

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

11:00 A.M.

December 30, 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** - #5 "Come, Thou Almighty King" (Vv. 1,2,4)
#74 "Take My Life, And Let It Be" (Vv. 1,2,5,6)
#148 "Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing"

RESPONSIVE READING - #375 "A Litany For The New Year"

PASTOR: O God, in the quietness of thy sanctuary we wait the closing moment of another year.

PEOPLE: **We lift up our hearts unto thee, O Lord.**

PASTOR: From the failures of the past, from broken hopes and disappointed ambitions, from our sins against ourselves and against others,

PEOPLE: **We lift up our hearts unto thee, O Lord.**

PASTOR: We confess the unworthy living that has stained the record of the year that now is dying. For pardon, for grace to make restitution, for a clean heart and a right spirit with which to enter the new year,

PEOPLE: **We lift up our hearts unto thee, O Lord.**

PASTOR: From loss of faith and hope and courage, from anxiety that harasses us, fear that frightens us, cowardice that defeats us, and from the loss of the companionship, without which no life is good, no soul is strong.

PEOPLE: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

PASTOR: Bring us to the new year's beginning with such vision of our duty, such resolution to perform it, and such resources for its consummation that whether in this year ahead we live or fall asleep, shall be unashamed before thee.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy upon us and grant us these blessings. Amen.**

INVOCATION

ANTHEM
ANNOUNCEMENTS
JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY
PRAYER

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: *Luke 1:46-55 (P. 1589)*
MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: "Mary's Song"

HYMN - #174 "Go, Tell It On The Mountain" (Vv. 1,2,3)

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: *Luke 2:8-20 (P. 1591)*
MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: "Basic Christian Beliefs - Christ (IV)"

***HAYR MER** - #133

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** "Park K'ez D'her, Asdvadz M'her"

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPS. The 2008 stewardship envelopes for adults and children are ready. Please pick them up at the entrance of the fellowship hall.

INSTALLATION OF THE CHURCH BOARD MEMBERS. There will be an Installation Service for the newly elected members of the board of Trustees and Deacons on January 13th, 2008 during our Sunday morning worship service. We kindly request that the continuing and the newly elected members of both boards be present.

SUNDAY JANUARY 6, 2008

Armenian Christmas in the Armenian Apostolic tradition is celebrated on January 6. Please join us as we worship our Lord and celebrate His Table at 11:00 a.m. This being the first Sunday of the month we will also have our Children's Message. Following the service a luncheon will be served by the A.C.C. Women's Fellowship.

CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS

- Please continue to pray for Matthew DeRaad and Nella Lommert.
- Pray also for Gloria Hamm and Jane Waples (friends of Haig and Sue Arabian).

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

(Luke 1:46-55)

Last Sunday we discussed Gabriel's announcement of the birth of Jesus to Mary. Today we will consider Mary's Song. While visiting her relative Elizabeth, Mary burst into a song of joy. It is a song of praise to God that is similar to an Old Testament psalm. In this song Mary is filled with Joy because God's promises are being fulfilled through her. In her song of praise she mentions some of God's divine qualities. God is the Savior (v.47). He is providing salvation to His people through the Baby that will be born of Mary. God is Holy (v.49). Holiness communicates ideas of purity. God is Merciful (v.50). God is merciful towards all those who fear Him in every generation. God is Mighty (vv.51-52). Mary praises God for His mighty acts and how He brings down the proud and lofty, but exalts the humble and lowly. God is Faithful (vv.53-55). God has never failed His people, nor will He ever fail them. He has been faithful to His promises made to Abraham and his seed. And now through the baby that Mary was carrying He was fulfilling those promises.

Mary's song of Joy is all about God. She is rejoicing and praising Him because she sees His hand at work in her and through her. What about you? Despite your personal circumstances are you able to see God's hand at work in your life? Can you rejoice and praise Him for what He is doing?