

**Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit**  
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**Rev. Makarios Darawi**

11:00 A.M.

January 22, 2006

**WE WELCOME ALL WHO ARE WORSHIPPING WITH US**, especially guests and newcomers. We invite you to take part in worship, to engage in the activities of the church and make this your home church.

A supervised nursery is available for children age four and under.

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

**CHIMES AND LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*OPENING HYMNS** - # 115 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (vs. 1,2,3)

# 150 "Crown Him With Many Crowns" (vs. 1 & 2)

**\*RESPONSIVE READING** - # 351 "God's Love and Care"

**PASTOR:** Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

**PEOPLE:** **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases.**

**PASTOR:** Who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

**PEOPLE:** **Who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

**PASTOR:** The Lord works justice for all who are oppressed.

**PEOPLE:** **He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor requite us according to our iniquities.**

**PASTOR:** For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.

**PEOPLE:** **As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

**PASTOR:** As a father pities his children, so the Lord pities those who fear him.

**PEOPLE:** **For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.**

**UNISON:** **Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers that do his will!**  
**Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.**  
**Bless the Lord, O my soul!**

**\*INVOCATION**

**\*GLORIA PATRI** - #295

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**ANTHEM**

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE READING:** *Luke 16:19-31* (page 1626)

**ARMENIAN SERMON:** *The Rich Man and Lazarus*

**\*HYMNS** #285 "We Would Be Building" (vs. 1 & 2)

#96 "I Love To Tell The Story" (vs.1 & 2)

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE READING:** *Colossians 1:24-2:7* (Pg. 1832,33)

**ENGLISH SERMON:** "The Hope Of Glory."

**\*HAYR MER** - # 133

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** "Park K'oz D'oz, Asdvadz M'oz"

**QUIET MEDITATION**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

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*\*\*Congregation is requested to stand*

*\*\*\*Latecomers may be seated*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held today Sunday, January 22, 2006 immediately following the morning worship service. We kindly ask everyone to remain in the church at the end of the service so that we can have our meeting without delay.

**THE BOARD OF DEACONS'** January meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29, following the fellowship hour in the Christian Education room.

**THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR TODAY** is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Moses and Maggie Avakian, in loving memory of her mother, Ossanna Takessian.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY** Come and join us every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Christian Education building as we study the book of James.

**CHURCH JOYS AND CONCERNS.** Please continue to pray for Jack Rullitis and Joyce Gant.

**PLEASE RESERVE THE FOLLOWING DATE:** Friday, February 10, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. for our Family Night. All ages are welcome. Donations are \$10.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children 6-12 years old; no charge for children under 6 years. Come enjoy a delicious menu, games, and Armenian Folkloric dances. Please write your names on the sign up sheet on the church bulletin board.

**PRAYER & CARE GROUP.** The first meeting will be held on Thursday, February 9, 9:30 -11:00 a.m. Women of all ages are encouraged to come and pray.

## SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON

In Luke 16:19-31 Jesus tells the account of two men's lives, their death and their situation in the hereafter.

### **The Two Men in the Story (vs. 19-21)**

- A. A Rich man – he lived in luxury. He wore the most expensive clothing, and his table was filled with the best food. He lived selfishly with no real love for God and no care for the needy.
- B. A poor man – he begged for a living. He did not have any money for medicine to cure his body that was full of sores.

### **The Death of the Two Men (vs. 22-26)**

- A. The Rich Man – The rich man died and went to hell where he was in great torment.
- B. The poor man – the poor man died and was taken to heaven by the angels.
- C. Two important points,
  1. It is important here to make clear that the rich man was not condemned to hell because he was rich, nor did the poor man go to heaven because of his poverty. Salvation is by faith alone in Jesus Christ, and people condemn themselves by refusing to believe. It seems that the rich man's lifestyle was a reflection of his heart's condition, and that the poor man had trusted God for his life.
  2. The destinies of the two men were decided based on their lives before death. Verse 26 makes it clear that once we die our destinies are fixed based on the choices we made in life. There is no possibility of reversing one's condition.

### **The Conclusion (vs. 27-31)**

- **There is a hell. But there is a heaven also.**
- **Our decisions in this life will determine our destinies.**
- **God's Word is enough to convince us and help us decide.**