

Pastor Makarios Darawi
Mr. John Chance, Pianist and Organist

11:00 A.M.

February 15, 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

***HYMN & SONG** – #3 “O Worship The King”(Vv. 1,2,3)

#54 “There Shall Be Showers Of Blessing” (Vv. 1,2)

***READING-** #376 “A Litany For Commemoration Of Vartan And His Comrades”

PASTOR: God of Abraham, we praise you, because early in history you called Abraham, and so won his confidence that he left home for your sake and struck out into the desert not knowing where he was to go. We praise you for his faith and the truth about you that he learned through his obedience.

PEOPLE: **God of Sahag, Mesrob, Vartan and his comrades, we praise you, because in our history you revealed yourself as never before. We praise you for their confidence in you, so great that they trusted you to the end, and we thank you for the final truth about your love which dawned on mankind through Jesus Christ.**

PASTOR: God of our Fathers, as we remember the faith others have had in you, we acknowledge that we are not people of great faith. You promise us life of a new and lasting quality, you promise us deeper relations with others, you promise that we can be complete and healed persons. Help us to hold firm to your promises.

PEOPLE: **By faith we see your purpose for our nation. May our national life be more and more an expression of your love.**

PASTOR: By faith we see your purpose for the church. May she come to live more by faith and to rely less on manmade traditions and privileges.

PEOPLE: **By faith we see your purpose for each of us. Make us sensitive to the promptings of your Spirit. Help us always to accept and to do your will.**

UNISON: God of our Fathers, we walk by faith and not by sight. Help us to throw off every hindrance, every sin to which we cling, and run with resolution to race for which we are entered, our eyes fixed on him, Jesus Christ our Lord, from start to finish. Amen.

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: *Mathew 4:23-25 (P. 1501)*

MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: “Jesus Preaches, Teaches, and Heals”

ANTHEM

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING

***HYMN** – #88 “Faith of Our Fathers” (Vv. 1,2)

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: *Psalm 22 (Pp. 860-62)*

MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: “The Suffering Soul”

REMINDERS

***HAYR MER** – #133

***BENEDICTION**

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

**Congregation is requested to stand*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPDATING THE DIRECTORY. Mr. Michael Mousigian will be taking pictures for the directory today during the fellowship hour in the Christian Education room. We encourage everyone to take a few minutes of their time to see Michael.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES February meeting will be held on Thursday, **February 26** at 7:00 p.m.

THE ACC CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS work session will be held on Sunday March 1st.

VARTANANTS

The Greater Detroit Armenian Churches are sponsoring a united Vartanants observance, on **Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, 29125 Six Mile Road, in Livonia. The Host church is St. Vartan Armenian Catholic Church. Pastor Mak will preach the English message. We invite all of you to join us for this special gathering.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY. Pray for Thelma and Ray Jernukian, Dr. Antranig Chalabian, and Mary Marburger.



PIZZA AND BOWLING

Students you will not want to miss out on Sunday, February 22nd. After Sunday School we will have Pizza at church. Then we will go bowling together at the Langans Norwest Lanes, from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Scholarships are available for families in need. We want all to participate. RSVP to Leslie Banerian by February 15th.

Synopsis of the Armenian Sermon

(Psalm 22)

Psalm 22 is written by a person who was going through a period of extreme suffering. The psalm is in two parts, verses 1-21 are the writer's cry of pain, and verses 22-31 are his prayer of praise. The psalmist starts by crying out to God in anguish. His greatest pain is neither physical pain (12-18), nor the mockery of his enemies; his greatest pain was that he felt forsaken by God (1,11,19). God seems to be distant and silent, so he cries out to God in complaint (1-2,6-8,12,15,16-18). Yet as he complains to God, he still tells the Lord that he trusts Him (3-5,9-10). Suddenly the psalmist changes his tone and erupts with a song of praise in response to his deliverance (22-31). He wants everyone to celebrate with him as he thanks God for His deliverance. He is so overjoyed that he wants the congregation to rejoice with him (22-25), then he thinks of all the poor and afflicted and invites them (26), and finally he looks to the future and anticipates the day when all the nations will be converted and worship the Lord (27-28).

Friends, this psalm is a prayer of the afflicted and the suffering. We can pray it also when we feel lonely and forsaken in our pain and suffering. Let us remember that Jesus prayed this psalm when He suffered for us on the cross (Mt. 27:46) and He empathizes with us when we direct our prayer to Him.