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Mrs. Susan Harrison, Choir Director and Organist

11:00 A.M.

July 26, 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
CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN & SONG** – #26 “To God Be Glory” (Songbook-Vv. 1,2,3)
#148 “Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing” (Vv. 1,2)

***RESPONSIVE READING – #351 “God’s Love And Care”**

PASTOR: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

PEOPLE: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases.**

PASTOR: Who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

PEOPLE: **Who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like eagle’s.**

PASTOR: The Lord works justice for all who are oppressed.

PEOPLE: **He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor requite us according to our iniquities.**

PASTOR: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.

PEOPLE: **As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

PASTOR: As a father pities his children, so the Lord pities those who fear him.

PEOPLE: **For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.**

UNISON: **Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers that do his will! Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!**

PRAYER
BAPTISM

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: *Matthew 7:7-12 (Pp. 1505-06)*

MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: “Our Gracious Father”

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING

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

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: 2 Peter 3:8-13 (P. 1896)

MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: “Our Eternal Father”

REMINDERS

***HAYR MER** – #133

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE

**Congregation is requested to stand*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR AND THE ALTAR FLOWERS this morning are sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Peno and Hasmik Ashikian in honor of their grandchildren Olivia and Sophia Kampstra’s baptism.

THE ACC BOARD OF DEACONS meeting will be held **today** following the fellowship hour.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL. We are offering a Sunday School class geared towards children ages 2-9 each Sunday between June 28 and September 6. Older students will take turns helping with the class and attending the worship service. So plan on being with us whenever you are in town this summer.

THE ACC BOARD OF TRUSTEES meeting will be held on Thursday, **July 30th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Christian Education Room.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY.

- Pray for Mrs. Marie Arslanian, and Ray Jernukian.

Synopsis of the Armenian Sermon

(2 Peter 3:8-13)

In this section of his letter, the apostle Peter continues dealing with the issue of the “scoffers” who ridiculed the idea of the second coming of Christ and the judgment associated with it. After rebuking them, he turns to the faithful Christians and addresses them. The reason why God is delaying His judgment of the world is not because God is being unfaithful to His promises, but because;

1. God is timeless. God does not live in a sphere of time as we do and we cannot interpret God’s timetable by our human reckoning of time.
2. God is patient. God does not want any person to perish. He desires that all persons repent and be saved.

Peter ends his argument by reminding his readers to be watchful for the day of the Lord will come unexpectedly. And since they do not know when that day will come, therefore they ought to be careful about how they live their lives. He says, “You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God ...” (v.11-12).

Friends, the Bible teaches that Jesus’ return is imminent, yet the Bible does not set an exact date. What the apostle Peter is telling us here is that we should be more concerned about how we live our lives than knowing the exact day that Jesus will return. Are you living a holy and godly life?