

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

11:00 A.M.

January 16, 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 – #77 “I Am Thine, O Lord” (1,2,3)
#26 “To God Be The Glory” (1,2,3)

PRAYER

UNISON READING – *Romans 12*

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is, his good, pleasing and perfect will. Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God’s people who are in need, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Living in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good.

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ENGLISH MESSAGE: Matthew 23:13-39 (p.1536-38)

“Bad Role Models”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

OFFERING – *offertory music*

ARMENIAN MESSAGE: Malachi 2:1-9 (pp.1488-89)

“Blind Leading The Blind”

REMINDERS

*HAYR MER – #133

*BENEDICTION

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

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOWLING



Today, 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.

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

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

2010 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS. You will soon be receiving your Income Tax receipts for your 2010 church donations in the mail. Please review your receipts, and if any corrections need to be made, please call the church office immediately.

FAMILY NIGHT. The ACC Women’s Fellowship will be hosting a *Family Night* on Saturday, February 12, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. Come enjoy delicious food, entertainment, fun and games. All ages are welcome. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults; \$7.00 for children 7-17 years old; no charge for children under 6 years. Please write your names on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY. Please pray for the upcoming congregational meeting. Pray for EACH campaign (www.eachtoday.com).

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

In chapter one God accused the priests of “showing contempt to His name” (1:6), now He admonishes them for bringing dishonor to His name. God reminds the priests that when He made His covenant with Levi, who represents the priestly family descendent from him, Levi and the early priests were faithful to God’s covenant. This covenant promised life and peace. So, Levi revered the Lord, stood in awe of His name, he taught the truth, he walked with God in peace and uprightness, and turned many people away from sin. Then, God reminds them of the responsibilities that come with the high calling of priesthood. Priests are God’s messengers who instruct God’s people in God’s truth (7). But instead, they have not been faithful in their calling and have “caused many to stumble” (8). Therefore God had made them contemptible and humiliated before all the people.

“All this reminds us that we expect God to keep his side of the covenant and to grant us life and peace but so often we neglect our side of the agreement. Our lifestyle, priorities, and attitude do not always bring ‘reverence and honor to the name of the Lord’ (5). A walk worthy of the Lord means moral rectitude (righteousness), healthy relationships (peace) and an awareness of God’s presence (walking with him). It also involves influencing the lives of others for good, leading to repentance and conversion” (SU Notes).

Dear friends, this should cause all of us to consider and examine our immediate circle of influence. How’s your influence and relationships with family members, friends, neighbors and others? Prayerfully consider what you need to do to have a better impact.

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