

Pastor Makarios Darawi
Mr. John Chance, Pianist and Organist

11:00 A.M.

December 7, 2008

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 – #29 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (Vv.1,2,3)
#165 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (Vv.1,2,4)

PRAYER

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE- *Dan and Sandra*

Haroutunian

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: *Luke 1:67-79 (P.1590)*

MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: “Zechariah’s Song Of Praise”

ANTHEM

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING

*HYMN – #49 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (Vv. 1,2)

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: *II Thessalonians 3:6-18 (P.1844)*

MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: “Warning Against Disorderly Conduct”

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 the Jernukian children in memory of Hratch and Novart Jernukian.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS Please join the Sunday School on **December 21st** for this year’s Christmas Program. The program begins after the church service, with a luncheon to follow. All are welcome.

Parents make sure to mark your calendar; the rehearsal for the Christmas program is on **Friday December 19 at 5:00 p.m.** with complimentary pizza dinner.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY. Please pray meaningful and blessed Christmas season for our church family and friends.



CHRISTMAS SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, December 21, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, December 21, 2008 at 12:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Wednesday, December 24, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

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. Today is the last day to submit your names to Suzan Pope or the Pastor.

Synopsis of the Armenian Sermon

(II Thessalonians 3:6-18)

In this final section of the letter, Paul turns his attention to the issue of idleness or disorderly conduct. It seems that some people in the church had either stopped working at all, or were pretending to be very busy when in reality they were not involved in a legitimate work. These people were doing this because they believed that the return of Jesus was imminent that there was no reason to be engaged in any work. But the problem was that as they waited for the Lord's return, they were living off other members of the church. Paul instructs them to stay away from lazy people and to follow his example. He himself, even though entitled to help as a visiting missionary, had not relied on it when he was among them but had "labored and toiled very hard so that he would not be a burden on anyone." His rule to them was, "If a man will not work, he shall not eat."

Friends, this passage seems strange to us for we have gone to the total opposite extreme. We are so busy with our work that often we do not have time to think about God or to attend to our spiritual needs. Never mind the business of heaven. Surely the answer is somewhere in between. According to Jesus in Matthew 25, we are to be watchful while we are busy doing our work.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS: If you would like to donate one or more Christmas poinsettias for the church altar, please contact the church office or place this form in the offering plate. The traditional red poinsettias are \$15.00 each. Please submit the form below when you place your order. Deadline is December 17th.

I wish to order (_____) Poinsettias for the Church Altar

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

My Name is _____