

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

11:00 A.M.

February 14, 2010

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 – #150 “Crown Him With Many Crowns” (Vv.1,3)
#2 “Forever” (Songbook)

*READING – I Corinthians 13:1-7,13 (P.1786-87)

If I speak in tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoice with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. And now these three remain; faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

PRAYER

ENGLISH SCRIPTURE & MESSAGE: *Matthew 13:24-30 (p.1518-19)*
“Images of The Kingdom - I”

SANCTUARY CHOIR

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING

HYMN - #62 “I Hear Thy Welcome Voice” (Vv.1,2, seated)

ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE & MESSAGE: *Acts 16:25-40 (Pp.1721-22)*
“Freedom and Justice”

REMINDERS

*HAYR MER – #133

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ACC WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP February business meeting will be held today 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.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES February meeting date has been changed from Thursday, February 18th to Thursday, February 25, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

BOWLING PARTY. Students, you will not want to miss out on bowling with your Sunday School friends on Sunday, February 28th, at the Langans Norwest Lanes, from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$9.00 per person. Scholarships are available for families in need. We want all to participate. RSVP to Leslie Banerian by February 21.

CAPITAL FUND REPORT

The ACC Board of Trustees would like to extend their profound gratitude to the church members and friends, who continue to give to the Capital Fund. Currently the balance is **\$26,605.00**. Funds raised will be used for Phase II of the building plan, which is replacing the windows. Please continue making special donations to the Capital Fund.

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 Karoubian (Tony Janigian’s cousin).

Next Sunday. English: Matthew 13:24-52 - “Portraits of The Kingdom-II”
Armenian: Acts 17:1-15 – “Proclamation and Proof”

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

As we saw last Sunday, Paul and Silas were unjustly arrested, beaten and put in prison. Their response to their situation was to pray and praise God. Their focus was on their heavenly Father who is the source of their joy independent from their immediate earthly circumstances. This is a good lesson for us of how to respond to suffering. Lift your focus of yourself and your circumstances and look to God who can help you see His purposes. While they were singing and other prisoners were listening, an earthquake rocked the prison. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors open, he assumed that the prisoners had escaped. Aware that this would cost him his life, he decided to kill himself. But Paul assured him that there was no need for that. Suddenly a deep conviction of sin swept over him and he asked Paul and Silas, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Their answer, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved-you and your household." Following a teaching session about the Lord with the jailer and his household they were all baptized. The magistrates seem to have had a change of heart overnight also and wanted the jailer to release Paul and Silas. But Paul refused to leave under such circumstances. Silas and he were Roman citizens and they were unjustly beaten and put in prison. The magistrates came and apologetically begged them to leave the city. They left but not immediately, first they went and encouraged the brothers and then left.

Friends, what this passage teaches us is that; (1) the gospel of Jesus Christ brings freedom and joy even in very difficult times. (2) Just because we are Christians it does not mean that we should forfeit our rights as citizens and allow the authorities to treat us unjustly.