

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

11:00 A.M.

May 22, 2011

*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.*

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*HYMNS & SONGS** – #114 “Praise To The Lord, The Almighty” (Vv.1,2,3)  
#18A “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (Songbook-Vv. 1,2,3)

**READING IN UNISON** –II Corinthians 9:6-15

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he had decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: “He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor, his righteousness endures forever.” Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving of God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs to God’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

**PRAYER-** *The Lord’s Prayer*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

**\*SONG-** #25A “All I Have is Christ” (Songbook-Vv. 1,2,3)

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**ENGLISH MESSAGE:** Ezra 2:68-70 (P.735)

**“Lessons On Giving”**

**SANCTUARY CHOIR**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY**

**OFFERING-** *offertory music*

**ARMENIAN MESSAGE:** I John 2:12-17 (Pp. 1889-1900)

**“How To Overcome The World”**

**REMINDERS**

**\*HAYR MER** – #133

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** “*Park K’hez D’her, Asdvadz M’her*”

**POSTLUDE**

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**\*Congregation is requested to stand**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR** today is sponsored by Dr. Taline Hagopian in memory of Gohar Khanbabaian, Marie Arslanian, Antranik and Siran Chalabian, and Levon Keshishian.

**COMMUNITY GROUPS BIBLE STUDY.** Come join us this Wednesday, May 25, at the Darawi home starting at 6:00 pm for the final Community Groups Bible Study of the season. We are having a Pot-Luck dinner and you are all invited. Please RSVP with Jennifer ASAP @ 248-585-0345.

**E.A.C.H INITIATIVE.** Check [www.2WordStory.com](http://www.2WordStory.com) for opportunities to volunteer and to get involved.

**SCHOLARSHIP.** The A.C.C. provides scholarships through its Educational Fund for fulltime college and university students of the church community. For an application please call the church office.

**GRADUATION NOTICE.** ACC would like to honor our graduates by publishing their names and degrees in the June monthly bulletin. Please submit names of graduates from Elementary School, Junior High, High School, College, Graduate School, etc. Deadline for submission is May 30.

**ACC CLEAN-UP DAY** is Saturday, **June 11, from 9:00-1:00 p.m.** Join us in sprucing up the ACC grounds, have lunch, and enjoy some great fellowship all at the same time. Helpers of all ages are welcome.

**FATHER’S DAY PICNIC** is on **June 19, 2011**, following the worship service. Come enjoy lunch, games, and fun activities for children and adults alike. Bring your family and friends to join us for a fun day at the church to honor all the fathers.

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR** is your anniversary, birthday or graduation approaching? Why not share your celebration with the church family by sponsoring the Fellowship Hour.

## **JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY**

**Please pray** for Bob Arabia, Redi Abazi and for Evan Darawi. Check [www.caringbridge.org/visit/evandarawi](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/evandarawi) for updates on Evan's condition.

### **Synopsis of Armenian Message**

The apostle John in these verses mentions more reasons for writing. He writes because, "their sins are forgiven, they know him from the beginning, they have overcome the evil one, they have God's Word abiding in them, and they are strong in the faith." In verses 15-17, John adds a warning against the love of the world and its false attractions. The word "world" here and in scripture in general is usually used to mean human society that is organized around secular human principles that leaves no place for God. So John says, "If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. The simple reason for this is that the love of the world is incompatible with the love of the Father. The world and its attractions cater to man's "cravings of sinful desires," the "lust of the eyes," and the "boasting of what he has and does." John adds a reminder that this world with all its desires and attractions is passing away, but God and what He offers is eternal.

Friends, we will be wise to consider these words and evaluate our lives in their light. How in love are you with what this world is offering? How much do you love God the Father? Does your life show that you love the Father more than the world?

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