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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

11:00 a. m.

May 15, 2005

PENTECOST
ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE

CHIMES

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN - #55** *"Spirit of God"* (vs. 1, 4, 5)

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

God of all peace and consolation, Who did gloriously fulfill the great promise of the Gospel by sending down the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost to establish the Church, mercifully grant us this same gift of the Spirit, to renew, illuminate, refresh and sanctify our souls; to be over us and around us like the light and dew of heaven; through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, in Whose name we pray: "Our Father, Who art in heaven..."

***GLORIA PATRI**

MORNING MEDITATION AND PRAYER:

PASTOR: When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place and each of the many foreigners heard the witnesses speaking in his own tongue,

PEOPLE: Come, Holy Spirit, witness to us, too, in our several languages.

PASTOR: Speak in the language of our need. Let us hear how our deepest hungers, desires and aspirations can be fulfilled by Your goodness and in Your service.

PEOPLE: Come, Holy Spirit, give us that good news again.

PASTOR: Speak in the language of our gratitude. Let us hear how our honest thanks relate us not only to those with whom we live, but to God himself, giver of all life.

PEOPLE: Come, Holy Spirit, give us that enlarging news again.

PASTOR: Speak to us in the language of joy. Let us hear how our gladness and our delight not only brighten this world, but honor You, Who made the world.

PEOPLE: Come, Holy Spirit, give us that enlivening word again.

PASTOR: Speak to us in the language of hope. Let us hear how our yearning and our expectations are not just wishful thinking, but responses to Your promise.

PEOPLE: Come, Holy Spirit, give us that good news again.

UNISON: For all Your spirit's illuminations, and all Your spirit's quickening powers, we praise You, Father, on this Pentecost. In the name of the Son, Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

ANTHEM

NOTICES AND CONCERNS

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READING: *Armenian:* ACTS 2:1-4 (p. 1692)

English: ACTS 2:1 - 5, 12, 46 - 47 (pp. 1692 & 1694)

SOLO - April Arabian Tini

ARMENIAN SERMON: *What Happened On That First Whitsunday?*

SOLO - April Arabian Tini

ENGLISH SERMON: *The Day of Pentecost*

***HAYR MER - # 133**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE:** *"Park Kéz Dér, Asdvadz Mér"*

QUIET MEDITATION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

****Congregation is requested to stand***

****** Latecomers may be seated.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME TO OUR CHANCEL THIS MORNING our own soloist
April Arabian Tini.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR AND THE COFFEE HOUR

following the morning Worship are sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Mark and Ann Zartarian, Mr. & Mrs. William (Bill) and Alice Riley, Dr. & Mrs. Michael & Jacqueline Voskian, and their children in memory of their mother and grandmother—Juliette Tootikian, (on the twentieth anniversary of her transition from this world to eternity.

THE MAY MEETING OF THE A.C.C. WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP will be held today after the Coffee Hour, in the Christian Education room.

THE MAY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES will be held on Thursday, May 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Christian Education Room.

THE MAY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DEACONS will be held on Sunday, May 29th, following the Coffee Hour.

WE WILL CELEBRATE CHILDREN'S DAY ON SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2005. The children will soon be rehearsing songs and readings for the 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service on that day.

FATHERS WILL BE HONORED ON SUNDAY, JUNE 19TH. The traditional menu of chicken, losh kebab, pilaf, green salad, watermelon will be served at the annual picnic commemorating Father's Day. Michael Kulha and David Terzibashian are the is the Chairpersons of the event. Donation is \$12.00 for adults, \$8.00 for children 6-12 years old, and no charge for children under 6 years of age.

Synopsis of the Armenian Sermon

On that first Whitsunday, in year 33 A. D., the followers of Christ experienced the powerful influence of the Holy Spirit. Their lives were transformed. They became bold witnesses for Christ, three thousand persons joined the church, laying down the foundations of the Christian Church. The Holy Spirit broke down the walls between believers - - racial, educational, economic walls came down. In spite of all their differences, the early Christians felt like brothers and sisters of a large family.

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit also empowered the Church. The members of the early church supported each other spiritually, morally and even financially. Although they were poor and had no ecclesiastical skills, God still blessed them in every way.