

Mr. Matthew DeRaad, Organist-Choir Director
Pastor Makarios Darawi

11:00 A.M.

September 23, 2007

*We welcome all who are worshipping 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" (Vs. 1, 4)
#159 "Praise Him! Praise Him!"
"Be Thou My Vision" (Insert)

RESPONSIVE READING- #362 "The Christian's Armor"

PASTOR: Be strong in the LORD and in his mighty power.

PEOPLE: **Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.**

PASTOR: For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

PEOPLE: **Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.**

PASTOR: Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place.

PEOPLE: **And with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.**

PASTOR: In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

PEOPLE: **Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.**

PASTOR: And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

INVOCATION

ANTHEM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYER

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: *James 1:13-18 (P. 1881)*

MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: "Temptations"

HYMN - "Thy Word" (Insert)

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: *2 Timothy 3:14-17 (P.1855)*

MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: **Basic Christian Beliefs - The Bible (II)**

***HAYR MER** - #133

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** *"Park K'oz D'zer, Asdvadz M'zer"*

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HARUTUNIAN FAMILY donated a no-sew fleece blanket to the ACC nursery in memory of Margie Lindeman who passed away on November 22, 2006. We thank the Harutunian family and pray that God will continue to comfort the Lindeman and Harutunian families as they remember their beloved Margie.

CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS.

- Please continue to pray for Herb Jernukian, and Heidi Conlan (a friend of Sue & Haig Arabian).
- The Keteyian family would like to thank the church community for their support and prayers during their time of mourning.

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

A man had a sign on his door which said, "Lead me not into temptation, I can find it for myself." That is a very true statement for all of us. James in this passage discusses temptations and says, (1) God does not tempt humans to do any evil. God may test our faith, but He Himself can neither be tempted by evil nor does He tempt anyone. (2) Temptations are a result of our inner lustful desires that eventually lead to sin. (3) Sin brings death. Adam and Eve brought physical death on themselves and all of humanity by giving in to their temptation, but sin results in spiritual death also. To be sure, temptations in themselves are not sin (Jesus was tempted), but acting upon them is sin. Let us all check our inner selves to make sure that all our thoughts and desires are pure and holy. And in moments of fierce temptation, let us call on God to give us strength to expel all evil and sinful thoughts and desires.

Sunday School Activity Night

Please reserve the following night, ***Saturday, September 29, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.*** Come enjoy delicious food, singing, fun and games. All ages are welcome. More information will be mailed to all the Sunday School families.

Dr. Ara Sanjian on Friday, October 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Please join us for a lecture given by Dr. Sanjian, Professor of Armenian Studies at University of Michigan –Dearborn, on the topic of “The Alphabet and the Art of Translating in Armenian Cultural History”. Piano Recital by Mrs. Genya Derian, Recitation by Mrs. Hasmik Arslanian. Reception to follow- Admission is free.

Armenian Congregational Church 90th Anniversary Banquet

On Sunday, **November 18, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.** the Armenian Congregational Church will celebrate its 90th anniversary with a special banquet that will be held in the Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian Fellowship Hall located at 26210 W. Twelve Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48037.

We invite you all to come join us as we celebrate this important milestone in the life of our congregation.

Please reserve this date, and look for more details to follow in the mail.