



Arise

YOUR LIGHT
IS COME

"Arise, shine; for thy light is come." Isaiah 60:1

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CHRISTMAS SUNDAY

11:00 A.M.

December 24, 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 two and under.*

ORGAN PRELUDE

GREETINGS & CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMNS- #31 "Joy To The World"

#29 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (Vv. 1 & 2)

RESPONSIVE READING - #374 "A Litany For Christmas"

PASTOR: O Father of all, that we may be prepared for the coming of thy Son, the Babe of Bethlehem,

PEOPLE: **Help us to rid our hearts of selfishness, thoughtlessness, and vain pride.**

PASTOR: As the messenger, John the Baptist, preached repentance to prepare the way of the Lord,

PEOPLE: **So may we live in preparation for the coming of thy kingdom.**

PASTOR: As they brought their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the Christ Child,

PEOPLE: **So may we offer of ourselves and our substance.**

PASTOR: May the message of the heavenly host, "Peace on earth, good will toward men" ever find echo in our hearts, and be practiced in our lives.

PEOPLE: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord. Amen.**

***INVOCATION**

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LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE - The Derian Family
ANTHEM

**ANNOUNCEMENTS
JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY
PRAYER**

OFFERING & SOLO – Gayaneh Kachadourian

***DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER
DEDICATION & BAPTISM**

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SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: John 1:4,5,9; 8:12 (Pp. 1645-6 & 1662)
MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: “Jesus, The Light Of The World”

***HYMNS-** #181 “We Three Kings Of Orient Are” (Vv. 1 & 2)
#174 “Go, Tell It On The Mountain”

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: Luke 2:1-7 (P. 1590)
MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: “No Room In The Inn” Rev. Tootikian

***HAYR MER – #133**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** “Park K'ez D'er, Asdvadz M'er”
ORGAN POSTLUDE

**Congregation is requested to stand
*** Latecomers may be seated*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME to our pulpit this morning ACC Minister Emeritus, the Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian.

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR this morning is sponsored by Mrs. Rose Beylerian in memory of her mother Yeraneq Houlian, and mother in law Azadouhi Beylerian.

CHRISTMAS SEASON CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

- **The Christmas Eve Family Candlelight** service will be held this evening at 7:30 p.m. A fellowship hour sponsored by the ACC Board of Deacons and the Women's Fellowship will follow the service.
- **The New Year's Sunday** service will be held on December 31, 2006 at 11:00 a.m.
- **The New Year's Communion Sunday** will be held on January 7, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS. There will be an Installation Service for the newly elected members of the board of Trustees and Deacons on January 7th, 2006 during our Sunday morning worship service. We kindly request that the continuing and the newly elected members of both boards be present.

CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS.

- **Dedication.** James Allan Darawi, son of pastor Makarios and Jennifer Darawi, grandson of Allan and Norine Duck, and Josephine Darawi will be dedicated today.
- **Baptism.** Taleen Judith Avakian, daughter of Sima Avakian, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moses and Maggie Avakian will be baptized today.
- **Pray.** Please pray for the health of Maddy Brown.

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

(John 1:4, 5, 9; 8:12)

Light can be divided into two categories, artificial light and natural light. Artificial light comes from artificial sources, such as electricity, oil, or batteries. Natural light comes from natural sources (God's creation), the sun, the moon, or the stars. This fact is true in the spiritual realm also. Light can come from artificial sources like religion and good works, or it can come from a natural source. According to John, that source is Jesus who came as the light. There is but one source for real spiritual light, and that source is Jesus Christ.

Jesus disperses the artificial lights. To be able to recognize what's real and what's artificial, we need Jesus' light in our lives. His light can give us the wisdom and the guidance necessary to find our way in this life. Just like everything shines more brightly under the light of the sun, so it is with our lives. When Jesus' light is in us, we will shine more brightly.

Jesus disperses the darkness of sin. Jesus is for sin that which light is for darkness. Jesus is the absolute opposite of sin. Where He is present, sin cannot be present. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (8:12). There is no sin in this world that the light of Jesus is unable to disperse. The problem is that some people choose to walk in darkness rather than walk in the light of Jesus.

