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THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

11:00 A.M.

November 23, 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 – #115 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (Vv. 1,2,3)
26 “To God Be The Glory” (Songbook)

CHILDREN’S CHOIR

*RESPONSIVE READING: #Psalm 136:1-9 & 23-26 (Pp. 972-73)

PASTOR: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

PEOPLE: **His love endures forever.**

PASTOR: Give thanks to the God of gods.

PEOPLE: **His love endures forever.**

PASTOR: Give thanks to the Lord of lords.

PEOPLE: **His love endures forever.**

PASTOR: To him who alone does great wonders.

PEOPLE: **His love endures forever.**

PASTOR: Who by his understanding made the heavens.

PEOPLE: **His love endures forever.**

PASTOR: Who spread out the earth upon the waters.

PEOPLE: **His love endures forever.**

PASTOR: Who made the great lights, the sun to govern the day, the moon and stars to govern the night.

PEOPLE: **His love endures forever.**

PASTOR: To the One who remembered us in our low estate and freed us from our enemies, and who gives food to every creature.

PEOPLE: **His love endures forever.**

PASTOR: Give thanks to the God in heaven.

PEOPLE: **His love endures forever.**

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: *I Thessalonians 5:16-18 (P. 1841)*

MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: Mr. Peter Nigoghosian

ANTHEM

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER
OFFERING

*HYMN – #148 “Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing”

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: *II Thessalonians 2:13-17 (P. 1844)*

MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: “We Always Thank God For You”

REMINDERS

*HAYR MER – #133

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: “Park K’ez D’er, Asdvadz M’er”

**Congregation is requested to stand*

**** Latecomers may be seated*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME to our pulpit today missionary Peter Nigoghosian.

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR this morning is sponsored by Mr. William Lindeman, Billy, and Bobby in loving memory of wife and mother Margaret Lindeman.

NO MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY on Wednesday November 26, 2008.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Thursday, November 27, and Friday November 28, 2008. We wish all the church family, and friends a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY. Please pray for Charles Ayanian, for the persecuted church around the world, for our sister church of Dilijan, Armenia, and its pastor Garnik Tutikyan.

DECEMBER ACC BULLETIN

THE DECEMBER ISSUE OF THE A.C.C. BULLETIN WILL BE A CHRISTMAS ISSUE Once again, as in the past, we offer you the opportunity to send your Christmas greetings to all the church members and friends, in and out of town, by making a contribution to our missions fund. Please submit your name and donation to the church office by **December 14**.

Synopsis of the Armenian Sermon

(II Thessalonians 2:13-17)

In verses 13-14, the apostle Paul thanks God for the Thessalonian believers. He thanks God that they were loved by Jesus, called by God and sanctified by the Holy Spirit. The process of their salvation has been as follows: (1) From eternity, God who is sovereign has chosen these believers for salvation. (2) Through His Holy Spirit He has convicted them of sin and directed them towards Jesus. (3) Through the gospel message, preached by Paul to them, God calls them to respond to His offer of salvation. (4) As they responded in belief to the truth of Jesus Christ, they were saved. This same process is used by God in regards to all those who come to believe and are saved. Verse 15 is an exhortation to stand firm and to hold fast to the traditions (gospel truth) passed on to them by the apostle. Verses 16-17 are Paul's prayer that God and the Lord Jesus would encourage and strengthen the saints in Thessalonica.

Friends, in this Thanksgiving week, we should be thankful to God for Jesus Christ through whom He saves, for the Holy Spirit through whom He sanctifies, and for His gospel of truth through which He calls people to faith.