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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

11:00 a.m.

July 10, 2005

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES
CALL TO WORSHIP**

***HYMN - #7** *"Safely Through Another Week"*

***INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** (in unison)

Our Heavenly Father, each of us has brought something different to this service of worship. Some have come with happiness and gratitude and want to give thanks. Some have come with sadness and disappointment and need to be comforted and encouraged. Some have come with guilt or confusion and seek to be forgiven or redirected. Some have come with no particular feeling at all, they need to be challenged and need to be visited by your Holy Spirit so they can know you and accept you as their personal savior. Help us, Lord, that during this worship experience we may have our needs met, through the power of Jesus Christ, Who taught us to pray:

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

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MORNING MEDITATION AND PRAYER:

PASTOR: One of the reasons we avoid facing the truth is because of the responsibility that such knowledge carries.

PEOPLE: As long as we do not know the needs of others, we are not obligated to help meet those needs.

PASTOR: As long as we do not see the results of our actions, we are not responsible to change our ways.

PEOPLE: But avoiding the truth is no excuse for refusing our duty.

PASTOR: Jesus always sought and acted on the truth.

PEOPLE: Closing our eyes to the truth puts our lives and the lives of others in peril.

PASTOR: Failing to act on the truth diminishes our lives and the lives of others. Let us intercede today on behalf of all those who are missing out on the truth, whether to their own detriment or the detriment of others,

PEOPLE: We pray to the Lord.

PASTOR: For the student who is ignoring the chance to get an education,

PEOPLE: We pray to the Lord.

PASTOR: For the husbands and the wives, who are ignoring the fact that their marriages are falling apart,

PEOPLE: We pray to the Lord.

PASTOR: For the school teachers who are ignoring the cries for help among their students,

PEOPLE: We pray to the Lord.

PASTOR: O Lord, we are afraid of the truth. We do not want to know the doctor's diagnosis, or to recognize our neighbor's need,

PEOPLE: And yet You promised us that knowing the truth will set us free.

PASTOR: Give us the courage to claim that promise in every area of our lives.

UNISON: In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

ANTHEM

NOTICES AND CONCERNS

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READING:

Armenian: Luke 2:48 - 52 (p. 1592)

English: Mark 1:14 - 20 (p. 1552)

ARMENIAN SERMON: *What It Means to Grow Up*

***HYMN - # 60** *"I Need Thee Every Hour"* (vs. 1 & 4)

ENGLISH SERMON: *Finding the Right People*

***HAYR MER - # 133**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** *"Park Kéz Dér, Asdvadz MÉR"*

** Congregation is requested to stand.*

**** Latecomers may be seated.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME ALL WHO ARE WORSHIPING WITH US, especially guests. We extend a very cordial welcome to newcomers to take part in the worship, to engage in the activities of the Church and make this your church home.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR and **THE COFFEE HOUR** this morning are sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Robert and Hourig Jacobs, to the Glory of God.

A WORD ON PLEDGES: In any mature and responsible household, it is proper to confront all members with their responsibilities for the good of all. It is the same for the Church also, which is, after all, a household of faith. For this reason, we remind each and all that the Church depends upon all doing their best to keep up to date on pledge payments in order to help the church balance its annual budget and maintain its programs. If you are behind and if it will not work undue hardship, won't you kindly make every effort to catch up? For your thoughtfulness, your church thanks you.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, JULY 31, 2005. We will vote on a resolution recommended by the ACC Council. The resolution is a gesture of deep appreciation honoring Rev. Tootikian for his many years of devoted service and numerous contributions to the Armenian Congregational Church. Here is a summary of the points of the resolution: 1. Bestow on him the title of "Minister Emeritus"; 2. Invite him to continue using the ACC Armenian Heritage Committee/Fund to promote Armenian culture; 3. Continue to provide for his family's health insurance premiums through the end of 2007; 4. Dedicate the ACC Social Hall as the "Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian Hall."

ACC Council

INFORMATION

Please tear off and place in the collection plate.

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

I have recently moved into this area. I have moved, new address

I am interested in membership. I wish to be on the mailing list

I would appreciate a visit from the minister My person is sick