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Mrs. Susan Harrison, Choir Director and Organist

11:00 A.M.

November 21, 2010



THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP
CHORAL INTROIT

*HYMN – #26 “Now Thank We All Our God” (vv. 1,2,3)

READING: Psalm 136: 1-9, 23-26

PASTOR: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

PEOPLE: **His love endures forever.**

PASTOR: Give thanks to the God of gods.

PEOPLE: **His love endures forever.**

PASTOR: Give thanks to the Lord of lords.

PEOPLE: **His love endures forever.**

PASTOR: To him who alone does great wonders.

PEOPLE: **His love endures forever.**

PASTOR: Who by his understanding made the heavens.

PEOPLE: **His love endures forever.**

PASTOR: Who spread out the earth upon the waters.

PEOPLE: **His love endures forever.**

PASTOR: Who made the great lights, the sun to govern the day, the moon and stars to govern the night.

PEOPLE: **His love endures forever.**

PASTOR: To the One who remembered us in our low estate and freed us from our enemies, and who gives food to every creature.

PEOPLE: **His love endures forever.**

PASTOR: Give thanks to the God in heaven.

PEOPLE: **His love endures forever.**

PRAYER

SONG - #29 “Give Thanks” (songbook)

ENGLISH MESSAGE: Matthew 22:1-14 (pp. 1534-35)

“Invitation Declined”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

OFFERING – *Offertory Anthem*

ARMENIAN MESSAGE: Colossians 3:17-4:6 (p. 1835)

“Family Relationships”

REMINDERS

***HAYR MER** – #133

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** “*Park Khez Dher, Asdvadz Mher*”

***Congregation is requested to stand**

*** Latecomers may be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR this morning is sponsored by Dr. & Mrs. Ed and Ann Bayleran in honor of their 28th wedding anniversary.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Thursday, November 26, and Friday November 27, 2010. We wish all the church family and friends a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

MISSIONS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

© **Christmas In October.** Bring Christmas joy to the children of Armenia, and Karabagh through AMAA Armenia Summer Camp Christmas Committee. The forms are available in the hallway. Make checks payable to the 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 DECEMBER ISSUE OF THE A.C.C. BULLETIN will be a Christmas issue. Once again, as in the past, we offer you the opportunity to send your Christmas greetings to all the church members and friends by making a contribution to our missions fund. Please submit your names by December 10 to Suzan at the office or Pastor Mak.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. Please join the Sunday School on December 19 for this year’s Christmas Program. The program begins after the church service, with a luncheon to follow. All are welcome.

THE ACC ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER. We invite all of you to come and join us for our annual Thanksgiving dinner this afternoon at 5:00 pm.

THE ACC SANCTUARY CHOIR will have a rehearsal on *Thursday, December 2, at 7:00 p.m.* at the church. All are welcome to join! If you are interested in singing Christmas songs during our Christmas Eve worship services, please attend this rehearsal. The music is familiar and easy to learn -- and beautiful!

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY.

Please pray for Mrs. Mary Arslanian.

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

At the conclusion of the last section in verse 17 Paul wrote, “And whatever you do, whether in word and deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him,” In the following verses he applies this to family relationships. He addresses relationships between husband/wives, parents/children, and masters/salves. Relationships are central to life. For the Christian faith and the way we live go hand in hand. Our relationship with Jesus should influence every other relationship we have. It is in this light that Paul’s teaching in this section needs to be understood. “The discipline Paul prescribes in today’s text – complementary values of submission and love – is meant to enable relationships to grow and deepen. The respect wives accord to their husbands is a sacrament of oneness, not a contractual obligation imposed by traditional culture. The love that husbands show to their wives must reflect Jesus’ unconditional love for the church. Obedience to parents is a catalyst for growth of children. Rebelliousness corrupts and cripples their personality formation. Parents who do not deepen their mutual relationship could exasperate their children when they try to counsel and help them. The foremost parental duty is to create a spiritually vibrant family culture, marked by just and robust relationships. That included also for Paul the relationship between masters and servants, because in Christ there is neither ‘slave nor free’ and Christ is in all (Col. 3:11)” (SU notes).

Friends, as you gather with family and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving, family relationships and dynamics come to play. Remember to “do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

HAVE A WONDERFUL THANKSGIVING!