

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

**11:00 A.M.**

**October 7, 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** -#115 *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"* (Vv. 1,2,3)  
*"Shout To The Lord"* (Insert)  
*"Lord, I Lift Your Name On High"* (Insert)

**INVOCATION**

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM**

**THE LORD'S TABLE**

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**ANTHEM**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY**

**PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN:** *James 2:1-13*

**MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN:** *"All Are Equal"*

**HYMN** - #148 *"Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing"*

**SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH:** *Selected Passages*

**MESSAGE IN ENGLISH:** *Basic Christian Beliefs - God (I)*

**\*HAYR MER** - #133

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** *"Park KØez DØer, Asdvadz MØer"*

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

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*\*Congregation is requested to stand*

*\*\*\* Latecomers may be seated*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE FLOWERS** on the altar this morning are given by Mrs. Gladys Margosian in loving memory of her husband Zaven Margosian.

**THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR THIS MORNING** is sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. Robert & Gayaneh Kachadourian in honor of our pastor during Pastors Appreciation Month.

**THE LORD'S TABLE**, will be celebrated today, It is also Children's Sunday and the Sunday School will join us for worship and the children's message.

**THE A.C.C. MEN'S AND WOMEN'S** book discussion meeting will be held next Sunday October 14, 2007. Women please read chapter 7 in your books. Men please read chapter 14.

### **CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS.**

- Please continue to pray for Herb Jernukian.
- Pray for our homeland of Armenia, and for our sister church of Dilijan.

### **Synopsis of the Armenian Message**

In this section of the letter, James addresses the practical issue of favoritism in the church specifically, and in Christian circles in general. He begins by forbidding the practice among those who confess to be believers in Jesus Christ. In verses 1-4 we see that prejudice is a form of judging. The practice of making distinctions based on appearance wealth, caste, race, or sex is inconsistent with true Christianity and it is a denial of the faith. By doing so we are judging others as better or worse than we are. Judging should be left to God, who judges the hearts, not the external appearance. In verses 5-7 we are told that the poor will inherit God's kingdom as much as anyone because of their faith and love of God. When we show prejudice against them we are insulting God's creation, and sitting in judgment on it. God has made us all in His image and likeness, whether poor, rich, male, female, white or black. In verses 8-13 we are reminded of the second-greatest commandment, "Love your neighbor as yourself." In the context of the Christian faith, this love should come without strings attached. We should not love others conditionally, based on appearance, or any other superficial things. We love them because God loves us all the same.

Friends, if we are to be honest with ourselves, we will admit that we are guilty of practicing some form of favoritism mentioned in these verses. Let us confess our sin and pray for God's strength in our practice of the Christian faith.

***Dr. Ara Sanjian***  
***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.

***Praise and Worship Service***

Come join us on **Friday October 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.** for our first Praise and Worship service! This service will feature contemporary praise and worship music led by Andrew Kulha. Pastor Mak will preach an inspiring message geared towards young people. Anyone interested in participating in this type of worship and desiring to grow spiritually is encouraged to attend. A food and fellowship time will follow the service.

***Armenian Congregational Church***  
***90th Anniversary Banquet***

On Sunday, **November 18, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.** the Armenian Congregational Church will celebrate its 90<sup>th</sup> 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.