

**Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit**  
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**Mr. Matthew DeRaad, Organist-Choir Director**  
**Rev. Makarios Darawi**

11:00 A.M.

March 19, 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**  
**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**  
**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*OPENING HYMNS**—#14 *“Lord, I hear Of Showers OF Blessings”* (1,2,3)  
#25 *“When All Thy Mercies, Oh My God”* (vs. 1, 2,)

**RESPONSIVE READING** - #309 *“The Lord’s Prayer”* (In unison)  
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

**\*INVOCATION**  
**\*GLORIA PATRI** - #295

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**ANTHEM**  
**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY**  
**PRAYER**  
**CHORAL RESPONSE**  
**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING**  
**\*DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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**SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN:** Luke 18: 10-14 (pg.1629)  
**SERMON IN ARMENIAN:** *“The Pharisee and The Publican”*

**\*HYMNS** #11 *“They Who Seek The Throne Of Grace”* (vs.1,2)  
#9 *“Sweet Hour Of Prayer”* (vs.1,2)

**SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH:** Matthew 6: 5-15 (pg. 1504)  
**SERMON IN ENGLISH:** *“Christian Disciplines - Prayer”*

**\*HAYR MER** - # 133  
**\*BENEDICTION**  
**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** *“Park K0ez D0er, Asdvadz M0er”*  
**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

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**\*\*Congregation is requested to stand**  
**\*\*\*Latecomers may be seated**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS** Please continue to pray for Debbie Smetana, John McRae, Alice Kennedy, and Keith Kennedy.

**PRAYER TIME.** Come join us today for a prayer time right here in the sanctuary following the worship service.  
**THE FLOWERS AND THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR** this morning are sponsored by, Mrs. Sirarpi Hagopian, Ms. Taline Hagopian, and Ms. Sarine Krikorian in memory of husband, father, and grandfather, Mr. Nigoghos Hagopian.

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES** March meeting will be held on Thursday, March 23, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Christian Education Room.

**THE BOARD OF DEACONS** March meeting will be held on Sunday, March 26, following the fellowship hour in the Christian Education Room.

**A.C.C. WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL LENTEN LUNCHEON** will be held on Friday March 31, 2006 at 12:00 noon. Come enjoy a beautiful program and an inspiring message by Mrs. Jennifer Darawi. Make arrangements to bring your friends. Both men and women are welcome.  
Please add your names on the bulletin board. Donations are \$12.00.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY.** The A.C.C. Chancel Choir is preparing a special concert of sacred music to be held on April 13, 2006, at 8:15 p.m. in the A.C.C. Sanctuary. The concert will follow the Maundy Thursday complimentary dinner and communion service that will be held in the Fellowship Hall starting at 7:00 p.m.

**AEUNA BIENNIAL CONVENTION** The 18<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention will take place in Paramus, NJ from *Thursday June 29<sup>th</sup>- Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2006* at Hilton Woodcliff Lake. For more information please speak to Pastor Mak.

**STEWARDSHIP STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2005** were sent out in the mail this week. If the information that you received is incorrect, or you did not receive a statement, please call the A.C.C. office and we will gladly correct it or issue you a statement.

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**EASTER FLOWERS: For Easter Lilies and Tulips in the Sanctuary.**

Number of Easter Lilies you wish to purchase at \$16.00 each: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tulips you wish to purchase at \$13.00 each: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor/Memory of: (please circle one)—Please print clearly:

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Deadline for placing an order is Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006; please give your information with your name to Alice Kakousian or Frances Garabedian.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

(Luke 18:10-14)

In this parable Jesus addresses those who “were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else.” Jesus right off the bat makes sure there is no doubt about whom he is speaking, by labeling the first person as a Pharisee. The Pharisee in the parable has a form of godliness that prides in its own qualities, its own good moral character. His prayer is all about how good he is compared to the others. In contrast the Publican or literally “toll collector”, knowing his sinfulness and utter unworthiness was humbled before God. To be fair, not all Pharisees were hypocrites and bad people. In most cases they were very honest in their devotion to God. On the other hand the toll collectors were crooks who defrauded their people. They operated booths for collecting taxes on behalf of the tax collectors. They were more despised than the tax collectors because they cheated people to make money themselves.

The Pharisee was not really praying, but rather boasting of his own goodness to God. He was comparing himself to the toll collector instead of to God’s standards to see how sinful he was. The Publican acknowledged his sinfulness before God, and his need of God’s mercy.

Jesus ends the parable by pointing out that the Publican who came before God in humility and repentance went home justified. God seeks people who approach Him with humility, people who are willing to acknowledge their sinfulness and their need of His grace and mercy.

**JAMES 4:10 SAYS, “HUMBLE YOURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD, AND HE WILL LIFT YOU UP.”**