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11:00 A.M.

November 19, 2006

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

*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 two and under.*

ORGAN PRELUDE

GREETINGS & CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMNS – #6 “We Praise Thee, O God” (Vs. 1 & 2)

#26 “Now Thank We All Our God” (1 & 2)

RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 136: 1-9 & 23-26 (Pp.972-973)

PASTOR: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

PEOPLE: His love endures forever.

PASTOR: Give thanks to the God of gods.

PEOPLE: His love endures forever.

PASTOR: Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

PEOPLE: His love endures forever.

PASTOR: To him who alone does great wonders,

PEOPLE: His love endures forever.

PASTOR: Who by his understanding made the heavens,

PEOPLE: His love endures forever.

PASTOR: Who spread out the earth upon the waters,

PEOPLE: His love endures forever.

PASTOR: Who made the great lights — the sun to govern the day, the moon and stars to govern the night;

PEOPLE: His love endures forever.

PASTOR: To the One who remembered us in our low estate and freed us from our enemies, and who gives food to every creature.

PEOPLE: His love endures forever.

PASTOR: Give thanks to the God of heaven.

PEOPLE: His love endures forever.

***INVOCATION**

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

ANTHEM

JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYER

OFFERING AND SOLO- Mrs. April Tini

***DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER**

BAPTISM- (Matthew Krikor Eurdekian)

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SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: Galatians 6: 6-10 (P. 1816)

MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: “Sowing and Reaping”

***HYMNS-** # 273 “Not Alone For Mighty Empire” (Vs. 1 & 2)

#274 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” (Vs. 1 & 2)

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: Philippians 4:10-13 (P. 1830)

MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: “Thanksgiving”

***HAYR MER** – #133

***BENEDICTION**

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

**Congregation is requested to stand*

**** Latecomers may be seated*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this morning are given by Mr. & Mrs. Moses and Maggie Avakian, and family in loving memory of Nahabed and Sema Avakian.

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR today is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Rodney and Barbara Keteyian in celebration of their daughter Rachel's 10th Birthday.

PRAYER TIME. Come join us today for prayer time right here in the sanctuary immediately following the Sunday Morning Worship.

CHRISTMAS JOY PACKAGES. Bring Christmas joy to children of Armenia, Karabagh & Georgia through the AMAA's Armenian Summer Camp/Christmas Committee. Forms are available in the hallway.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY. On Saturday, December 2nd a group of A.C.C. members will be going to *Gleaners Community Food Bank* in Howell to help pack boxes of food for needy families in Michigan. If you would like to volunteer contact the church office ASAP.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS.

- The Sunday School children will take part in our Thanksgiving worship service today.
- We invite you all to come and join us on December 17th, for our *Sunday School Christmas program and luncheon*. The program will follow the morning worship service. Costumes appropriate for kings, shepherds or stable animals are needed. If you can help please see Leslie Banerian or Ann Bayleran.

THE DECEMBER ISSUE OF THE A.C.C. BULLETIN WILL BE A CHRISTMAS ISSUE. Once again, as in the past, we offer you the opportunity to send your Christmas greetings to all the church members and friends – in and out of town – by making a contribution to our missions, and Christian Education fund. Please submit your name and donation to the church office, no later than Sunday, December 3rd.

CHURCH DIRECTORY 2007 if anyone would like to add their mobile number or their e-mail address to the directory please call the church office.

CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS.

- **Prayer.** Please continue to pray for Ray and Herb Jernukian, Florence Varbedian, Armen Kasabach, Siroon Karapetoff and Dianne Niemi.
- **Baptism.** Today we will have the baptism of Matthew Krikor Eurdekian, son of Raffi and Arda Eurdekian, grandson of Harout and Sona Eurdekian.

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

In Galatians 6:7-10, we are given this principle “A man reaps what he sows.” This principle is unfailing in the natural realm. But many forget that it is also true in the moral realm. The person who decides to “sow some wild oats,” forgets that he must reap the crop too. This principle must be carried to our thoughts. Sin can occur in one’s mind, even before it is translated into action. This is best illustrated in King David’s life (2Samuel 11:2ff). His lustful look at Bathsheba led to immorality, lying, hypocrisy, ingratitude, and murder. Even though God will forgive the repentant sinner, this cannot halt the harvest that comes from evil thoughts and actions. We cannot mock God. We reap what we sow.

But this also means good news: those who sow to the Spirit, of the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not sow wrong seeds, but the right ones. The harvest is inevitable. This is true both in evangelism and in stewardship. Let us all be careful what we are sowing, because God’s law always holds true. Let us be grateful and thankful to God who is always faithful is blessing our efforts as we try to sow good seeds.