

*Mr. Darryl Roenicke, Pianist - Choir Director*  
*Pastor Makarios Darawi*

11:00 A.M.

March 16, 2008

**PALM SUNDAY**

*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.*

**PRELUDE**  
**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*OPENING HYMNS** – #51 “All Hail The Power oF Jesus’ Name” (Vv. 1,4)  
“Ovsanna” (Insert -Vv. 1, 2)

**INVOCATION**

**CHILDREN’S PROGRAM**  
**HYMN** – “Ovsanna” (Insert –V. 3)

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

**SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN:** Luke 19: 41-44 (P. 1632)  
**MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN:** “O Jerusalem”

**HYMN** – # 21 “Hosanna” (Songbook)

**SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH:** Matthew 21: 12-17 (P. 1532)  
**MESSAGE IN ENGLISH:** “A True House of Prayer”

**\*HAYR MER** – #133  
**\*BENEDICTION**  
**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** “Park K0ez D0er, Asdvadz M0er”  
**POSTLUDE**

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

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL** children will join us today to celebrate Palm Sunday.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** this morning are given by Mr. & Mrs. Rouben and Hasmik Arslanian in memory of Rouben’s father, Mr. Hagop Arslanian.

**THERE WILL BE NO A.C.C. MEN’S AND WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP** meetings held today.

**EASTER SUNDAY** Next Sunday’s Easter Service is a family service. The Sunday school students may worship with their parents in the sanctuary, or be dismissed early to attend a combined class.

**EASTER BREAKFAST**

Come support the ACYF as they serve us a delicious breakfast on Easter Sunday, March 23, from **9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** Please join us along with your friends and family. Tickets may be purchased at the door. \$6.00 for young and old alike. All proceeds will go towards helping our youth with the cost of attending the AEUNA Biennial Conference in Glendale, CA.

**EASTER FLOWERS**

Those wishing to arrange for an Easter Flower to place in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please call the church office, no later than **Wednesday, March 19.** The lilies are \$16.00 each, and the tulips are \$13.00 each.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY CHOIR CONCERT**

On **Thursday, March 20th, at 7:00 p.m.** we will remember our Lord’s last hours before His death through a special worship service that will include a concert by the ACC Choir, Scripture readings, and will conclude with celebration of the Lord’s Table.

**JOYS AND CONCERN OF THE CHURCH**

- **Pray** for Harry (Haroutune) Farsakian, brother of Joyce Gant, Salpi Cholakian and family, and Helen Vartanian.

## **Synopsis of the Armenian Message**

(Luke 19:41-44)

This passage is part of the triumphal entry narrative, and it happened while Jesus was riding towards the city. Yet, we, like the people who were celebrating Jesus triumphal entry get caught up in the excitement of the moment and miss these very important words of Jesus. As Jesus was riding towards Jerusalem, He looks at the city and utters these words of lament. The people who were all around Him shouting and celebrating had no idea who Jesus really was. If people would only recognize that this coming King was the expected Messiah, and if they would receive Him, then they would really experience peace. But, no, they have already decided what to do with Him and it will not be too long before these same people will shout crucify Him. Jesus, knowing what they have already determined, wept over the city. Jerusalem's history had been full of conflict, and here in verses 43-44, Jesus prophesies its destruction again by the hands the Roman general, Titus in A.D. 70. But that was not the last time Jerusalem would experience destruction, over the years it has had more wars and conflict than any city in the world. The last words of Jesus are telling, "They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you" (v. 44). Jerusalem suffered and still suffers because the people refused Jesus' offer of salvation that brings peace. The people missed Jesus' visit. They saw what they wanted to see and missed the real Jesus.

Friends, it is very easy to get caught-up in the celebrations and miss the party. It is easy to celebrate Palm Sunday, Easter and other Christian observances and miss the salvation that Jesus offers. Jesus came to Jerusalem to be arrested, tortured, and crucified to purchase our salvation. Even today, recognize Jesus' coming and trust Him with your life.

***"Hosanna to the Son of David!"***

***"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"***

***"Hosanna in the highest!"***

*(Matthew 21:9)*