are like these days, remember that what God was accomplishing through Mary was for you and me. So, rise up, let God's Spirit lift you up, put your faith and confidence in God and sing a song of praise that shows that you have learned to believe God and trust Him in all things.

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