

Pastor Makarios Darawi
Mr. John Chance, Pianist and Organist

11:00 A.M.

December 14, 2008

THIRD 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 – #31 “Joy To The World” (Vv. 1,2,3)
#167 “Angels We Have Heard On High” (Vv. 1,2,3)

PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE- Jan and Carole Janigian

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: Luke 2:8-20 (P.1591)

MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: “The Angel’s Song Of Good News”

ANTHEM

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER
OFFERING

*HYMN – #32 “O Little Town Of Bethlehem”(Vv. 1,4)

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: Genesis 3:15 (Pp.5,6); Isaiah 7:14 (P.1070).

MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: “Jesus, The Sign Of God”

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 Michael and Susan Mousigian in honor of their son Sam’s 13th birthday.

THE A.C.C. WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP business meeting will be held today following the fellowship hour in the Christian education room. All ladies are welcome!

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 next Sunday 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 bring your children to the rehearsal this **Friday at 5:00 p.m.** A complimentary pizza dinner will be served.



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.

NEW YEAR’S SERVICE

Sunday, December 28, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS – COMMUNION

Sunday, January 4, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY. Please pray for God’s comfort on the Gopigian and Kadian families as they mourn the death of Deborah Sue Rivas, (daughter of Archie and Susan Gopigian) who passed away on Wednesday, December 3, in New Jersey.

Synopsis of the Armenian Sermon

(Genesis 3:15 and Isaiah 7:11-14)

Christmas is a time of celebrating and remembering the birth of Jesus Christ. We often focus on the birth events recorded for us in the gospels (Matthew and Luke), but we forget that the reason why Jesus was to be born in the first place goes way back to Adam and Eve. God made Adam and Eve and put them in the Garden of Eden. They had a good life going and a good relationship with God. Soon after, Satan arrives on the scene and tricks them into doing the one thing that God clearly told them not to do. God had asked them not to eat from a certain tree in the center of the garden, and they did. By disobeying God and listening instead to Satan's lie, Adam and Eve broke the perfect relationship they had with God, and opened the door for sin to enter the world. But God did not totally abandon them or leave them without hope, instead He promised a Deliverer. In pronouncing His judgment on Satan, God says "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel" (Genesis 3:15). This prediction came through when Jesus suffered and died on the cross (Satan striking His heel = hurting Jesus), and Jesus ultimately triumphing over Satan and sin by that same act (crushing Satan's head = destroying Satan's power). Years later, God reminds His people through Isaiah the prophet that He is still going to fulfill His promise of sending a Deliverer.

Christmas, friends, is celebrating God's faithfulness to us. At Christmas we are reminded that God is keeping His promise to us. Jesus is the promise fulfilled. Let's rejoice and celebrate.

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 _____