

**Pastor Makarios Darawi  
Mr. John Chance, Pianist and Organist**

11:00 A.M.

January 25, 2009

*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 – #115 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (Vv.1,2,3)  
#4 “Here I Am To Worship” (Songbook)

**PRAYER**

\*READING IN UNISON: #309 “The Lord’s Prayer”

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: Matthew 3:1-17(P. 1499)

MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: “John The Baptist and The Baptism Of  
Jesus”

**ANTHEM**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY  
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER  
OFFERING**

\*HYMN – #85 “Fairest Lord Jesus” (Vv. 1,3)

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: Psalm 11 (P.851)

MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: “Why Flee When You Can Have Faith”

**REMINDERS**

\*HAYR MER – #133

\*BENEDICTION

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

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

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR** this morning is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Moses and Maggie Avakian in memory of Maggie’s mother Owsanna Takessian.

**THE BOARD OF DEACONS** January meeting will be held **today** following the fellowship hour in the Christian Education room.

**THE MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY** is being held on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. Everyone who is available is encouraged to come and learn from God’s Word.

**PLEASE RESERVE THE FOLLOWING DATE: Friday, February 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** for our Family Night. All ages are welcome. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults; \$6.00 for children 6-12 years old; no charge for children under 6 years. Come enjoy delicious food, entertainment, fun and games. Please write your names on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY.** Please pray for the safe return of Ani Ashekian daughter of Stephan and Hasmik Ashekian in Windsor. Ani has been missing in Honk Kong since November 10<sup>th</sup>. Pray also for Lucy Yazejian, Thelma and Ray Jernukian, Maritza Kachadourian (Bob Kachadourian’s Mom), and Dr. Antranig Chalabian.

## Synopsis of the Armenian Sermon

(Psalm 11)

In this Psalm, we have David conversing with an invisible messenger of bad news and gloom. First though, he states his trust in the Lord. He has found refuge in God. With that settled he addresses the messenger, and wonders why he should *flee like a bird*. Next comes the question of what can a righteous person do when facing imminent disaster, wicked enemies, and when the foundations of society are being destroyed. Again it seems that for David, the answer is obvious. "The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD is on his heavenly throne" (V.4). The God of this universe is still reigning supreme. So what is there to worry about? It is not like God has left this world on its own, and gone somewhere distant. God is still God, He is righteous and loves justice. The righteous person has nothing to fear for they will see His face.

Friends, sometimes it seems as though the media has nothing but bad news for us. As we look around us, we see that the world is changing faster than we can keep up with it. "The foundations are being destroyed as the basic social structures of family, school and neighborhood come under attack" (SU notes). Now, whether we opt to flee or to have faith will be largely determined by our vision of the Lord. It all depends on whether, like David, we are able to take refuge in the Lord, see Him reigning on His throne, and see Him present among His people. Pray for such a vision today.