

**Pastor Makarios Darawi**  
**Mr. John Chance, Pianist and Organist**

**11:00 A.M.**

**October 12, 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 – #21 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (Vv. 1,2,4)  
#74 “Take My Life, And Let It Be” (Vv. 1,2,6)

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\*UNISON READING: #310 “The Apostles’ Creed”

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

**PRAYER**

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: *Luke 14:25-35 (P. 1623)*

MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: “The Cost Of True Discipleship”

**ANTHEM**

**JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

\*SONG – #18 “Be Thou My Vision” (Songbook- Vs. 1,2,3)

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: *I Thessalonians 4: 9-12 (P. 1840)*

MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: “Brotherly Love and Hard Work”

**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 A.C.C. WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP** business meeting will be held today following the fellowship hour in the Christian Education room.

**THE A.C.C. BOARD OF TRUSTEES** meeting will be held on Thursday, October 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the local food bank.**

**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 God’s guidance and wisdom for next Sunday’s By-Laws/Constitution working session. Pray also for the upcoming Congregational meeting on Sunday, November 2.

**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**

(1 Thessalonians 4:9-12)

The second practical exhortation that the apostle addresses in this section of his letter is brotherly love towards insiders (vv.9-10) and outsiders (vv.11-12). The Thessalonians are commended for their love, which like their faith seems to have been well known and recognized. Yet, he still exhorts them to increase more and more in this grace. Philadelphia, or brotherly and sisterly love is the mark of Christ's followers, and it is something that needs to be practiced continually. Towards the watching eyes of outsiders, Paul says that the Thessalonians should, (1) keep a low profile, or stay out of the limelight so-to-speak. (2) Keep busy with their own affairs, "to mind their own business." (3) Keep busy. They should work hard and be self-supporting, not dependent on anyone else. This kind of living will reflect positively on the hostile pagan society that surrounds them, and it will also increase the opportunities for outreach and evangelism.

Friends, ours is a culture that craves attention, loves to interfere with other people's lives and affairs, and assigns worth based on a person's position, wealth and possessions. The apostle Paul's teaching here goes right against all of that. Christians are to be radically different. If we get any attention it should be for all the right reasons, for our contentment, for our humility, for being people who mind their own business, and for our hard work.