Jesus can bring light to your life if you will allow Him to come into your heart. He came into this world to bring light into our lives. Why don't you invite Him in this Christmas?

**May the light of Christ shine brightly in your lives this
Christmas, in the coming year and always.
Have a wonderful Christmas**

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CHRISTMAS 2006

The Armenian Congregational Church gratefully acknowledges the following people for their generous donations of Christmas flowers, which so beautifully grace our altar today.

Mr. & Mrs. Haig and Susan Arabian – *in memory of Kay Traub.*

Mr. & Mrs. George and Carole Basmadjian – *in loving memory of their parents Yervant and Celia Basmadjian, John & Arshalous Mihertadian.*

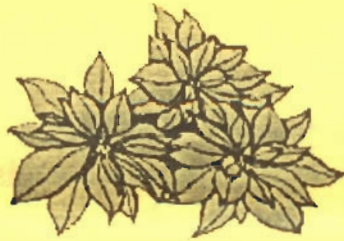
Dr. & Mrs. Ed and Ann Bayleran & Family – *in memory of George and Grace Bayleran, Leon and Alice Sarkis.*

Mrs. Virginia Berberian & Family – *in memory of her husband Ara Berberian, and in honor of all her grandchildren.*

Reverend. Makarios & Jennifer Darawi – *Wishing the members and friends of the church, a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, and a prosperous New Year 2007.*

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph and Frances Garabedian – *in memory of Jack Rullitis.*

Mr. and Mrs. Archie and Susan Gopigian – *in memory of her brother Dr. George Kadian, in honor of her brother Marderus Kadian.*



Mrs. Gertrude Hagopian – *in memory of her husband Jack Hagopian.*

Mr. & Mrs. Robert and Gayaneh Kachadourian, Mr. & Mrs. Ara and Anahit Kachadourian – *in memory of Tadeos Khanbabaian.*

Mr. & Mrs. Robert and Gayaneh Kachadourian, Mr. & Mrs. Ara and Anahit Kachadourian – *to the glory of God.*

Mr. & Mrs. Aram and Alice Kakousian - *in memory of sisters Alice Apelian and Lucie Mesrobian-Goloman.*

Mr. & Mrs. Levon & Dicranouhi Keshishian – *Wishing the members and friends of the church, a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, and a prosperous New Year 2007.*

Mr. & Mrs. Rodney and Barbara Keteyian – *in honor of the birth of Jesus.*

Mrs. Gohar Khanbabaian and Mr. Arpiar Khanbabaian – *in memory of husband and father Tadeos Khanbabaian, and to the glory of God.*

Mrs. Albes Rose Mahlebashian – *in honor of her Grandchildren.*

Mr. & Mrs. Michael and Susan Mousigian, and their children, Marianne, Rosemarie, and Samuel – *in memory of sister and aunt, Margaret Lindeman.*

Mr. & Mrs. Michael and Susan Mousigian, and their children, Marianne, Rosemarie, and Samuel – *in memory of their father and grandfather, Harry Haroutunian, and in honor of their mother and grandmother, Anahid Haroutunian.*

Responsive Dedication/Baptism Confession

Pastor:

People of this household of faith, I commend to your love and care these children, whom we this day receive into the care of Christ's Church. As a local congregation we bear a responsibility to these families. Will you pray for these families, encourage them as they grow together, and do all that is in your power to assist these children in coming to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord? If you will make that covenant with these families, please stand.

CONGREGATION:

With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that these children, may grow to know Him as their personal Savior and Lord.

ALL:

O God, our heavenly Father, grant that these children, as they grow in years, may also grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that by the restraining and renewing influence of the Holy Spirit they may come to confess Jesus as their Savior and Lord. And that they may ever be true children of yours, serving You faithfully all their days. So guide and uphold the parents of these children that by loving care, wise counsel and holy example, they may lead them into that life of faith whose strength is righteousness and whose fruit is everlasting joy and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen