

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

11:00 A.M.

February 24, 2008

*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** – #158 “O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing”  
#27 “Near My God To Thee” (Vv. 1 & 2)  
#7 “Lord, I Lift Your Name On High” (Songbook)

**READING – #377 “A Litany For Lent”**

**PASTOR:** Lord God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as we remember the temptation, suffering and death of Jesus Christ help us to take up the cross and follow him.

**PEOPLE:** **Lord God, save us from the hurt pride that leads to anger so that we nurse our grudges and resentments and refuse to love and forgive.**

**PASTOR:** By the power of the Holy Spirit help us to do as Jesus did.

**PEOPLE:** **Love our enemies, pray for our persecutors and forgive others the wrongs they have done.**

**PASTOR:** Lord God, save us from the self-centeredness that makes us blind to the needs of others because we begrudge the time and money and effort we might have to spend in helping them.

**PEOPLE:** **By the power of the Holy Spirit, help us to live as Jesus lived – always ready to listen, never too tired to help, always living not for ourselves but for you and for other men.**

**PASTOR:** Lord God, save us from the selfishness that turns us in on ourselves so that we put ourselves first and push other people out of our way.

**PEOPLE:** **By the power of the Holy Spirit, help us to do as Jesus did – leave self behind and take up the cross. In his name we ask it.**

**UNISON:** **Now to you, our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we give all honor and praise forever and ever. Amen.**

**INVOCATION**

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**ANTHEM  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN:** *Luke 4:22-30 (P. 1596)*  
**MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN:** “Jesus Chased Out Of His Hometown”

**HYMN** – #74 “Take My Life, And Let It Be” (Vv. 1,5,6)

**SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH:** *Matthew 4: 12-17 (P. 1500)*  
**MESSAGE IN ENGLISH:** “Basic Christian Beliefs – Salvation (III)”

**\*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 FEBRUARY BOARD OF DEACONS** meeting will be held today following the fellowship hour.

**MEMBERSHIP CLASS.** Will be offered on Sunday, March 2, 2008. From 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Christian Education room. This class is recommended for adults who are either interested in becoming communicant members or transferring their membership from another church to A.C.C. Please speak to Pastor Mak if you are interested in attending the class.

**YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORTS** are now available; if you would like to obtain a report, please see Ralph Garabedian.

**ACC LENTEN LUNCH**

The ACC Women’s Fellowship Annual Lenten Luncheon will be held on Friday March 14, 2008 at 12:00 noon. Come enjoy a beautiful program. Make arrangements to bring your friends. Both men and women are welcome. Please add your names on the bulletin board. Admission is \$15.00.

**CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS**

- **Prayer.** Matthew DeRaad, Salpi Cholakian, wife of the Pastor of the Armenian Evangelical Church of Athens who is in a critical condition.

- **Birth.** Proud great – grandmother Mrs. Armina Boujoulian, grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Raymond and Jean Boujoulian welcome their new baby girl Riley Kimberly Boujoulian born to Mr. & Mrs. Mike and Lindsay Boujoulian on Thursday, February 7, 2008. Congratulations, to the parents, grandparents, great-grandparent, and their families.

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

(Luke 4:22-30)

In verses 14-21, Jesus returns to Nazareth, his hometown and declares to the people gathered in the Synagogue that He is the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy (61:1,2) concerning the Messiah. Here we see that the people were impressed by Jesus' words and spoke well of Him. These people who knew Jesus from his childhood, began to wonder how Joseph the carpenter's Son could have developed so well. Jesus knowing what they were thinking, quotes a local proverb, meaning, "Since you claim to be a physician, well heal yourself first before healing others." This was a challenge for Jesus to perform miracles like He had done elsewhere to prove Himself. In response Jesus gives them two examples of Old Testament prophets who were rejected by the people of Israel. The people were furious at Jesus' suggestion that God favors believing Gentiles over unbelieving Israelites.

Friends, sometimes the hardest people to convince of a changed life are those who have known us the longest and the best. They might ridicule us or make fun of our newfound "religion" but let us remember and be comforted by the knowledge that Jesus was also ridiculed by His own hometown people. God expects us to believe and persevere.