

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

11:00 A.M.

November 28, 2010

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

CHORAL INTROIT

*HYMN – #29 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (vv. 1,2,3)

READING AND LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Ara and Anahid Kachadourian

HYMN – #170 “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (vv. 1,2,3,4)

ENGLISH MESSAGE: Matthew 22:23-33 (P. 1535)

“The God of The Living”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

OFFERING – *Offertory Anthem*

ARMENIAN MESSAGE: Colossians 4:7-18 (p. 1835-36)

“Grace Be With You”

REMINDERS

*HAYR MER – #133

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: “*Park Khez Døer, Asdvadz Møer*”

POSTLUDE

***Congregation is requested to stand**

*** Latecomers may be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR this morning is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Moses and Maggie Avakian in memory of Nahabed Avakian.

CHRISTMAS JOY FOR ARMENIA. Bring Christmas joy to the children of Armenia and Karabagh through AMAA Armenia Summer Camp Christmas Committee. Pick-up a form from the hallway and make checks payable to the ACC.

GRACE CENTERS OF HOPE. 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 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!

ARMENIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CHILDREN’S CHOIR

Will you plan on your children being in children’s choir at our church? All children are invited to meet in the sanctuary right after worship for rehearsals each Sunday, beginning November 28. This should be a meaningful time for your children, while they learn to participate in some church services. Please notify Susan Harrison, Director, that your children will be involved. By having your children committed to this exciting ministry, our congregation will be blessed, and the children will be blessed by another memorable time at the Armenian Congregational Church!

It would be beautiful if they have a Christmas song prepared to sing four our Christmas Eve service too. Please let Susan Harrison know you will be there.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY.

Please pray for Mrs. Mary Arslanian, and Bob Arabian.

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

At the end of his letter to the church in Colosse, Paul as usual writes his final greetings to them. With his greetings he mentions some of his co-workers in the ministry of the gospel. What is interesting here is what the Apostle says about these godly people.

Tychicus – Encourager. He is mentioned as with Paul four times. Tychicus was a trusted man. He served as Paul’s personal representative. He came to “encourage (the) hearts” of the Colossians. This is a quality we all need. Everyone gets despondent, discouraged, and disgruntled at times. An encouraging word can make the difference. Who knows the lasting good that can come from a kind word, a brief note, a short visit, or a good deed?

Aristarchus, Mark and Justus – Kingdom Workers. These three were named as “Paul’s fellow workers for the kingdom.” It is easy to find shirkers, complainers, and critics – what the church needs is more workers. Think of fellow church members who often may not be known or recognized, but who quietly and faithfully work behind the scenes. All of us can be like Aristarchus, Mark, and Justus, workers for the kingdom.

Epaphras – A Praying Man. He not only “wrestled in prayer” for the church, but he also worked hard for the Lord. He was involved in intercessory prayer so that they “may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.”

This passage gives us a fuller picture of the ministry work that was going on and how it was done. It was a team ministry, a group effort. There were the encouragers, there were those who work behind the scenes for the Kingdom, and there were those who pray.

Friends, as we enter the Advent season, let us think of someone we can encourage at this time, let us also pray for each other and for those who do not know Jesus as the Savior “In whom is life, and that life is the light of men” (John 1:4).