

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

11:00 A.M.

November 1, 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**  
**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*HYMNS & SONGS** – #51 “All Hail The Power Of Jesus’ Name”(Vv.1,3,4)  
#75 “All To Jesus I Surrender” (Vv. 1,2,4)  
#3 “Heart Of Worship” (Songbook)

**PRAYER**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE & MESSAGE:** *Matthew 9:27-34 (P.1510)*  
**“Total Obedience To Jesus”**

**SANCTUARY CHOIR**

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

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE & MESSAGE:** *Acts 11:1-18 (P.1711)*  
**“Peter Criticized”**

**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**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** The ACC fall Congregational meeting will be held **TODAY** following the church service. Please remain in the church.

**THE SANCTUARY CHOIR** will have rehearsals on the next two Thursdays, November 5th and 12th, 7:00 p.m. at the church. The choir will use this time to practice for the Christmas Eve cantata!

**ACYF LOCK-IN**

The Armenian Congregational Youth Fellowship Lock-In will be held on Friday, November 6 through Saturday, November 7, 2009. Youth ages 12-17 are invited to sleepover at the church. AEYF Eastern Region Youth Pastor Ara Jizmejian will be speaking and leading the weekend. We invite all the teens to come and be spiritually encouraged and challenged, have fun, bring your friends, and make new friends! Things to bring: Bibles, sleeping bags, and pillows.

**COMMUNITY GROUPS.** The first meeting will be held this **Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm at the Kachadourian and Darawi homes simultaneously. We would like to see each ACC member join one of the groups.

**THE ACC ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER**



We invite all of you to come and join us on Sunday, November 22 as we begin our day with the celebratory Thanksgiving Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. and later that day at 5:00 p.m., join us for our annual Thanksgiving dinner. Tickets are available from the ACC office. Childcare will be provided following the dinner.

**THE ACC BY-LAWS and CONSTITUTION.** The newly amended ACC By-Laws and Constitution is ready. If you would like to obtain a copy please call the church office or ask Mrs. Susan Pope.

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

- Please pray for Marie Arslanian, Herb Jernukian, Jan Janigian, Dee Fogarty, Debbie Smetana, Hovnathan Krikorian and Izabel Weigand, a 5-year-old daughter of a friend of Haig and Sue Arabian who recently had a Heart Transplant.

## **Synopsis of the Armenian Message**

(Acts 11:1-18)

The news of Peter's going into the house of a Gentile, preaching and baptizing Gentiles who believed did not go well back at home in Jerusalem. Peter was criticized by the "circumcised believers." The "circumcised believers" refers to those Christians who were of Jewish background and who were still keeping the Law of Moses. These people believed that a Gentile must be circumcised before they can become Christian. They also still thought that it was wrong for Peter to enter the house and eat with a Gentile. In defending his actions, Peter recounted everything that had happened to Him (Ch. 10). As Peter finished telling them the whole story, he posed this question to them, "If God gave them the same gift as he gave us, who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could oppose God?" To their credit these Hebrew Christians when they had heard Peter's account, they recognized God's hand in it all and praised God for "granting even the Gentiles repentance unto life."

Friends, the lessons from this passage are obvious. (1) We also are often quick to criticize others when we have not taken the time to hear all the details from them. (2) We also have difficulty accepting God's plans when they do not fit our understanding. What we need to do is to be careful before we criticize others, to listen to their side of the story, and then to speak. Second, we need to be open to the possibility that God might have different plans and ideas than we do.