

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

11:00 A.M.

February 7, 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 - #115 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (Vv. 1,2,3)**
#7 "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" (Songbook)
11 "Shout To The Lord" (Songbook)

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ENGLISH MESSAGE: Matthew 13:1-23 (Pp. 1516-17)

"Sowing Seed in Good Soil"

SANCTUARY CHOIR

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING

ARMENIAN MESSAGE: Acts 16:16-24 (P.1721)

"The Cost of Preaching Christ"

REMINDERS

***HAYR MER - #133**

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE

***Congregation is requested to stand**

***** Latecomers may be seated**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACYF SUPERBOWL PARTY. All youth are invited to a Superbowl party **today** at 5 p.m. at the home of Dr. & Mrs. Kirk and Leslie Banerian. Please RSVP with Leslie 248-203-1705.

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. We invite all of you to join us for this special gathering.

THE ACC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP February business meeting will be held next Sunday, February 14, 2010 following the fellowship hour.

FAMILY NIGHT. The ACC Women's Fellowship will be hosting a *Family Night* on Saturday, February 20, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. Come enjoy delicious food, entertainment, fun and games. All ages are welcome. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults; \$6.00 for children 7-12 years old; no charge for children under 6 years. Please write your names on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY.

Please pray for Marie Arslanian, Eugene Milewski (Friend of Alice Kakousian), Ozzie (Sarjanian) Stasak (Friend of Doris Krikorian), and Terri Karabian (Tony Janigian's cousin).

Next Sunday. English: Matthew 13:24-35 "Pictures of The Kingdom

Armenian: Acts 16:25-40 "Freedom & Justice"

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

Opposition to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and persecution of its preachers is a common theme in the book of Acts. In this passage we see again the suffering that God's messengers have to endure because of their message that challenges the unbelieving world.

Paul and his companions are in Macedonia, and as they were going to a prayer gathering they met a slave girl who was possessed with a spirit of divination. Because of her fortune telling she was a great source of income to her owners. When she met Paul and his companions, she began following them for few days and shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved." Even though what she said was true, Paul discerned that the source was demonic. So, in the all-powerful name of Jesus Christ he commands the demon to come out of her. The girl is freed from her bondage, but her owners are unhappy with their loss of income. Paul and Silas are dragged before the magistrates and falsely charged, the mob joins in, and the magistrates unjustly and without any investigation orders them to be stripped, beaten, and put in prison.

Friends, following and proclaiming Jesus has a cost. In this story Paul and Silas were beaten and imprisoned for preaching Jesus. Vartan and his friends were killed for refusing to recant their faith in Jesus. Pray for boldness and strength to be willing to follow Jesus, despite the cost.