

*Makarios Darawi, Pastor*

*Mrs. Susan Harrison, Choir Director and Organist*

11:00 A.M.

November 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**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

\***HYMNS** - #116 *"In My Heart There Rings A Melody"* (1,2,3)

**PRAYER**

**SONG** - # 36 *"How Great Is Our God"* (Songbook)

#35 *"Mighty To Save"* (Songbook)

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**ENGLISH MESSAGE:** Matthew 21:28-46 (pp. 1533-34)

**"God Of Second Chances"**

**JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY**

**OFFERING - OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

**ARMENIAN MESSAGE:** Colossians 2:6-23 (pp. 1833-34)

**"From Shadows To Substance"**

**REMINDERS**

\***HAYR MER** - #133

\***BENEDICTION**

\***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** *"Park K'hez D'her, Asdvadz M'her"*

**POSTLUDE**

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**\*Congregation is requested to stand**

**\*\*\* Latecomers may be seated**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR** this morning is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Ed and Phyllis Garabedian in honor of their 46<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.** The ACC fall congregational meeting will be **TODAY** following the church service. Please remain in the church.

### **MISSIONS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:**

© **Christmas In October** Bring Christmas joy to children of Armenia, and Karabagh through AMAA Armenia Summer Camp Christmas Committee. The forms are available in the hallway. Make checks payable to ACC.

© **Community Service:** The ACC Mission Committee is gathering a group of 12-14 people to attend the Grace Centers Of Hope in Pontiac on Friday, December 10th at 4:30 p.m. to prepare and serve dinner to the needy families in the center. If you would like to attend, please call the church office to add your name. For more information you may speak to Pastor Mak or Suzan.

**THE ACC ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER.** We invite all of you to come and join us on Sunday, November 21 as we begin our day with the celebratory Thanksgiving Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. and later that day at 5:00 p.m. join us for our annual Thanksgiving dinner.

I/we will attend the <b>"Thanksgiving Banquet"</b> on Sunday, November 21, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.
Name(s) _____ (\$25 per adult -- \$10 per child 6-15 years. (No charge for children under 6 years old)
In addition I would like to make a donation of \$ _____
In memory/honor of _____
<b>Supporters of any amount are needed</b>
Please make your checks payable to: <b>Armenian Congregational Church</b>

## **OAKLAND CHORAL SOCIETY**

The OCS will be holding a Christmas Carols Concert on Saturday, November 13, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the ACC. Admission is \$15.00. For more information and tickets please see Gayaneh Kachadourian, Ann Bayleran or call the ACC office.

## **JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY.**

Pray for Geroge Mihertadian (brother of Carole Basmadjian).

### **Synopsis of the Armenian Message**

In verses 6-10, Paul reminds us that we must remain rooted in Christ and grow in faith. Such a life will result in abundant harvest that will result in thanksgiving. On the other hand, if we are not careful to remain rooted in Christ we will easily fall prey to false teachers and their “hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ” (8). Verses 11-15, show that the non-Christian is dead in trespasses. His sin robs him of life. The illustration the apostle uses is the canceled bond. God has canceled the debt that we owed, taking it away by Jesus’ death on the cross (14). In verses 16-23, “Paul alerts us to a tension that we may experience in our Christian life. On the one hand, there is the pressure to conform to whatever man-made patterns of religiosity are fashionable. Obsession with what we eat or drink, the festivals we observe, and the traditions we honor or reject, all belong to this category (16-19). On the other hand, our souls long to be in Christ. He is the source of our personal faith and head of the church” (SU).

Friends, what are the false philosophies, that are prevalent today, that if we are not careful can take us and our church captive? What are the traditions that we so honor that they have become an obstacle in our relationship with Jesus? Pray that God will give us wisdom to discern the times, and that He will give us understanding to differentiate between what is pure tradition and what is a biblical teaching.