

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

11:00 A.M.

May 31, 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.*

**PRELUDE**

**CHOIR PROCESSION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

\*HYMNS – #54 *“There Shall Be Showers Of Blessing”* (Vv. 1,2,3)  
#148 *“Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing”* (Vv. 1,2)

**PRAYER**

**\*RESPONSIVE READING – #358 “Don’t Be A Show-Off”**

**PASTOR:** Be careful not to perform your religious duties in public so that people will see what you do. If you do these things publicly you will not have any reward from your Father in heaven.

**PEOPLE:** **So when you give something to a needy person, do not make a big show of it, as the show-offs do in the synagogues and on the streets. They do it so that people will praise them. Remember this! They have already been paid in full.**

**PASTOR:** But when you help a needy person, do it in such a way that even your closest friend will not know about it.

**PEOPLE:** **And your Father, who sees what you do in private, will reward you.**

**PASTOR:** And when you pray, do not be like the show-offs! They love to stand up and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that everybody will see them. Remember this! They have already been paid in full.

**PEOPLE:** **But when you pray, go to your room and close the door, and pray to your Father, who is unseen. And your Father, who sees what you do in private, will reward you.**

**PASTOR:** In your prayers do not use a lot of words, as the pagans do, who think that God will hear them because of their long prayers. Do not be like them; your Father already knows what you need before you ask him.

**PEOPLE:** **And when you fast, do not put on a sad face like the show-offs do. They go around with a hungry look so that everybody will be sure to see that they are fasting. Remember this! They have already been paid in full.**

**PASTOR:** When you go without food, wash your face and comb your hair,

**PEOPLE:** **So that others cannot know that you are fasting, only your Father, who is unseen, will know. And you Father, who sees what you do in private, will reward you.**

**SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH:** *Matthew 6:1-4, 16-18 (Pp. 1503-04)*

**MESSAGE IN ENGLISH:** **“Pure Motives”**

**ANTHEM**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

\*HYMN – #74 *“Take My Life, And Let It Be”* (Vv. 1,2,6)

**SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN:** *2 Peter 1:1-11 (Pp. 1893-94)*

**MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN:** **“To Grow in Knowledge Of Christ”**

**REMINDERS**

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**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**POSTLUDE**

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*\*Congregation is requested to stand*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**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 **TODAY**.

**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.

**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

### **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.

### **Synopsis of the Armenian Sermon**

Peter begins his second letter with the traditional salutation of the believers who he acknowledges as possessing the same faith he does. This faith he says is a gift from God and based on the righteousness of Jesus purchased on the cross of Calvary. He goes on to say that when God calls people to faith in Jesus, He gives them everything they need to live godly lives. And what they need is a growing knowledge of Jesus. This knowledge grows when the believer makes the effort to develop a strong Christian character. Some of the qualities that he mentions include: faith, goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love. *"For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (v.8).*

Friends, to come to faith in Jesus Christ is one part of the salvation process and it is to be followed by an increasing growth in Christlikeness. Are you growing in your knowledge of Jesus?