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11:00 A.M.

June 11, 2006

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

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.

PIANO PRELUDE - Rachel Keteyian

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES - Nico Janigian

GREETINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 34: 1-3- Nicole Tini

I will always praise the Lord.

With all my heart, I will praise the Lord.

Let all who are helpless, listen and be glad.

Honor the Lord with me! Celebrate his great name.

***OPENING HYMN**- #115 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (Vs. 1, 2 & 3)

RESPONSIVE READING - Patrick Kochian

LEADER: For parents, and a child's teacher of the Word of God,

PEOPLE: We give You thanks, O Lord, Master Teacher of us all.

LEADER: For those who through the years have written the message of the Bible in the language of the day and the dialects of the world, so that all might learn,

PEOPLE: We give You thanks, O Lord, Master Teacher of us all.

LEADER: For those who have devoted their lives to communicating the gospel to others by giving of their time to teach children and youth,

PEOPLE: We give You thanks, O Lord, Master Teacher of us all.

LEADER: For those who have made provision for a place where children might be taught, and who have provided the materials from which they might learn,

PEOPLE: We give You thanks, O Lord, Master Teacher of us all.

LEADER: For all members of the Christian community, who, through the lives they live and the example they set, are teachers of all with whom they have contact,

PEOPLE: We give You thanks, O Lord, Master Teacher of us all.

***INVOCATION** - Natalie Pope

Our heavenly Father, Who has committed to the church the care and nurture of Your children: grant that those who teach and those who learn may be so filled with wisdom and knowledge, that they may rejoice in discovering the truth concerning You and Your will for their lives, In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

BIBLE AWARD - Pastor and Superintendent Hourig Jacobs

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES - Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND SPECIAL MUSIC

Music - Samuel Mousigian

Ushers - Nico Janigian, Aaron Keteyian, Christopher Pope, Joshua Pope

***DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER**

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN:

Luke 15: 11-21 (pp.1624-25) - Natalie Arslanian

Luke 15: 22-32 - Sarine Hagopian

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH:

Luke 5: 1-11 (p.1597-98) - Lucy Bolerjack

***HYMN** - #90 "Onward Christian Soldiers" (vs. 1 & 4)

SERMON IN ARMENIAN: "The Prodigal Son"

***HYMN**- #116 "In My Heart There Rings A Melody" (vs. 1 & 2)

SERMON IN ENGLISH: "Secrets To Spiritual Success"

***HAYR MER** - # 133

***BENEDICTION**

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Thank you to our pianist today, Susan Bolerjack.

****Congregation is requested to stand**

***** Latecomers may be seated**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR THIS MORNING are given by Mr. & Mrs. Michael and Ruth Pinto-Cieslak in honor of their 10th anniversary.

THE JUNE MEETING OF THE A.C.C. WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP will be held today, in the Christian Education Room, following the fellowship hour.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS There will be a short meeting today, June 11, following the Morning Worship Service, in the Youth Room.

THE JUNE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES will be held on Thursday, June 15, 2006, at 7:00 p.m., in the Christian Education Room.

NEXT SUNDAY IS FATHER'S DAY AND COMMUNION SUNDAY. Come join us next Sunday as we honor all fathers and celebrate the Lord's Table. There will be a Father's Day luncheon following the worship service. Please add your name to the sheet posted on the bulletin board. Donations are \$12.00 for adults, \$8.00 for children 6-12 years old, and no charge for children under 6 years of age.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES. Volunteers are needed for classroom painting and redecorating. Please add your name to the green sheets posted for painting days on the bulletin board.

MARDERUS KADIAN EDUCATIONAL 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 Please pray for Frank and Ann Frontiera.

THANK YOU to all the individuals who helped with the cleanup of the church and the planting of the flower garden in the front of the church.

Synopsis of the Armenian Sermon

The parable in Luke 15:11-32, can more appropriately be called the parable of "The Forgiving Father." It is more about the love and forgiveness of the father than it is about the prodigal son. The father in the story represents God the Father, the prodigal son represents the sinner who rebels against God yet later repents and comes back, and the older son represents the self-righteous person who rejects God's forgiveness. The application of the parable is simplified when we consider that there were two groups of people in Jesus' audience, tax collectors/sinners and Pharisees/ teachers of the law. The older son is a picture of the self-righteous Pharisees and scribes who believed that they have been faithful in their devotion to God and that they deserved to be rewarded for it. The younger son, who represented the sinners, deserved nothing but God's punishment. The truth however was that the sinners repented and asked for forgiveness. The Pharisees and scribes on the other hand, were guilty sinners and religious hypocrites who were blinded by their own self-righteousness.