

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

11:00 A.M.

December 26, 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

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** – #174 “Go, Tell It On The Mountain” (1,2,3)
#175 “God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen” (1,2,3,4)

***READING- #375 “A Prayer For The New Year”**

PASTOR: O God, in the quietness of thy sanctuary we wait the closing moments of another year.

PEOPLE: **We lift up our hearts unto You, O Lord.**

PASTOR: From the failure of the past, from broken hopes and disappointed ambitions, from our sins against ourselves and against others.

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PASTOR: We confess the unworthy living that has stained the record of the year that now is dying. For pardon, for grace to make restitution, for a clean heart and a right spirit with which to enter the new year.

PEOPLE: **We lift up our hearts unto You, O Lord.**

PASTOR: From loss of faith and hope and courage, from anxiety that harasses us, fear that frightens us, cowardice that defeats us, and from the loss of thy companionship, without which no life is good, no soul is strong.

PEOPLE: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

PASTOR: Bring us to the new year’s beginning with such vision of our duty, such resolution to perform it, and such resources for its consummation that whether in this year ahead we live or fall asleep, we shall be unashamed before thee.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy upon us and grant us these blessings.**
Amen.

ENGLISH MESSAGE: Acts 20:32-35 (P. 1730); John 1:10-14 (P. 1646)

“Is It Better To Give or To Receive?”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

OFFERING – *offertory anthem*

ARMENIAN MESSAGE: Matthew 2:1-12 (pp. 1497-98)

“What Will You Give Jesus?”

REMINDERS

***HAYR MER** – #133

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE

***Congregation is requested to stand**

***** Latecomers be seated**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR this morning is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Jano and Lena Bouladian in memory of Yeghisapet Baran.

INSTALLATION OF THE ACC BOAR MEMBERS. There will be an Installation Service for the newly elected members of the board of Trustees and Deacons on January 9, 2011 during our Sunday morning worship service. We kindly request that the continuing and the newly elected members to be present.

THE ANNUAL WINTER CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, January 23, 2011, immediately following the worship service.



**FIRST SUNDAY OF THE NEW YEAR – ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS –
THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Sunday, January 2, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

ACC 2010 YEAR TO DATE BUDGET

Total year budget \$167,427.00

Received to date (January - December) \$139,961.52

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HAVE A BLESSED NEW YEAR

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY.

* **Please pray** for Mr. Bob Arabian, Rev. Barkev Darakjian, Ray Jernukian, and Charlotte Oehler (friend of Lara Zanzanian).

* **In Christian Sympathy.** Mrs. Mary Daniel Churukian died in California. May the peace, grace and comfort of our Lord be with the Churukian family, their relatives and friends.

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

It is hard to believe that Christmas 2010 is over. Well, it was only yesterday and I am in no hurry to finish with Christmas. For many though, the most difficult decision is what gifts to give to the people on their list. The story of the first Christmas offers us some help here.

Gifts are a vital part of the Christmas story. Jesus' coming as the Savior was a gift to all humanity given by God (John 3:16, Romans 5:8). Think what God has given you through Jesus – forgiveness of sins, peace, love, self-respect, self-worth, purpose, and meaning in life.

The Wise Men who visited Jesus brought Him gifts. We do not know too much about these men, but we do know this. Since anyone who follows the best light available is wise, they were truly wise men. All who search for Jesus until they find Him are wise. They searched for two years. Anyone who offers his best to God is wise. They did (v.11).

Wise people still follow the best light they can find. These men did not know Jesus' story but recognized that something special was taking place. You know the story. Are you following the light that God has given you? Wise people also give Jesus the best they have. All Jesus ever asked for is what people have. The boy with the lunch (John 6), Peter's boat (Luke 5), and so on. What is the best you have? What are you doing with it?

Was Jesus on your gift list? It is not too late to include Him so that you can make the most of Christmas. The best gift you can give Him is yourself.