

Makarios Daraw i, Pastor
Mrs. Susan Harrison, Choir Director and Organist

11:00 A.M.

January 9, 2011

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** – #78 “When We Walk With The Lord” (1,2,4)
#25 “How Deep The Father’s Love”
(Songbook –
1,2,3)

PRAYER

INSTALLATION OF THE BOARD MEMBERS

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ENGLISH MESSAGE: Matthew 23:1-12 (p.1536)
“The Pitfalls of Pedestals”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

OFFERING – *offertory music*

ARMENIAN MESSAGE: Malachi 1:1-14 (pp.1487-88)
“Pure Devotion”

REMINDERS

***HAYR MER** – #133

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** “*Park Kłez Dłer, Asdvadz Młer*”

POSTLUDE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES. The 2011 stewardship envelopes for adults and children are ready. Please pick them up at the entrance of the fellowship hall.

INSTALLATION OF THE ACC BOAR MEMBERS. There will be an Installation Service for the newly elected members of the board of Trustees and Deacons *today* during our Sunday morning worship service.

COMMUNITY GROUPS. The next Community Groups will be held on Wednesday, January 12, at 7:30 pm at the Darawi’s and Friday, January 14, at 7:30 pm at the Arslanian’s.

THE ACC WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP MEETING will be held *today* during the fellowship hour. All ladies are welcome to join us.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOWLING



On **January 16th**, after church we will be going bowling at the Langan Norwest Lanes, from 1:00–2:30 p.m. Cost is \$9.00 per person for two games and shoes. Please bring cash only to the Lanes. Scholarships are available for families in need. We want all to participate. Please RSVP with Leslie Banerian by Wednesday, January 12th. Phone 248-203-1705, or email: Kbanerian@Comcast.net

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING will be held on Thursday, January 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

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

ACC 2010 YEAR TO DATE BUDGET

Budgeted stewardship and offerings \$75,000
Received to date (January-December) \$80,214.21

Total year budget \$167,427.00
Received to date (January - December) \$139,961.52

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY. Please pray for the upcoming congregational meeting. Pray for EACH campaign (Pastor will explain).

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

Malachi, which means “my messenger,” is the last of the Old Testament books and the bridge to the New Testament. This short book is written sometime after 538 B.C. and therefore after the return of the Jewish exiles from Babylon. The general problem addressed in this book had to do with the people not practicing their faith. They were not doing what God required them to do. The specific problems addressed in this book are mixed marriages, unjust financial practices, withholding tithes from God, and spiritual apathy. Malachi uses dialogue to communicate the message that God has given him.

The first charge that God brings against His people in verse 1-5 has to do with their questioning of His love to them. He reminds them how he loved their forefather, Jacob, and by extension them as Jacob’s descendents. As a proof of that they can compare their lot with that of their neighboring country of Edom.

In verses 6-8, God charges the priests with dishonoring Him by bringing Him defiled offerings. They deny this charge too, but God reminds them how they have been bringing blemished sacrifices that they would not dare offer to their governor.

In verse 9, the prophet urges them to implore God to be gracious towards them.

In verse 10-14, God wishes that they would cease offering sacrifices to Him because He is not pleased with them. But the prophet reminds the people that the Lord will vindicate His name among the nations and that He should be worshiped with love and devotion.

Friends, we should be regularly examining our attitudes and practices of worship towards God. Think about your own practice of prayer, Bible reading, church worship, and obedience to the Lord’s priorities for your life. Do you need to make some new resolves for the new year?