

**Pastor Makarios Darawi**  
**Mr. Darryl Roenicke, Pianist and Organist**

11:00 A.M.

September 28, 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.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

\*HYMNS & SONGS – #78 “When We Walk With The Lord” (Vv.1, 2,3)  
#1 “Blessed Be Your Name” (Songbook)

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**PRAYER**

\*HYMN - #5 “Holy Is The Lord” (Songbook)

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: I John 2:3-11 (P.1899)

MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: “Obedience”

**ANTHEM**

**JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

\*HYMN – #70 “Anywhere With Jesus I Can Safely Go” (Vv. 1,2)

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: I Thessalonians 2:17-3:13 (P.1839)

MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: “Paul Wants To Visit The Thessalonians

Again”

**REMINDERS**

\*HAYR MER – #133

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

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*\*Congregation is requested to stand*

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

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** this morning are given by Mr. & Mrs. Dan and Sandra Haroutunian in honor of their 16<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR** this morning is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Tony and Lori Janigian in honor of their 18<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**THE A.C.C. DEACONS** September meeting will be held today following the fellowship hour in the Christian Education room.

**THE LORD’S TABLE** will be celebrated next Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> during the morning worship hour.

**CHILDREN’S SUNDAY** will also be next week. Parents please bring your children into the sanctuary during the morning worship hour. Following the message given to them, they will be dismissed into their classrooms with the Sunday School Staff.

**MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY** We invite you all to join us every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. as we study the book of John.

**ARMENIAN HERITAGE MONTH.** The ACC and the University of Michigan-Dearborn Armenian Research Center present professor Azat Yeghiazaryan for a lecture on Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian Fellowship Hall.



**HARVEST PARTY**

On Saturday, October 25, the ACC is planning a special harvest party for the whole family. Please reserve this date, and come and enjoy delicious food, games, mini-petting zoo, and lots of fun and fellowship. All ages are welcome.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY.**

- Continue to pray for Hovie Krikorian, nephew of Steve and Doris Krikorian.
- Pray for Judy, Ruth Pinto’s mother who is having shoulder surgery.
- Pray for Thelma Jernukian’s sister Notre who is very ill.
- Pray for stability in the US financial markets, and that people will turn to God for security and assurance.

## **Synopsis of the Armenian Message**

(I Thessalonians 2:17-3:13)

In 2:17-20, the apostle writes about his failure to return to Thessalonica. He says that Satan prevented him on more than one occasion from coming to them. But their separation was only physical though, and was despite all the effort he made to see them. Why did he long to see them so much? Because they were his glory and joy in the presence of the Lord Jesus when He would come back. In 3:1-10, we have Timothy's visit on behalf of Paul to the Thessalonians. Since the Thessalonians were undergoing intense persecution, Paul was anxious to find out how their faith was holding out at this time. Timothy was a young man serving with Paul in spreading the gospel. He returns to Corinth where Paul is staying with encouraging news about the Thessalonians, which prompted Paul to write this letter. Verses 11-13 are Paul's prayer that God will allow him to visit them again, and that the Lord will increase their love to each other and to others including those who are persecuting them. Finally, he prays that as they manifest their love it will result in blamelessness before God when Jesus returns.

Friends, we have a great example here in Paul's love and concern for the Thessalonians, and the Thessalonians' courageous stand in the face of persecution. He loved them and cared about them enough to send his co-worker, Timothy to see how they are doing. The believers in Thessalonica, even though new in the faith were standing firm. May we learn from their example.