

Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit
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11:00 A.M.

May 21 2006

We welcome all who are worshiping 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
GREETINGS
CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMNS #51 "All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name"(vs.1, 2, 3)
#150 "Crown Him With Many Crowns" (vs. 1 & 2)

RESPONSIVE READING -#360 "The Word Of Life"

PASTOR: Before the world was created, the Word already existed; he was with God, and he was the same as God.

PEOPLE: **From the very beginning, the Word was with God.**

PASTOR: Through him God made all things; not one thing in all creation was made without him.

PEOPLE: **The Word had life in himself, and this life brought light to men.**

PASTOR: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out.

PEOPLE: **The Word, then, was in the world. God made the world through him, yet the world did not know him.**

PASTOR: He came to his own country, but his own people did not receive him.

PEOPLE: **Some, however, did receive him and believed in him; so he gave them the right to become God's children.**

PASTOR: They did not become God's children by natural means, by being born as the children of a human father; God himself was their Father.

PEOPLE: **The Word became a human being and lived among us. We saw his glory, full of grace and truth. This**

was the glory, which he received as the Father's only son.

UNISON: **Out of the fullness of his grace he has blessed us all, giving us one blessing after another. God gave the Law through Moses; but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.**

*INVOCATION

*GLORIA PATRI - #295

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: *Matthew 16:5-12 (pg. 1523)*

SERMON IN ARMENIAN: *"The Yeast Of The World"*

HYMNS -#76 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine" (vs. 1,2)

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" (See Insert)-(vs. 1,2)

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: *Matthew 16:13-20 (p. 1524)*

SERMON IN ENGLISH: *"Who Is Jesus?"*

*HAYR MER - # 133

BENEDICTION

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

***Congregation is requested to stand*

**** Latecomers may be seated*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRADUATION NOTICE! ACC would like to honor our graduates by publishing their names and degrees in the monthly bulletin and at church on Sunday, June 11. Please submit names of your loved ones graduating this year from Elementary School, Junior High, High School, College, Graduate or post Graduate School, deadline for submission is May 28.

MID – WEEK BIBLE STUDY SERIES. Pastor Mak is currently teaching a 7-week series on the Letters to the Seven Churches (Revelations 2 & 3), Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. All board members of Deacons and Trustees are required to attend.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES Volunteers are needed for Church Clean-Up Day (June 10) and Classroom Redecorating. Please add your name to the green sheets posted for painting days on the bulletin board.

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

THE KADIAN EDUCATION FUND will be awarding its scholarships for the academic year 2006/2007 to our church community members. If you would like to apply for this scholarship and would like more information please call the church office.

CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS.

Birth. Jason Michael Janigian was born on May 16, 2006, to Michael and Stephanie Janigian. Congratulations to the Janigian family and all their relatives and friends.

Prayer. Please continue to pray for Arsenouhie Pelfanian.

Synopsis of the Armenian Sermon

The parable in Matthew 16:5-12, comes after Jesus feeds the four thousand, and the Pharisees and Sadducees come to test Jesus. His teaching in this parable is a warning against the false teachings of these two groups. The disciples misunderstand Jesus and take his teaching to be related to the feeding of the four thousand. Jesus explains to them that he is talking about spiritual matters, not physical matters. By saying, “Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees”, the disciples thought that maybe Jesus was warning them against going to those Jewish religious leaders for food supplies. What Jesus was warning His disciples against was going to those people to find truth concerning spiritual matters. MacDonald comments, “The leaven of the Pharisees is defined as hypocrisy... The leaven of the Sadducees was rationalism. The freethinkers of their day, they, like the liberals of today, had built a system of doubts and denials. They denied the existence of angels and spirits, the resurrection of the body, the immortality of the soul, and eternal punishment. This leaven of skepticism, if tolerated, will spread and permeate like yeast in meal.”

Let us all be careful as to where we seek answers concerning the truth about Jesus. And let us be on guard against the teachings of the secular world concerning spiritual matters.