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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

11:00 a.m.

MARCH 6, 2005

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

\***HYMN: # 89** *"The Church's One Foundation"*

\***INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** (In Unison)

We are thankful, Father, that we are one in Christ, that we can share with all believers everywhere the treasures of the Gospel; that we have one faith, one hope, one baptism, one God and Father for us all. Help us today to express that unity with all who are here are with all who are Yours around the world. In Jesus' name Who taught us to pray:

"Our Father, Who art in heaven..."

\***GLORIA PATRI**

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**LITANY ON THE BIBLE**

**PASTOR:** Heavenly Father, we thank you that you have revealed your continual love to humankind through the Bible.

**PEOPLE:** **We thank you, Lord, for the faithful service of those followers who wrote the original manuscripts of the Bible, directed by the Holy Spirit.**

**PASTOR:** We thank you Lord, for the tireless efforts of those who copied the Holy Book by hand, verse by verse and page by page.

**PEOPLE:** **We thank you, Lord, for the tedious labor of those who translated the words into different languages.**

**PASTOR:** We thank you, Lord for the scholarly devotion of those teachers who seek to interpret the biblical truths for our use in life today.

**PEOPLE:** Grant that we may hear, read, learn these truths for our spiritual edification.

**PASTOR:** Help us to commit ourselves to study your word that we may grow in the likeness of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**PEOPLE:** Redirect our lives that we may find the truth you intended for us to learn.

**UNISON:** O Lord, grant that by the inspiration of your holy word, we may find strength for living and eternal hope for dying; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**ANTHEM**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH SOLO –** *Gayaneh Kachadourian*

\***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING : Armenian:** *John 15: 9-17 (p. 1677)*

*English:* *Nehemiah 8: 1-6 (pp. 761-62)*

*Luke 4: 14-21 (p. 1596)*

**SOLO –** *Gayaneh Kachadourian*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: A True Friend**

\***HYMN: # 20** *"Sing Them Over Again to Me"*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Learning To Read the Bible**

\***HAYR MÉR - # 133**

\***BENEDICTION**

**QUIET MEDITATION**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

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*\* Congregation is requested to stand*

*\*\*\* Latecomers to be seated.*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE WELCOME TO OUR CHANCEL THIS MORNING** our own soloist Gayaneh Kachadourian.

**THE COFFEE HOUR TODAY** is sponsored by the Arslanian family in memory of their husband, father and grandfather, Mr. Hagop Arslanian.

**THE MARCH MEETING OF ACC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** will be held on Sunday, March 13, 2005, following the Morning Worship Service.

**THE MARCH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES** will be held on Thursday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Christian Education Room.

**A. C. C. WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL LENTEN LUNCHEON**, will be held on Friday, March 11, 2005, at 12:00 noon. Menu: Lentel Kufta, Salad, Fish, and halva. Donation: \$12.00. Beautiful program and timely message. Make arrangements to bring in friends, men and women alike, are all welcome. Tickets are available and may be purchased from Frances Garabedian and Alice Kakousian.

**PALM SUNDAY SERVICES** will be held on Sunday, March 20. Our church School children will participate in our Worship Service.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE** will be held on Thursday, March 24, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. The Sacrament of Communion will be administered.

**EASTER SUNDAY** March 27, 2005 will begin with our annual Easter Breakfast, sponsored by the youth of the church, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. donation \$6.00. Easter Services are at 11:00 a.m.

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**EASTER FLOWERS: For Easter Lilies and Tulips on the Altar.**

Number of Easter Lilies you wish to purchase at \$16.00 each: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tulips you wish to purchase at \$13.00 each: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor / Memory of: (please circle one) --Please print clearly:

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Deadline for placing an order is Sunday, March 20, 2005. Please, hand the information with your names to our Treasurers **Alice Kakousian and Frances Garabedian.**