

Pastor Makarios Darawi
Mr. John Chance, Pianist and Organist

11:00 A.M.

December 21, 2008

FOURTH 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)
#170 “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (Vv. 1,2,4)

PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE- Bob and Gayaneh
Kachadourian

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: Luke 2:21-35 (Pp. 1591-92)

MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: “Simeon’s Song Of Recognition”

ANTHEM

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING

*HYMN – #32 “O Little Town Of Bethlehem” (Vv. 1,2,4)

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: John 1:29-34 (P.1647)

MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: “The Lamb Of God”

REMINDERS

*HAYR MER – #133

*BENEDICTION

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

**Congregation is requested to stand
*** Latecomers may be seated*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU to Dr. & Mrs. Richard and Mary Marburger for sponsoring the Fellowship Hour today. Please join us for a complimentary luncheon following the Sunday School Program.

The ACC would like to also thank all the members of the ACC Women’s Fellowship and the Sunday School parents who contributed to the lunch today.

THE A.C.C. WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP will be holding a choreg bake sale on Sunday, January 4th, during the luncheon.

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.

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES. The 2009 stewardship envelopes for adults and children are ready. Please pick them up at the entrance of the fellowship hall.

PASTOR MAK will be featured as the Pastor of the week on WLQV AM 1500 Christian Radio, Monday, December 22 to Friday, December 26 at 2:55 pm. It will be repeated from Monday, December 29 to Friday, January 2.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Today 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 – THE LORD’S SUPPER

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

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY. Please pray that in the midst of all the uncertainties and the worries of life people will find comfort, peace, and joy in Jesus Christ, the “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of peace.”

Synopsis of the Armenian Sermon

(John 1:29-34)

Last Sunday we said that the Christmas story is more fully understood when it is placed in the bigger picture of God's redemption story. We looked at the events of the Garden of Eden, and God's promise of a Deliverer. Through Isaiah the prophet, God reminded His people that He is still going to fulfill His promises to them. The Christmas story is the beginning of the fulfillment of God's promises. In the passage above, John the Baptist tells us who Jesus is, and why He came to earth. John, who was baptizing in the Jordan River, upon seeing Jesus coming to Him cries, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who take away the sin of the world." The Jews sacrificed lambs for forgiveness of sins. Lambs were used as substitutes, they did not take away sin, and were never meant as a permanent solution. They looked forward to the Lamb that God was someday going to provide, who would actually take away sin. Jesus, whose birth we celebrate at Christmas in Bethlehem, is that Lamb. Jesus, the Lamb of God, had come to die on Calvary, once for all, providing forgiveness for all the sinners who would receive Him as Lord and Savior. John says that he only recognized Jesus as the promised Messiah when he saw the Holy Spirit descend on Him during His baptism. Now Jesus, will be baptizing people also, not with water but with the Holy Spirit. Jesus forgives the sins of those who believe in Him and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit that makes each one a member of the church, the Body of Christ.

Friends, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, let us remember that what we are celebrating is the birth of the Savior. Jesus' saving work was accomplished and completed when He gave His life on the cross and rose triumphantly on the third day. Now what remains is for us to accept His invitation to come to Him. We will experience Christmas joy as we submit our lives to Him.

"Kristos Dznav yév haydnéztav;

tzézi, mézi, médz avedis."

Christ is born and is revealed;

good tidings to you and to us.

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