

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

11:00 A.M.

December 6, 2009

SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

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** –#49 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (Vv. 1,3)
#171 “The First Noel, The Angel Did Say” (Vv.1,2)
#29 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (Vv. 1,2)

PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE 2nd ADVENT CANDLE – Michael & Bradley Banerian

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

ENGLISH SCRIPTURE & MESSAGE: *Matthew 10:24-33 (Pp.1511-12)*
“Fearless Proclamation”

SANCTUARY CHOIR

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING

ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE & MESSAGE: *Acts 14:1-18 (P.1716-17)*
“The Living God”

REMINDERS

***HAYR MER** – #133

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE

**Congregation is requested to stand*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR this morning is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Diran and Patricia Kochyan in honor of Patrick’s birthday.

THE ALTER FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Dr. George Kadian, who is gone but never forgotten, and in honor of the December birthdays of his son Mark and granddaughter Gabriel Kadian, and grandsons Christopher and Bradley Banerian.

THE COMPLIMENTARY LUNCHEON TODAY is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Robert and Lucy Yazejian in thankfulness to God and in appreciation of the ACC family for keeping Lucy in their prayers during her time of recovery.

ACC WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP will be having a bake sale **today** during the Fellowship Hour. Please come and support the ladies by purchasing cookies, cakes, choreg, pies, cookbooks, and more!

THANK YOU to Mrs. Ann Bayleran and Mrs. Leslie Banerian for donating their valuable time to decorate the lobby and the fellowship hall beautifully for the holidays.

ACC YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY. The pastor and Mrs. Darawi invite all the ACC youth (11-17 years) for a Christmas party at their house on Friday, December 11th at 6:00 p.m. The evening includes dinner, singing Christmas carols, games, and gift exchange.

THE DECEMBER ISSUE OF THE A.C.C. BULLETIN WILL BE A CHRISTMAS ISSUE. Once again we would like to offer you the opportunity to send your Christmas greetings to all the church members and friends, in and out of town, by making a contribution to our missions fund. Please submit your name and donation to the church office by December 11.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS. We are now taking orders for flowers to adorn our chancel on Christmas Sunday. The traditional poinsettia price is \$15.00. Please submit your name to the church office no later than December 17.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. Please join the Sunday School on December 20th for this year’s Christmas Program. The program begins after the church service, with a luncheon to follow. All are welcome.

Parents make sure to mark your calendar: the rehearsal for the Christmas Program is on Saturday December 19 at 11:00 a.m. with complimentary Pizza lunch.

ACC 2009 YEAR TO DATE BUDGET

Budgeted stewardship and offerings \$77,000.00
Received to date (January - November) \$68,803.06

Total year budget \$181,320.00
Received to date (January - November) \$127,521.24

ACC CHOIR. The ACC Sanctuary Choir and director Mrs. Susan Harrison are preparing a special Christmas program, which they will present during the Christmas Eve Service. Plan on joining us this year.

MISSIONS. Christmas Joy Packages. Bring Christmas joy to the children of Armenia, Karabagh & Georgia through AMAA Armenia Summer Camp Christmas Committee.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY.

Please keep Marie Arslanian, Herb Jernukian, Emily Rukkla, Jan Janigian, Dee Fogarty, Debbie Smetana, Hovnathan Krikorian and family, Taylor, nephew of Mary Conley, and Kasper Tokatlian in your prayers.

Next Sunday. English: Matthew 11:1-19 "Jesus' Tribute to John the Baptist"

Armenian: Acts 14:19-28 "Planting Churches"

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

Paul and Barnabas continue their missionary journey and come to the city of Lystra. As Paul spoke, he noticed a crippled man who was listening to him with interest. Paul somehow realized that this man had faith to be healed. He commands him to stand up on his feet, and the man is miraculously healed. This healing prompted the pagan crowd who worshiped a multitude of gods to identify Paul and Barnabas with two of their chief gods. The crowd wanted to make sacrifices to them and worship them. As soon as Paul gets an opportunity to speak, he begins by attacking the crowd's false gods. He says, "We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made heaven and earth and sea and everything in them."

Friends, today also many people worship "worthless things" such as money, fame, work, power, possessions, play and pleasure. Yet, there is only one God worthy of worship, the living God who has revealed Himself to us through His Son, Jesus Christ. As we prepare once again to celebrate His birth, let us examine our lives and make sure He has first place in our hearts.