

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

11:00 A.M.

January 24, 2010

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 & SONGS** - #5 "Come, Thou Almighty King" (Vv. 1,2,3)
#22 "How Great Thou Art" (Songbook-Vv. 1,3,4)

***READING - John 16:5-15**

Now, I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: In regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; In regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; And in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

PRAYER

ENGLISH SCRIPTURE & MESSAGE: Matthew 12:22-37 (P.1515)
"By The Spirit of God"

SANCTUARY CHOIR

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER
OFFERING

ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE & MESSAGE: Acts: 15:36-16:5 (P.1720)
"Disagreement Between Brothers"

REMINDERS

***HAYR MER - #133**

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR this morning is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. George and Carole Basmadjian in celebration of their 45th Wedding Anniversary.

AEUNA CONVENTION TASK FORCE meeting will be held today following the fellowship hour.

2009 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS. You will soon be receiving your Income Tax receipts for your 2009 church donations in the mail. Please review your receipts, and if any corrections need to be made, please call the church office immediately.

MISSIONS APPEAL. We ask that you prayerfully consider making a contribution towards helping the people affected by the earthquake in Haiti to provide them with humanitarian aid.

ACYF SUPERBOWL PARTY. All youth are invited to a Superbowl party on Sunday, February 7th, 2010 at 5 p.m. at the home of Dr. & Mrs. Kirk and Leslie Banerian. Please RSVP with Leslie 248-203-1705 by Sunday, January 31st, or sign your name on the Sunday School Bulletin board.

VARTANATS The Greater Detroit Armenian Churches are sponsoring a joint Vartanants observance, on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, 29125 Six Mile Road, in Livonia. The Host church is St. Vartan Armenian Catholic Church. We invite all of you to join us for this special gathering.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY.

Please pray for Marie Arslanian, Herb Jernukian, and the people of Haiti.

Next Sunday. English: Matthew 12:38-50 "Jesus, The Only Sign"
Armenian: Acts: 16:6-15 "God's Guidance"

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

The last two Sundays we discussed an internal doctrinal issue that the early Church had to deal with and how they resolved it. Today it is a sharp personal dispute that arises between two church leaders. Paul and Barnabas have been ministering together since the early days of Paul's conversion. The disagreement arises when Paul asks Barnabas to join him on a second missionary journey to visit all the churches that they had established. Barnabas wanted to take John Mark who had deserted them at the beginning of their first missionary journey (13:13), but Paul was opposed to that. Paul thinks that John Mark poses too much of a risk to the work of the Gospel, while Barnabas whose name means "son of encouragement" believes that he deserves a second chance. This sharp dispute is not resolved satisfactorily, and the one team becomes two. Paul takes Silas with him, and Barnabas takes John Mark and they both go their separate ways to continue the work.

The unfortunate thing about this story is that unlike in the previous doctrinal issue, these two great leaders did not take the time to sit down and resolve the dispute. They both seem to be guilty of pride. The good news of this story is that, "God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God" (Romans 8:28). Instead of one team there are two teams to carry the work forward. Timothy, a very promising young man is recruited and joins Paul. Mark is eventually rehabilitated and is restored to Paul in his later years. Paul writing to Timothy from prison in 2 Timothy 4:11, says "Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is helpful to me in my ministry."

Friends, even though as human beings we often fail to act wisely and do the right thing, the sovereign Lord nevertheless continues to use us and to bring His purposes to pass.