

**Mr. John Chance, Organist-Choir Director  
Pastor Makarios Darawi**

**11:00 A.M.**

**January 27, 2008**

*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** – #51 *“All Hail The Power Of Jesus’ Name”* (Vv. 1,3)  
#158 *“O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing”* (Vv. 1,3)  
*“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”* (Vv. 1 & 2, insert)

**INVOCATION**

**READING IN UNISON - #315 “The Ten Commandments”**

You shall have no other gods before me.  
You shall not make for yourself a graven image.  
You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.  
Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.  
Honor your father and your mother.  
You shall not kill.  
You shall not commit adultery.  
You shall not steal.  
You shall not bear false witness.  
You shall not covet anything that is your neighbor’s.

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**ANTHEM  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY  
PRAYER  
OFFERING**

**SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN:** *Luke 3:1-18 (Pp. 1593-94)*  
**MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN:** *“A Voice In The Desert”*

**HYMN** – *“Be Thou My Vision” (Insert)*

**SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH:** *Galatians 5: 16-26 (Pp. 1815-16)*

**MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: “Basic Christian Beliefs –  
The Holy Spirit (IV)”**

**\*HAYR MER** – #133

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** *“Park K0ez D0er, Asdvadz M0er”*

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

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

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held today immediately following the morning worship service.

**VARTANANTS:** The Greater Detroit Armenian Churches are sponsoring a united Vartanants observance, on Thursday, January 31, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, 29125 Six Mile Road, in Livonia. The Host church is St. Vartan Armenian Catholic Church. We invite all of you to join us for this special gathering.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ICE SKATING** All Sunday School Children, volunteers, and parents are invited for an afternoon of fun, food, and ice-skating at Tony and Lori Janigian’s house, on Sunday, February 3rd, following the fellowship hour. If weather does not permit, it will be reschedule for February 10. Bring your skates and enjoy the fun!

**PLEASE RESERVE THE FOLLOWING DATE:** Friday, February 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. for our Family Night. All ages are welcome. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults; \$6.00 for children 6-12 years old; no charge for children under 6 years. Come enjoy delicious Armenian food, entertainment, fun and games with Mihran Kupelian. Please write your names on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

**CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS**

- Please continue to pray for Matthew DeRaad, Nella Lommert and George Terterian.
- Pray also for God’s comfort on the Perry family as they mourn the death of **Mrs. Lucille Perry** who passed away on Monday, January 21, 2008.

## **Synopsis of the Armenian Message**

(Luke 3:1-18)

In this section of Luke's narrative, we meet John the Baptist. He is preaching and baptizing in the Jordan area. John's ministry was in fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy. His message was blunt and straightforward. He did not mince words, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?" (v.8), and "The ax is at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire" (v.9). These are not words you would hear any preacher use today, but nevertheless, the response was immediate. His hearers ask him what to do to show their repentance. His response is direct and practical. Those who have much, they should show their love for their neighbors by sharing with them their material possessions and their food. Those who are hoarding money (tax collectors) for themselves in crooked ways and by cheating others, should stop lusting after money and start being honest in their dealings. For those who have the power (soldiers), they should not use their authority to extort money from people and they should not accuse people falsely. They are to be fair and content with their pay. John was sent to prepare and warn the people ahead of the coming Christ who was going to "Baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire." And who was coming with "His winnowing fork in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." (vv. 16-17).

In response to John's message, is there any changes you should be making in your life as far as sharing what you have, doing your work well and honestly, and being content with what you have?