

Pastor Makarios Darawi
Mr. John Chance, Pianist and Organist

11:00 A.M.

October 5, 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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMNS & SONGS - #5 "Come, Thou Almighty King" (Vv. 1,2,3)
#7 "Lord, I Lift Your Name On High" (Songbook)

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***RESPONSIVE READING: "A Prayer For Forgiveness"**

PASTOR: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

PEOPLE: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

PASTOR: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

PEOPLE: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.

PASTOR: Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

PEOPLE: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

PASTOR: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

PEOPLE: Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

PASTOR: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

PEOPLE: Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

UNISON: Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

THE LORD'S TABLE

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: Acts 2:42-47 (P.1694)

MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: "The Fellowship Of The Disciples"

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 4: 1-8 (P. 1840)

MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: "About Holiness"

REMINDERS

*HAYR MER - #133

***BENEDICTION**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Park K'øez D'øer, Asdvadz M'øer"

***Congregation is requested to stand**

***** Latecomers may be seated**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR this morning is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Andy and Sharon Hakopian in honor of their two children's safe arrival from Moscow to USA.

THE A.C.C. WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP business meeting will be held next Sunday, October 12th following the fellowship hour in the Christian Education room.

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

FREE BOOKLET RBC ministries has made available to us free copies of the booklet, "What Does The Bible Say About Patience?" you can find copies on the table in the fellowship hall entrance. Please help yourselves to one per family.

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, surprise guest, and lots of fun and fellowship. All ages are welcome.

CHRISTMAS JOY PACKAGE Bring Christmas joy to children of Armenia, Karabagh & Georgia through AMAA Armenia Summer/Camp Christmas Committee. You can make checks payable to ACC. Forms are available in the hallway.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY.

- Pray for Hovie Krikorian, nephew of Steve and Doris Krikorian.
- Please pray for God's comfort on the Jernukian family, and their relatives and friends as they mourn the death of Notre, (Thelma's sister) who passed away on Sunday, September 28, 2008.

URGENT APPEAL. On Sunday, September 28, 2008 a fire destroyed part of the Armenian Evangelical Church in Baghdad, Iraq. Please pray for the church during this difficult time. The church also needs our financial support. Make your checks payable to ACC. For more information please see the bulletin board in the hallway.

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

Chapter 4 and 5 of the first Thessalonian letter are Paul's practical exhortations to this small group of believers. Verses 1-8 have to do with holiness. These believers came from a pagan background that had very loose sexual practices so it is not surprising that the apostle begins with addressing sexual immorality. The will of God for His people is that as they are saved by Jesus, they be sanctified also. To sanctify means to set apart for divine use. Believers are to separate themselves from all forms of sin. This process of sanctification is a life-long process that is done with the Holy Spirit's help. In verses 7 and 8, Paul says, "For God did not call us to be impure, but to live holy lives," and that whoever rejects this instruction is rejecting God Himself and His Holy Spirit. How can a person who is indwelt by the Holy Spirit still live a life of sin?

Friends, holiness of life is not an abstract Christian idea, on the contrary it is a practical matter. As Christians our lives are to be characterized not by sin, but by the fruit of the Holy Spirit; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22).