

Pastor Makarios Darawi
Mr. John Chance, Pianist and Organist

11:00 A.M.

November 16, 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 - # "We Praise Thee, O God" (Vv. 1,3,4)
"In Christ Alone" (Songbook-Vv. 1,2,3)

*RESPONSIVE READING: #390 "A Litany For Stewardship"

PASTOR: Our God of Spirit and truth, we live in a money-motivated culture where a person is judged not by who he is on the inside, but by what he is on the outside.

PEOPLE: In our daily tasks we have submerged the Christian values of stewardship, comradeship, integrity, and hard work beneath underhanded dishonesty, blind ambition, cushioned greed, faulty workmanship.

PASTOR: Why have we wasted our time?

PEOPLE: What have we done with our talents?

PASTOR: Why have we lost faith in what you can do through us?

PEOPLE: We are guilty, Lord, for betraying you into the hands of material security and for selling our souls for less than thirty pieces of silver.

PASTOR: Liberate us from the illusion that money buys everything and that everything comes at the right price.

PEOPLE: Forgive us...help us...love us...so that we may possess the vision to recognize the right, the courage to accept your truth, the wisdom to love others.

PASTOR: Lord God our Provider and Sustainer, have we forgotten how to be thankful in an age of luxury and economic growth?

PEOPLE: Does our wealth blind us to the poverty of others?

PASTOR: We have been extravagant with our use of material possessions, we have surrendered to low ideals. We have ignored eternal hopes.

UNISON: Lord, deliver us. We beg forgiveness. Provide us then with a new opportunity to prove ourselves worthy of your blessings. And may we seek to follow our Lord and Master with thankful and joyful hearts. Amen.

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: Malachi 3:6-12 (P.1490)

MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: "Cheating God"

ANTHEM

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER
OFFERING**

*HYMN - #85 "Fairest Lord Jesus" (Vv. 1,2,3)

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: II Thessalonians 2:1-12 (P.1843)

MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: "Has The Day Of The Lord Come?"

REMINDERS

*HAYR MER - #133

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Park K0ez D0er, Asdvadz M0er"

**Congregation is requested to stand*

**** Latecomers may be seated*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR this morning is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Moses and Maggie Avakian in memory of Nahabed Avakian.

THE ACC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP The ladies will be holding a Monte Bake Sale today during the fellowship hour for their mission projects to Armenia and Lebanon.

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. **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. The speaker this year is Peter Nigoghosian, missionary to Armenia.

Please consider becoming a sponsor or a supporter.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY. Please continue praying for Charles Ayanian, also pray for the persecuted church around the world.

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 Sermon

(II Thessalonians 2:1-12)

In this section of the letter, the apostle Paul undertakes to correct a false rumor about the coming of Jesus and the Day of the Lord. It seems that some rumor had been circulating that Paul had said that the Day of the Lord had come. Paul denies the rumor's attribution to him, and that the Day of the Lord had arrived. He says that it is impossible for the Day of the Lord to have come because there are certain events that must first occur. First the "rebellion" must occur. This could mean a time of general opposition to God and rejection of the Christian faith. Second, the "man of lawlessness" must be revealed. The leader of this rebellion is going to be an impostor and an instrument of Satan. (v.8) Jesus' appearing will put an end to the "lawless one."

Friends, there is much that we can speculate about concerning the identity of the Antichrist and the exact date of the Day of the Lord, but what is more important is to focus on Christ, and "to love the truth and so be saved" (v.10).