

Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit
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11:00 A.M.

January 14, 2007

*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
CALL TO WORSHIP

***OPENING HYMNS-** #6 "We Praise Thee, O God" (Vv. 1 & 2)
#13 "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" (Vv. 1 & 2)

RESPONSIVE READING- # 384 "A Litany For Pentecost"

PASTOR: Lord, we worship you as the living Spirit who works in the lives of Christians and in the life of the church, creating anew, bringing new power to birth, making human actions and characters the bearers of your purpose.

PEOPLE: **We worship you as the Spirit who makes us aware of our spiritual need and satisfies it.**

PASTOR: We worship you as the Spirit who encourages us to live confidently in the world as your children.

PEOPLE: **We worship you as the Spirit who supports us in our prayers and teaches us how to tell others what Christ means to us.**

PASTOR: We worship you as the Spirit who gives us our varied abilities so that the church may benefit from them.

PEOPLE: **We worship you as the Spirit who guides the church and draws us into unity with one another.**

PASTOR: Help us, Lord the Spirit, to open our lives fully to your influence, and to be the means by which it reaches other people.

PEOPLE: **Lord, we pray that your Spirit may be poured out, not only on those who are already Christians, but on all men.**

PASTOR: We pray for people in all those situations of tension and conflict where the welfare of many depends on the integrity

of a few. May your Spirit enable men to be honest, and to refuse to put personal advantage above the interest of others.

PEOPLE: **We pray for the poor and hungry of the world, the ill and the anguished, the dying and the bereaved. May your Spirit distribute both the skill and the love which can bring healing and true comfort. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

***INVOCATION**

ANTHEM
ANNOUNCEMENTS
JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY
PRAYER
OFFERING & SOLO: Dan Haroutunian
***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: John 1:43-51 (Pp. 1647-1648)
MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: "Can Anything Good Come From

Nazareth?"

***HYMNS** #57 "What A Wonderful Change In My Life" (Vv. 1 & 2)
#85 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: Acts 2 (Selected readings) (Pp. 1692-1694)
MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: "The Birth Of The Church" (Message II)

***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**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE A.C.C. MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP meetings will be held today from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. All men and women are welcome to join us.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING will be held on Thursday, January 18, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on January 21, 2007, immediately following the morning worship service. All boards and organizations are requested to submit their reports.

2nd ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE. All church members and friends are invited to the Darawi home on January 20th, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for a time of fellowship. For directions call Jennifer at 248-990-6171.

GREETINGS FROM OUR SISTER CHURCH IN DILIJAN. We have received email greetings from Pastor Garnik Tutikyan, the pastor of the Armenian Evangelical Church of Dilijan, Armenia. He wishes our church a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

The email is posted on the bulletin board by the hall entrance.

CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS.

- **Pray.** Please pray for the health of Florence Varbedian.
- Pray also for God's comfort on the Nanian family as they mourn the death of Anna Nanian the mother of Marjorie Nanian and grand- mother of Mary Ann and George Mugerian.

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

(John 1:43-51)

On this day, as Jesus starts towards the region of Galilee, He calls Philip to follow Him. The day before two disciples of John the Baptist went after Jesus, and later brought Simon Peter to Him. Jesus is about to start His public ministry and He begins by issuing a simple call of "Follow Me!" That same simple call is still the same today. Jesus is still calling people to simply follow Him. It is a straightforward call to follow the only One who can save and who can take us to God the Father.

Philip went a and found Nathanael, and told him that he had found the Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth. Nathanael did not seem to be too impressed with the fact that the expected One, the Christ, was from Nazareth. Nazareth was an insignificant place and it was inconceivable for Nathanael that the Messiah would come from there. But it didn't take long before Nathanael was to declare that Jesus is the "Son of God; the King of Israel."

Sometimes we also are too quick to dismiss the claims of the Christian faith. But when we take the time to really look into them and meet Jesus through them, we are transformed, convinced and changed.