

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

11:00 A.M.

March 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**

**\*HYMNS & SONGS** – #8 *“Holy, Holy, Holy (Vv. 1,2,4)”*  
#15 *“Thy Word” (Songbook)*

**\*RESPONSIVE READING** - #333 **“The Law Of The Lord”**

**PASTOR:** The law of the Lord is perfect; it gives new life. The commands of the Lord are trustworthy, giving wisdom to those who lack it.

**PEOPLE:** **The rules of the Lord are right, and those who obey them are happy.**

**PASTOR:** His commandments are completely just and give understanding to the mind.

**PEOPLE:** **The worship of the Lord is good; it will continue forever.**

**PASTOR:** The judgments of the Lord are just, they are always fair. They are more desirable than gold, even the finest gold.

**PEOPLE:** **They are sweeter than honey, even the purest honey. They give knowledge to me, your servant; I am rewarded for obeying them.**

**PASTOR:** No one can see his own errors, deliver me from hidden faults! Keep me safe, also from open sins; don't let them rule over me. Then I shall be perfect and free from terrible sin.

**UNISON:** **May my words and my thoughts be acceptable to you, O Lord, my refuge and my redeemer!**

**PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH:** *Matthew 5:17-20 (P.1502)*

**MESSAGE IN ENGLISH:** **“Jesus The Fulfillment Of The Law”**

**ANTHEM**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**\*HYMN** – #65 *“Just As I Am Without One Plea” (Vv. 1,5)*

**SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN:** *Psalm 32:1-11 (Pp.869-70)*

**MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN:** **“Forgiveness and Rejoicing”**

**REMINDERS**

**\*HAYR MER** – #133

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**POSTLUDE**

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*\*Congregation is requested to stand*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE ACC BOARD OF TRUSTEES** meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Christian Education Room.

**THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDIES** are being held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to come and learn from God's Word.

**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. Admission is \$15 per person. To obtain more information please call the church office. See you Friday!

**A.C.C. YOUTH.** A half-day seminar using DVDs and discussions geared towards high school and college students is being held on Saturday, March 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.

**ACC COUNCIL MEETING.** All Deacons, Trustees, and leaders of other ministries are required to attend a planning meeting on Saturday, March 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please pray for this important meeting.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY.** Pray for Thelma and Ray Jernukian, Betty Yeghessian, Nella Lommert, and Evan Darawi.

**ACC 2009 YEAR TO DATE BUDGET**

Budgeted stewardship and offerings \$77,000.00  
Received to date (January - February) \$12,396.20  
Shortfall for January and February \$437.12  
Monthly needs to meet year-end budget \$6,416.66

## **Synopsis of Armenian Sermon**

(Psalm 32:1-11)

In this psalm David expresses the joy and happiness that is experienced as a result of forgiveness. In verses 1-2, it is clear that he is talking about the joy of forgiveness of sins by God. Sin is a *transgression* and *missing of the mark* of God's righteous commands. In verses 3-4, David describes his condition after he had committed adultery with Bathsheba and plotted the death of her husband Uriah. For about a year he refused to confess and tried to let time take care of things, but soon he realized that he was fighting against God and his sin was taking its physical toll on him. In verses 5-7, finally he confesses and acknowledges his sin and immediately he receives God's forgiveness. He goes on to tell everyone to pray to God and have fellowship with Him and when times of trouble come they will be protected by God. Verses 8-9 are God's words of instruction to David. God promises David guidance and direction. He tells him that the horse and the mule are irrational animals and so need a bit and bridle to be controlled and directed. But not so with us humans, God has given us minds and he expects us to use them to be sensitive to His leading. In verses 10-11, God says that the foolish in their folly bring much harm to themselves, but those who wisely choose to trust in Him and follow His instructions will find themselves surrounded by His unfailing love. This unfailing love of God is the ground of the believer's blessedness and rejoicing.

How about you? Have you experienced the joy of God's forgiveness?