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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

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

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'oez D'oeer, Asdvadz M'oeer"

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 Yeranek 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**