

Pastor Makarios Darawi
Mrs. Susan Harrison, Choir Director and Organist

11:00 A.M.

May 17, 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.

PRELUDE
CHOIR PROCESSION
CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN & SONG – #3 “O Worship The King” (Vv. 1,2,5)
#6 “In Christ Alone” (Songbook – Vv. 1,2,3)

PRAYER

*RESPONSIVE READING – “367 “Christian Forgiveness”

PASTOR: You are living a brand new kind of life that is continually learning more and more of what is right, and trying constantly to be more and more like Christ who created this new life within you.

PEOPLE: Since you have been chosen by God who has given you this new kind of life, and because of his deep love and concern for you, you should practice tenderhearted mercy and kindness to others. Don't worry about making a good impression on them but be ready to suffer quietly and patiently.

PASTOR: Be gentle and ready to forgive; never hold grudges. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

PEOPLE: **Most of all, let love guide your life, for then the whole church will stay together in perfect harmony.**

PASTOR: Let the peace of heart which comes from Christ be always present in your hearts and lives, for this is your responsibility and privilege as members of his body. And always be thankful.

PEOPLE: **Remember what Christ taught and let his words enrich your lives and make you wise; teach them to each other and sing them out in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing to the Lord with thankful hearts.**

UNISON: And whatever you do or say, let it be as a representative of the Lord Jesus, and come with him into the presence of God the Father to give him your thanks.

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: *Matthew 5:33-48 (P.1503)*

MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: “Tell The Truth and Love Your Enemies”

ANTHEM
JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING

*HYMN – #33 “There Is No Name So Sweet On Earth” (Vv. 1, 4)

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: *Matthew 5:33-48 (P.1503)*

MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: “Tell The Truth and Love Your Enemies”

REMINDERS

*HAYR MER – #133

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

**Congregation is requested to stand*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held *today* following the morning worship service to approve the recently amended By-Laws and Constitution.

BACKYARD BBQ The Darawi Family invites you to a Backyard BBQ on Saturday, **May 30 at 4:30 - 8:30 pm.** Join the family for some food, children's activities, basketball, games & fellowship. Please RSVP to Mrs. Jennifer Darawi by May 24th at 248-585-0345. Please bring your own lawn chairs and your choice of a side dish, beverage or dessert.

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY, Saturday, June 6, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. we would like to invite you to join us in sprucing up ACC, having lunch, and enjoying some great fellowship all at the same time. We need help in the following areas: *Pruning Trees, Shrubs and Planting Flowers. Cleaning Church grounds, Balcony, Classrooms, and the Parking Lot.*

GRADUATION NOTICE. ACC would like to honor our graduates by publishing their names and degrees in the June monthly bulletin. Please submit names of graduates from Elementary School, Junior High, High School, College, Graduate School, etc. Deadline for submission is May 31.

ADULTS AND YOUTH, if you play an instrument -- woodwind, brass or strings -- please speak with Susan Harrison after the morning worship service. It would be wonderful to have you participate either solo, with piano or organ accompaniment, with the choir, or even as an ensemble for a worship service.

THE ACC FATHER'S DAY PICNIC will be on Sunday, June 21. The church family will gather at Bay Lodge Park in Waterford starting at 9:30 a.m. There will be a church service at 10:00 a.m. followed by lunch, and fun activities. Please add your name to the sheet posted on the bulletin board.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

VBS will be held on **June 29 – July 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** This year we are doing “Boomerang Express” (Australian Theme). Participants will enjoy applicable Bible lessons, fun praise and worship, skits, puppet shows, crafts, games, and snacks. VBS will be geared towards children ages 3-11. Older students are encouraged to assist with the younger groups. For more information please speak to Leslie Banerian or Ann Bayleran.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY. Please pray for Hagop Koundakjian (brother of Hovsep Koundakjian), and Hovsep as he travels to Syria to visit Hagop.

Synopsis of the Sermon

In verses (33-48), Jesus gives three examples of a higher righteousness for His followers. (1) To tell the truth without the need to support our words with swearing. (2) To not retaliate against evil. Jesus here is not teaching that there should not be just punishment for evil, but that His followers are not to take the law of revenge into their own hands. (3) To love our enemies. The love Jesus is talking about is the love that God shows all people even when they are His enemies. To love our enemies is not natural, it is a result of a life transformed by Jesus and indwelt by the Holy Spirit.

Friends, these teachings are hard teachings, yet Jesus expects a higher standard from His followers than what the world expects. The Bible teaches that there is nothing impossible with God. Ask Him to help you be the Christian He expects you to be.