

Pastor Makarios Darawi
Mr. John Chance, Pianist and Organist

11:00 A.M.

October 26, 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 – #115 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (Vv. 1,2,4)
#80 “Take Time To Be Holy” (Vv. 1,2,3)

*READING IN UNISON: **Romans 12: 1,2,9-13,21**

PASTOR: Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship.

PEOPLE: **Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.**

PASTOR: Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

PEOPLE: **Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.**

PASTOR: Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.**

PASTOR: Share with God’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

PEOPLE: **Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: Ephesians 4:17-24 (Pp. 1821-22)

MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: “Past and Present Condition”

ANTHEM

JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING

*HYMN – #217 “Be Still, My Soul” (Vv. 1,2)

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: *I Thessalonians 5:1-11 (P. 1840-41)*

MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: “About The Coming Of The Lord”

REMINDERS

*HAYR MER – #133

*BENEDICTION

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

**Congregation is requested to stand*

**** Latecomers may be seated*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday November 2nd following the Church service. All church members are expected to attend.

ACYF LOCK-IN the ACC Youth Fellowship Lock-In will be held on Friday, November 7 through Sunday, November 9, 2008. Youth ages 12-17 are invited to sleepover at the church. Teens come and bring your friends.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE’S GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

1. **Christmas Joy Packages.** Bring Christmas joy to children of Armenia, Karabagh & Georgia through AMAA Armenia Summer Camp Christmas Committee.
2. **Operation Christmas Child.** The Sunday School is participating again this year in Operation Christmas Child, a ministry started by Franklin Graham that reaches out to poor and under privileged children around the world with the good news of the gospel through gifts packed in shoeboxes. Pick-up a form from the foyer and return completed boxes by Sunday, November 16.
3. **Change For Children:** Pennies for Kids Campaign is a fund-raiser that supports Grace Centers of Hope’s building of a Childcare Center. Grace Centers of Hope is Oakland County’s oldest and largest human service provider, giving homeless men, women and children the opportunity to rebuild their lives, equipping them to be functioning citizens of society.

THANKSGIVING DINNER. Please reserve November 23, 2008 at 5:00 pm for the annual Thanksgiving Banquet. In addition to the delicious menu, we are planning a most entertaining program. This is your invitation to take part in this wonderful occasion. Be present and share the joy of the evening with us, and your church family, support the banquet with your contributions. Tickets are \$25.00 for adults--\$10.00 per child 6-15 years- No charge for children under 6 years old.

We need sponsors and supporters. Any donation is gratefully accepted.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY.

- Pray for the November 2 congregational meeting.
- Please pray for the upcoming election on November 4th. Pray that God’s will be done and that it will be peaceful.

I/we will attend the **“Thanksgiving Dinner”** on Sunday, November 23, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

Names(s) _____ \$25.00 per adult, \$10.00 per child
6-15 years. (No charge to children under 6 years old)
In addition I would like to make a donation of \$ _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Any donation is gratefully accepted.

Please make your checks payable to: **Armenian Congregational Church**
Memo: Thanksgiving banquet.

For Tickets please see Bob Kachadourian, Frances Garabedian, ACC Office.

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

(I Thessalonians 5:1-11)

These verses continue what the apostle began in 4:13 about the return of Jesus. As for “times and dates of the day of the Lord”, all that Paul can tell them is that it will be sudden and unexpected (1-3). The “day of the Lord” in the Bible usually described a day of judgment for God’s enemies and a day of salvation for believers. Since the Thessalonians were children of the light and the day (believers), this day should not take them by surprise. So they are told to be alert and sober (4-8). For the Thessalonians this will be a day of salvation and not wrath because as they came to believe in Jesus, God destined them for salvation (9-11). So they are to encourage each other with this good news.

Friends, we do not know when our Lord will return, but we know enough that we have no excuse not to be ready for His return. Are you ready?