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11:00 A.M.

November 20, 2005

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

ORGAN PRELUDE

CHIMES AND LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

***OPENING HYMNS** - # 6 "We Praise Thee, O God"

26 "Now Thank We All Our God" (vs. 1&2)

***RESPONSIVE READING** - # 389 "A Litany For Thanksgiving"

PASTOR: Our Father, there is so much bitterness in this poor bleeding
World, stumbling from blunder to blunder, hollow with graves,
Hard with hate.

PEOPLE: May we, who profess you as our loving Heavenly Father, show a
little more love, more compassion, a little more friendship.

PASTOR: Help us to be understanding, lest we add to the world's sorrow
Or cause to flow one needless tear.

PEOPLE: May we stand for what is right, not because it may yield
Dividends, but because it is right.

PASTOR: Let us be as anxious that the rights of others shall be recognized
As we are anxious that our own rights shall be recognized.

PEOPLE: We thank thee that we still live in a land able to supply
All our needs, a land which still knows peace, whose
Skies are not darkened by the machines of the enemy,
Whose fields and woodlands are still unblasted by the
Flames of war.

UNISON: O, help us to appreciate all that we have, to be content
With it, to be grateful for it, to be proud of it- not in an
Arrogant way, but in humble gratitude. Amen

***INVOCATION**

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CHILDRENS PROGRAM

English Reading: Christina Riley: *Mathew 5:13-16* (pg.1501)

Armenian Reading: Natalie Arslanian

Children's Choir

ANTHEM

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND SOLO

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE READING: *Luke 17:11-19* (Page1627)

ARMENIAN SERMON: "A Thankful Samaritan"

***HYMN** # 274 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" (vs.1&2)

***HYMN** #102 "We Plow The Fields And Scatter" (vs.1&2)

ENGLISH SCRIPTURE READING: *Colossian 3:15-17*(Page1835)

ENGLISH SERMON: "Thank You, God"

***HAYR MER** - #133

***BENEDICTION**

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

QUIET MEDITATION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

* *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
worship, to engage in the activities of the Church and make this your
Church home.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this morning are given by Mr. and
Mrs. Moses and Maggie Avakian and family in loving memory of Nahabed
Avakian.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS.

- The Sunday School children will take part in our Thanksgiving
worship service today.
- The Sunday School Christmas program and lunch will be on
Sunday December 11th.

REMINDER TO OUR CHURCH MEMBERS. If you did not return your
pledge cards today for the year 2006. We ask that you return them to as
church soon as possible.

THE DECEMBER ISSUE OF THE A.C.C. BULLETIN WILL BE A CHRISTMAS ISSUE. Once again, as in the past, we offer you the opportunity to send your Christmas greetings to all the church members and friends – in and out of town – by making a contribution to our mission program. Please submit your name and donation to Frances Garabedian, no later than November 20, 2005.

CHRISTMAS JOY PACKAGES. Bring Christmas Joy to Children of Armenia, Karabagh & Georgia through the AMAA'S Armenian Summer Camp/Christmas Committee. Forms are available in the entrance of the hallway. Please return the forms to the church office, or Frances Garabedian.

PRAYER TIME. Come join us today for prayer time right here in the sanctuary immediately following the Sunday Morning Worship.

CHURCH JOYS AND CONCERNS. Please continue to pray for Florence Varbedian, Bill Horsch, and Ann Fronteria.

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

(Luke 17: 11-19)

The story is told about an elderly woman who once said to Charles H. Spurgeon, "Ah, Mr. Spurgeon, if Jesus Christ does save me, He shall never hear the end of it."

In today's scripture passage ten lepers cry-out to Jesus for help. Jesus orders them to go and show themselves to the priests, because only the priests could declare them healed and allowed back into their communities. The ten were all cured on their way to the priests, but only one came back to thank Jesus for what he has done for him. Jesus' response to this Samaritan man is very interesting. He said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well." It seems that this man through his miraculous physical healing, had grasped something more about who Jesus is, and he was healed spiritually also. He was saved by his faith.

This story teaches us that,

- God's grace, mercy and compassion are available to us, and all we need to do is approach Him humbly.
- God's mercy and graciousness are often ignored when they should be appreciated and acknowledged with gratitude.
- Another aspect of faith or faithfulness is thankfulness.
- This Samaritan was the only one to come back and give thanks to God, because he was the only one to recognize his sin and need for repentance.