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FATHER'S DAY

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.

ORGAN PRELUDE

GREETINGS & CALL TO WORSHIP

***OPENING HYMNS #88 "Faith Of Our Fathers" (Vs. 1 & 2)**

#244 "Rise Up, O Men Of God" (Vs. 1, 2 & 3)

RESPONSIVE READING -#385 "A Litany For Family Week"

UNISON: O God, my Father, I am very fortunate in my home, my parents, my family, my friends, my work, my church, my country. I want to remember before you those for whom life is not nearly so happy as it is for me.

PASTOR: Refugees who have no home, no place to call their own;

PEOPLE: Those who love freedom in lands where freedom is lost; Christians in lands where Christians are persecuted; those who are treated at home without sympathy, and even with cruelty;

PASTOR: Those who live or work in a situation in which it is very difficult to be a Christian at all; the friendless, the lonely, and the sad;

PEOPLE: O God, grant that my own happiness may never make me blind to the need and forgetful of the unhappiness of others.

PASTOR: O God, make me quicker to praise than to criticize. Help me never to forget to thank people for anything that they do for me.

PEOPLE: Make me always ready to speak a word of praise and of appreciation. Make me quick to notice when people are upset or depressed, and give me the ability to speak the word which will help cheer them.

PASTOR: Bless all homes where there has been joy or heartbreak, where there has been happy news of success or sorrowful news of failure; homes to which someone has brought honor and homes to which someone has brought disgrace.

UNISON: Be in every home to comfort, to encourage, to guide, to restrain; and grant to them all to feel your presence and to know your love: Through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

***INVOCATION**

***GLORIA PATRI - #295**

ANTHEM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER**

HYMN - #65 "Just As I Am Without One Plea"(vs.1 & 2)

COMMUNION

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: Matthew 7: 24-29 (p.1506)

SERMON IN ARMENIAN: "Wise and Foolish Builders"

***HYMN - #97 "Brightly Beams Our Father's Mercy" (vs. 1,2)**

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: Ephesians 6:4 (p. 1823)

SERMON IN ENGLISH: "The Visible Father"

***HAYR MER - # 133**

***BENEDICTION**

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

****Congregation is requested to stand**

***** Latecomers may be seated**

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL FATHERS

THE FLOWERS on the altar this morning are given by Mr. & Mrs. Daniel and Marian Flanagan in honor of their 41st anniversary.

BIRTH. Proud grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Harout and Sona Eurdekian welcome their new grandson, **Matthew Krikor Eurdekian** born to Mr. & Mrs. Raffi and Arda Eurdekian on April 30, 2006. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents and their families.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY. Volunteers are needed for *Classroom Redecorating* beginning this week. Families please plan on donating a few hours of your time to help complete this project. Call the office before dropping by.

A FATHER'S DAY LUNCHEON will follow the worship service today. Please come join us as we celebrate and honor all fathers. Donations are \$12.00 for adults, \$8.00 for children 6-12 years old, and no charge for children under 6 years of age.

THANK YOU. The church would like to thank our choir, soloists, and organist/choir director, Matthew De Raad, for enriching our worship services through their music ministry throughout the past year. Thank you all for your dedication and commitment.

CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS Please pray for Frank and Ann Frontiera, Hovsep Koundakjian and his family.

Synopsis of the Armenian Sermon

In the parable of “The Wise and Foolish Builders” told in Matthew 7:24-27, Jesus compares those who hear his words and do them to the wise person who builds their house on a solid ground, and those who hear his words but do not do them to a foolish person who builds their house on sand. The warning that Jesus has for his listeners is to be careful about the foundation people build their lives on. Just as the foundation of a physical house is very important, so is the foundation that a person builds his or her family life on.

There are two important implications of this parable: One, Jesus is the solid foundation that we should be building our lives on. Second, the lives that are built on this solid foundation will remain standing when the winds blow, and the rains fall.

On the surface this parable seems very simple and logical to everyone. But when it comes to its intended meaning, that we should build our lives on Jesus, people don't seem to be heeding Jesus' instructions. We see all around us that people try to use their financial portfolios as the foundation for their lives, or they use material possessions as the foundation, others have adopted different philosophies as their foundation. The question for all of us, but especially for fathers is, on which foundation are you building your family's future?