

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

11:00 A.M.

December 4, 2011

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

*HYMN – #29 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (Vv. 1,2,3)
#170 “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (Vv. 1,2,3,4)

READING AND LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

PRAYER

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

ARMENIAN MESSAGE: *Ephesians 5:1-20 (Pp.1822-23)*

“Imitators of God”

SANCTUARY CHOIR

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

OFFERING- *offertory music*

ENGLISH MESSAGE: *Revelation 3:14-22 (Pp. 1916-17)*

“Lukewarm”

REMINDERS

*HAYR MER – #133

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

***Congregation is requested to stand**

*** Latecomers be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU to Mrs. Ann Bayleran, Mrs. Leslie Banerian, Mrs. Sona Eurdrekian, and Mrs. Melo Santikian for donating their valuable time to decorate the church lobby and the fellowship hall beautifully for Christmas.

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 11 to Suzan at the office or Pastor Mak.

THE ACC WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP will be holding a bake sale next Sunday, December 11 following the morning worship service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. Please join the Sunday School on December 18 for this year’s Christmas Program. The program begins after the church service, with a complimentary luncheon to follow by the ACC Women’s Fellowship. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS CARDS. The ACC Youth has a box of beautiful Christmas card packages available for any amount of donation. Each package includes 12 cards, three each of four different designs, plus envelopes. The cards are on the table at the fellowship entrance.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS. Help us adorn our chancel with beautiful flowers on Christmas Sunday. If you wish to do that, please submit your name to the church office no later than Wednesday, December 21. The poinsettia price is \$15.00.

AMAA will be issuing an E-Mail Newsletter, if you would like to be on the e-mailing list to receive the letter, please contact the church office.

CHOIR. Choir rehearsal will be **Thursday, December 15.** We will also have practice **on Sundays** after coffee - please attend.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

Pray for Florence Varbedian, Evan Darawi, Ara and Anahid Kachadourian.

MISSIONS

- **Angel Tree.** Angel Tree is a program of Prison Fellowship started by Charles W. Colson. Your support will help bring joy to the children of prisoners by giving them a Christmas present, letting them know they are not forgotten, and telling them about the love of Jesus. If you would like to make a donation please make checks to the ACC, memo-Angel Tree.
- **Christmas In October.** Bring Christmas joy to children of Armenia and Karabagh through AMAA Armenia Summer Camp Christmas Committee. You can make checks payable to ACC. The forms are in the hallway.

- **Food Bank.** On your next trip to the store, or your pantry, collect some non-perishable food items to share with the needy people of Oakland County. Please bring your contributions to the Food Bank box in the foyer.

Synopsis of Armenian Message

All of us often settle for standards that are too low and goals that are too simple. The Christian life, however, is not one of mediocrity. It is a life of total commitment. The goal is to be perfect. This is an unbelievable goal, but nothing less than this lofty standard is acceptable. In this section, Paul continues to exhort the Ephesian believers to leave behind their old, sinful lives and live as new creation in Christ. First, he says that we are to do away with the worldly nature of sin. There should be no hint of sexual immorality, impurity, or greed (v.3). Also, there should be no obscenity, foolish talk, or coarse jokes, which are out of place (v.4). He adds, that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will have an inheritance in the kingdom of God (v.5). This is so positive and clear that all should understand. We are to run away from sin's temptations, and our lives should not show even a hint of the sinful nature. Second, he says that we should be striving for the nature of God. How do we do this? Well, here's the list: "be imitators of God" (v.1), "live a life of love" (v.2), "do not be partner with those who love sin" (v.7), "live as children of light" (v.8), "find out what pleases the Lord" (v.10), "live as a wise person" (v.15), "make the most of every opportunity" (v.16), "understand what the Lord's will is" (v.17), "be filled with the Spirit" (v.18), "sing and make music in your heart to the Lord" (v.19), "always give thanks to God for everything in the name of Jesus" (v.20), and "submit to one another out of reverence for Christ" (v.21).

Friends, this is a long list and a very high standard. But remember that it is not by our own human efforts and strength that we will achieve this, it is God's Spirit in us that will enable us to do it. How is your Christian life? Are you imitating God? Are you daily growing in Christ's character? Pray for God's help.