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11:00 A.M.

July 23, 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.

ORGAN PRELUDE

GREETINGS & CALL TO WORSHIP

***OPENING HYMNS** – # 3 “*O Worship The King*” (vs. 1-3)

5 “*Come, Thou Almighty King*” (vs. 1-3)

RESPONSIVE READING

PASTOR: I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all

lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in in the bond of peace.

PEOPLE: **There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all.**

PASTOR: But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

PEOPLE: **And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,**

PASTOR: For the equipment of the saints, for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

UNISON: **Until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.**

***INVOCATION**

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

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: *Ephesians 4:11-16* (p.1821)
SERMON IN ARMENIAN: “*Lay Ministry*”

***HYMNS** - # 6 “*We Praise Thee, O God*” (vs. 1-2)

7 “*Safely Through Another Week*” (vs. 1-2)

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: Joshua 23:1-8

SERMON IN ENGLISH: “*Trivial Pursuits*”

***HAYR MER** - # 133

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** “*Park K²ez D²er, Asdvadz M²er*”

ORGAN POSTLUDE

**Congregation is requested to stand*

**** Latecomers may be seated*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR THANKS to Mr. Bob Kachadourian, and to our organist Mrs. Gayaneh Kachadourian.

THE FLOWERS ON SUNDAY JUNE 25th, 2006 were sponsored by Dr. & Mrs. Robert and Gayaneh Kachadourian in memory of her father Mr. Tadeos Khanbabahian.

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR ON SUNDAY JUNE 25th, 2006 was sponsored by Mrs. Gohar Khanbabaian in memory of her husband Mr. Tadeos Khanbabaian.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER'S SEMINAR is postponed until further notice

AMAA APPEALS FOR HELP. The AMAA is asking all the Armenian Evangelical Churches to pray and consider making financial donations to support our brothers and sisters in Lebanon. If you would like to support the AMAA efforts, please pick-up a form from the lobby.

FREE BOOKS. The pastor has put some extra copies of books and hymnals on the table in the fellowship hall entrance. Please help yourselves to however many you like.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP breakfast will be held next Sunday, July 30, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. All men are invited.

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

CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS. Please pray for the people and the situation in Lebanon. Pray for our Armenian brothers and sisters who are suffering as a result of this conflict.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON

(Ephesians 4:11-16)

Lay ministry usually describes any ministry work that is done in the church by unpaid, not ordained volunteers. It is interesting to notice that the ordained and paid individuals in any given churches are only a few. This means that most ministry work is done by lay people. Another interesting thing to notice is that even though the Bible does recognize different gifts and different positions, the purpose of the ministry work is the same and everyone is called to participate for that end.

In the verses mentioned above, we learn that the church is endowed with individuals who have different gifts. **God gives these workers to the church.** These lay people are apostles, prophets, evangelist, pastors, and teachers. **They are given for the purpose of building-up the body of Christ, the church.** Through their ministry the church is strengthened and encouraged spiritually. **The end result of all this is that the church will attain unity, and maturity.** Through the ministry of these gifted people the whole body will grow in unity and understanding of God's plan and purpose of salvation in this world.

So now the question remains: **How are you contributing to the lay ministry of our church?**