

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

11:00 A.M.

September 6, 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**

**\*HYMNS** – #148 “Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing”

#1 “Blessed Be Your Name” (Songbook)

# “The Lord Is My Shepherd” “Thre Im Fowius h” (Insert)

**\*RESPONSIVE READING** – #388 “A Litany For Labor Day”

**PASTOR:** O God, our Father, whose love is over every creature whom thine hands have made, as we go out this morning to the world and our work we ask Thee to bless all classes and conditions of men and women everywhere.

**PEOPLE:** **Bless those who are workmen and workwomen, and help them to serve with diligence; and bless those who are bosses and help them to direct and to control with justice and with mercy.**

**PASTOR:** Bless those who are rich, and help them to remember that they must hold all their possessions in stewardship for Thee; and bless those who are poor, and grant that they may find others kind.

**PEOPLE:** **Bless those who are strong and fit, and grant that they may never use their good health selfishly, and bless those who are weak and ailing, and keep them from all discouragement and discontent.**

**PASTOR:** Bless those who are happy, and help them not to forget Thee in the sunny weather. Bless those who are sad, and ease their pain and comfort the loneliness of their hearts.

**UNISON:** **Bless each one of us, and grant that we may go out to live as those who have been with Jesus. Amen.**

**PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH:** *Matthew 8:14-22 (Pp. 1507-08)*

**MESSAGE IN ENGLISH:** “To Serve Jesus”

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY**  
**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**\*HYMN** – #

**SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN:** *Genesis 13:5-13,14:11-16, 19:29 (pp.18-27)*

**MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN:** “Abraham and Lot”

**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 CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2009, Have a safe Labor Day!

**RALLY SUNDAY.** Come join us next Sunday, September 13, as we kickoff the 2009/2010 Sunday School year with children’s registration before worship service, Sunday School Staff commissioning during the worship service, and a complimentary fellowship luncheon following the worship service.

**ACC CHOIR.** Our first rehearsal is September 10. We rehearse 7:00-8:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month, and also on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. before worship. Each voice is needed to add to the beautiful sound, glorifying the Lord and encouraging His people. New members are very welcome, so please join us and sing to the Lord!

**MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY.** We invite all men and women to join us on Wednesday, September 23, at 7:00 p.m. as we continue to study God’s Word together. Why not join us for the first time?

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY.**

Pray for Mrs. Marie Arslanian, Marion Artinian, Anahid Haroutunian, Arsha Rubyan, Lucy Yazejian, and Herbert Jernukian.

## **Synopsis of the Armenian Message** (Abraham and Lot)

In chapter 12 of Genesis we are introduced to Abram (later Abraham) who is called by God out of his fathers' land and into a land that God promised to give him. We are also introduced to Lot, Abram's nephew, who travels with Abram, his wife and their servants. In chapter 13, Abram and Lot have accumulated much wealth and the land was becoming too crowded for both of them. The herdsman of Lot and Abram quarreled over pastureland. Abram in true courtesy and kindness offered Lot his choice of the land. Lot chose the well-watered pastures of the Jordan valley adjacent to the sin-cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Here we see the first steps of Lot's backsliding. In chapter 14, the king of Elam (Persia) with the help of some other kings attacks the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah, defeats them and takes them captive with Lot, his family and possessions. When Abram is informed he assembles an army, pursues the invaders, overtakes them, recovers all the goods, and rescues Lot and his family. In chapter 18, God seeing the wickedness of Sodom and Gomorrah decides to destroy them both. Abraham intercedes on behalf of the righteous of these cities, and God decides that even if He found ten righteous people He will not destroy them. In chapter 19, God has apparently not found even ten righteous people in Sodom and Gomorrah because He completely destroys them. The only people rescued are Lot and his wife (died outside of the city) and two daughters. Again, Lot was saved thanks to Abraham's prayers.

Friends, sin has its consequences. Abraham is an example of a man who wants to live for God and please God, and Lot is an example of a worldly man who is driven by the desires of his eyes and heart (self). The world has its attractions but they are deadly. What about you? Who are you living for?