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11:00 A.M.

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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. A supervised nursery is available for children age four and under.

ORGAN PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

***OPENING HYMNS** - "To God Be The Glory"(see insert)-(vs. 1,2,3)
#94 "Rejoice, The Lord Is King (vs. 1, 2,3)

RESPONSIVE READING - # 317 "*Choose Whom You Will Serve*"

PASTOR: So revere Jehovah and serve him in sincerity and truth. Put away forever the idols, which your ancestors worshiped when they lived beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt. Worship the Lord alone.

PEOPLE: **But if you are unwilling to obey the Lord, then decide today whom you will obey. Will it be the gods of your ancestors beyond the Euphrates or the gods of the Amorites here in this land?**

PASTOR: but as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.

PEOPLE: **We would never forsake the Lord and worship other gods!**

PASTOR: You can't worship the Lord God, for he is holy and jealous; he will not forgive your rebellion and sins. If you forsake him and worship other gods, he will turn upon you and destroy you, even though he has taken care of you for such a long time.

PEOPLE: **We choose the Lord!**

PASTOR: You have heard yourselves say it, you have chosen the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Yes we are witnesses; we will worship and obey the Lord alone.**

***INVOCATION**

***GLORIA PATRI** - #295

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER**

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: *Luke 14:7-11*(page 1622)

SERMON IN ARMENIAN: "*The Seats at The Wedding*"

***HYMNS** #258 "*Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory*" (vs. 1 & 2)
#104 "*There Is Beauty All Around*" (vs.1 & 2)

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: *Colossians 3:18-4:6* (Pg. 1835)

SERMON IN ENGLISH: "*Three R's For Growing Christians*"

***HAYR MER** - # 133

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** "*Park K²ez D²er, Asdvadz M²er*"

ORGAN POSTLUDE

***Congregation is requested to stand*

**** Latecomers may be seated*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WIDOWS MEETING will be held today in the Christian Education room. All widows please gather following the service for an encouraging meeting.

VARTANANTS: The Greater Detroit Armenian Churches are sponsoring a united Vartanants observance, on Thursday, February 23, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, 29125 Six Mile Road, in Livonia. The Host church is St. Vartan Armenian Catholic Church. English message will be by our own Pastor Makarios Darawi. All are invited to attend.

THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES will be held on Thursday, February 16,2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Christian Education room.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Please pick-up a registration form from Jennifer Darawi if you are interested in helping in the nursery on a rotational basis.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS will be offered on Sunday, March 12, 2006. From 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Christian Education room. This class is required for those who are either interested in becoming communicant members or transferring their membership from another church to A.C.C. Please speak to Pastor Mak if you are interested in attending the class.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE will be given every first Sunday of the month beginning in March. Children should attend the service with their families. They will be dismissed after the story for their Sunday School lessons.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION will be administered on Sunday, February 19, 2006 during the morning worship service.

CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS Please continue to pray for all our church members and for the Sunday school, the Choir, The Women's Fellowship, and the mid-week Bible study.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON

(Luke 14:7-11)

We have all been to a banquet where our seats or tables were assigned to us. It is very frustrating when people, not liking their assigned seating, start making changes on their own and without the consent of the organizers. It seems that there are always some people who want to sit somewhere other than where they have been assigned.

In the parable recorded in Luke 14:7-11, Jesus notices that the invited guests at a banquet were picking their places of "honor. In those days, the closer your seat was to the host of the banquet the more honorable your place was. These guests however, were not picking these places because they wanted to sit with friends or family, but they were trying to look more honored and exalted before all the other guests. The irony is that they may be able to fool the other invited people, but not the host. He knows who should sit where and he has no problem asking certain guests to move and sit where they belong.

The lessons that Jesus draws from this parable are very obvious.

1. Selfish seeking of honor will result in bringing shame
Jesus, in Luke 13:30, said, "Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last."
2. Unselfish humility will result in bringing honor.
James 4:10 says, "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up."

When we put Christ first in our lives, we will not seek honor or fame – we will seek to please him. As we do this, we will remain humble before him. Humility will be rewarded in this life and in eternity.