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11:00 A.M.

January 8, 2006

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE

CHIMES AND LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMNS - # 3 "O Worship The King" (vs. 1,2,3)

28 "Aha Mezee Manoog Tznav" (Armenian, vs. 1,2,3)

*RESPONSIVE READING - # 330 "The Spirit Of The Lord Is Upon Me"

PASTOR: The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted.

PEOPLE: **He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound,**

PASTOR: To proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,

PEOPLE: **To comfort all who mourn,**

PASTOR: To give them a garland instead of ashes,

PEOPLE: **The oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit;**

PASTOR: That they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation.

PEOPLE: **He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.**

UNISON: For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

***INVOCATION**

*GLORIA PATRI - #295

ANTHEM

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*INSTALLATION OF BOARD MEMBERS

ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE READING: John 10: 1-18 (pg. 1666, 67)

ARMENIAN SERMON: *The Good Shepherd*

*HYMNS #78 "When We Walk With The Lord" (vs. 1, 2)

#39 "My Hope is Built On Nothing Less" (vs.1, 2)

ENGLISH SCRIPTURE READING: Colossians 1: 1-14 (Pg. 1831,32)

ENGLISH SERMON: "Characteristics Of An Alive Church."

*HAYR MER - # 133

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Park K0ez D0er, Asdvadz M0er"

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.

DEDICATION OF THE FELLOWSHIP HALL DATE CHANGE. The new date for the A.C.C. Fellowship hall dedication will be on January 15th, 2006 following the Sunday morning worship service. The fellowship hall will be dedicated in honor of Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian's 30 years of pastoral ministry at A.C.C.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, January 22, 2006 immediately following the morning worship service. All boards and organizations are requested to submit their reports.

THE A.C.C. WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING will be held today, January 8, 2006 in the Christian Education Room, following the Morning Worship Service.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. The January meeting will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in the Christian Education room.

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR TODAY is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell and Margie Mugarditchian. They would like to wish all the church members and friends a very Happy New Year.

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY DATE CHANGE. Our Tuesday night Bible study group meetings will resume on **Wednesdays** January 11th, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Please join us in the Christian Education building as we study the book of James.

NURSERY NEWS. We will be doing the finishing work to our nursery and pre-school rooms on Tuesday Jan. 10, and Saturday Jan. 14, 2006. Anyone who can help for a few hours between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. is welcome.

CHURCH JOYS AND CONCERNS. Please continue to pray for Jack Rullitis, Nora Baylerian and Christian Correy.

GREETINGS FROM OUR SISTER CHURCH IN DILIJAN We have received an email greeting from pastor Garnik Tootikyan, he is the pastor of Armenian Evangelical Church of Dilijan, Armenia. He wishes our church blessed Christmas and Happy New.

The email is posted on the bulletin board by the hall entrance.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON

(John 10:1-18)

In Isaiah 53:6 says, "All we like sheep have gone astray." In this parable, humans are compared to sheep and Christ is the Shepherd. Humans are like sheep – lost in sin and in need of guidance.

In verses 1-6, Christ uses this to illustrate the way to heaven. **Christ is the great Shepherd** and He opens the door to God's salvation for those who accept His leading. Sinners do not follow Christ because they do not know His voice.

In verses 7-15, **Christ is the gate.** He is the only way of salvation. All who come to Christ will be saved, and He will turn none away. His blood cleanses us from all sin.

In verses 16-18, **the world needs Christ.** Christians should not be content with their own salvation – they should feel compelled to reach the lost because Christ died for all.

Christ came into the world to teach humans the way to heaven. He is the way, and by His teaching and example, He will lead us. **In this New Year may we all live obedient lives to our Good Shepherd.**