

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

11:00 A.M.

December 20, 2009

FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

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 - #29 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (Vv.1, 2)
#167 "Angels We Have Heard On High" (Vv. 1, 2, 3)

PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE 4TH ADVENT CANDLE – Garo Koundakjian

ENGLISH SCRIPTURE & MESSAGE: Matthew 2:1-12 (1497-98)
"The Birth Jesus"

SANCTUARY CHOIR

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER
OFFERING

ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE & MESSAGE: Luke 2:8-20 (P.1591)
"Rejoice, Christ Jesus is Born"

REMINDERS

*HAYR MER – #133

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Park K0ez D0er, Asdvadz M0er"

POSTLUDE

**Congregation is requested to stand*
**** Latecomers may be seated*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU to Dr. & Mrs. Richard and Mary Marburger for sponsoring the Fellowship Hour today. Please join us for a complimentary luncheon following the Sunday School Program.

The ACC would like to also thank all the Sunday School parents who contributed to the lunch today.

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. Invite your family and friends and joins us this year.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Friday, December 25, 2009. We wish all the church family, and friends a safe Christmas!

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
Today at 12:30 p.m.
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
Thursday, December 24, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.
NEW YEAR'S SERVICE
Sunday, December 27, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.
ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS - THE LORD'S SUPPER
Sunday, January 3, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY.

Please keep Marie Arslanian, Herb Jernukian, Dee Fogarty, Debbie Smetana, Hovnathan Krikorian and family in your prayers.

Next Sunday. English: Matthew 11:25-30 - "Finding Rest in Jesus"

Armenian: Luke 5:1-11 - "A Receipt For Spiritual Success"

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

Christmas is just five days away and in the midst of all the last minute shopping and the preparations that need to be done, we can easily lose sight of what Christmas is all about. In Luke 2:8-20 we have a record of the first Christmas.

The announcement of the birth of Jesus comes to the lowly, forgotten, shepherds out in the fields. Yet, it is an announcement of good news of great joy for everyone “for all people.” It is good news because God’s promised Messiah, the Savior is here. The term “Savior” means “The One who comes from God and who will save his people from their sins. God through Jesus has given us a Savior who is the solution to our sin problem. Because of sin humanity’s relationship with its Creator had been broken. The good news is that Jesus had come to remedy that problem. Jesus lived a sinless life and then died on the cross as our substitute and to pay the penalty of our sin, bringing reconciliation and peace between God and man.

The shepherds reacted to the joyous message in a positive way. They hurried to go and see the newborn child. They discovered that it was all that they anticipated, and their lives took on more excitement than they had ever experienced. They shared the message with others after they had received it.

Friends, each one of us can react in the same way that the shepherds did, by having a personal encounter with the Savior and then sharing that with others. The men on whom “God’s favor rests” or “God is well pleased with” are those who repent of their sins and receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Christmas will be exciting and a happy occasion for us also if we accept its message and respond to it in a positive way. Christmas is celebrating God’s greatest and most precious gift ever, His Son Jesus. We will celebrate because, “Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.”

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***Christ is Born and is Revealed,
Good Tidings to You and to Us***