

**Pastor Makarios Darawi**  
**Mrs. Susan Harrison, Pianist and Organist**

11:00 A.M.

February 22, 2009

*We welcome all who are worshiping 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** - #5 "Come, Thou Almighty King (Vv. 1,2,3)  
#148 "Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing"

**\*READING IN UNISON- "Psalm 23"**

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH:** *Matthew 5:1-6 (P. 1501)*

**MESSAGE IN ENGLISH:** "The Beatitudes" (I)

**ANTHEM**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**\*HYMN** - #78 "When We Walk With The Lord" (Vv. 1,2)

**SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN:** *Psalm 23 (P.862)*

**MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN:** "The Lord Is My Shepherd"

**REMINDERS**

**\*HAYR MER** - #133

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** "Park K0ez D0er, Asdvadz M0er"

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\*Congregation is requested to stand

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE ACC WELCOMES** guest Pianist/Organist Susan Harrison.

**THE DEACONS MEETING** will be held today following the fellowship hour.

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

**A.C.C. YOUTH**

A half-day seminar using DVDs and discussions geared towards high school and college students is being held on Saturday, February 28 from 10:00-2:00 pm. All young people are invited. We will conclude with lunch at the Ram's Horn Restaurant. Let Pastor Mak know you are coming.

**THE ACC CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS** work session will be held on Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**UPDATING THE DIRECTORY.** Mr. Michael Mousigian will be taking pictures for the directory on March 8 during the fellowship hour in the Christian Education room. We encourage everyone to take a few minutes of their time to see Michael.

**ACC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP LENTEN LUNCHEON**

Mark your calendars for Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. The A.C.C. Women's Fellowship is sponsoring the annual Lenten Luncheon. Come enjoy a beautiful program and delicious meal. Both men and women are welcome. To obtain more information please call the church office.

**PIZZA AND BOWLING**



Students you will not want to miss out on this afternoon. 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.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY.** Pray for Thelma and Ray Jernukian, Dr. Antranig Chalabian, and Harold Gant.

## Synopsis of the Armenian Sermon

Psalm 23 is a comfort psalm. It is the best-loved, best-known and most memorized psalm. Charles Spurgeon called it, "The pearl of the Psalms." (V.1) David who was a shepherd and very familiar with the responsibilities of a shepherd, says that God has chosen to be our personal shepherd. The great God of the universe has stooped down to take care of you and me. When the Almighty God, the Creator of everything is taking care of us, we will lack nothing. (V.2) We will not lack rest. When the Bible talks about rest, it is always spiritual rest first. Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest... and you will find rest for your souls" (Mt. 11:28-30). (V.3) We will not lack life. The Lord provides forgiveness and restoration for those who follow Him. He makes us a new creation. (V.3) We will not lack guidance. Sheep are animals who easily wonder away, and a good shepherd knows the right paths to lead the sheep home. We also are like sheep easily led astray, but if we truly belong to the Great Shepherd, He will guide us in His righteous ways. (V.4) We will not lack safety. In life we will sometimes find ourselves in a valley of deep darkness, life is not always a mountain-top-experience. It is in the valleys with their trials and dangers that we develop character. We do not need to fear for the Lord is with us and will protect us. (V.5) We will not lack provisions. If we allow the Lord to lead us, we will find that just as the shepherd provides for the needs of the sheep, the Lord will provide for all our needs also. (V.6) The response of faith. After listing all the blessings of the Lord, David wanted to be in the presence of the Lord forever.

Friends, in the New Testament Jesus identified Himself as the "Good Shepherd" who lays His life for His sheep (Jn. 10:14-15). If our "Good Shepherd" is willing to give His life for us, wouldn't He also provide for all our spiritual and physical needs? I invite you to come and enter the care of the "Good Shepherd" by submitting yourself to Him.