

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

11:00 A.M.

December 11, 2011

SECOND 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

*SONG – #165 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (Vv. 1,2,3)

READING AND LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

*SONG – #167 “Angels We Have Heard On High” (Vv. 1,2,3)

PRAYER

CHOIR RESPONSE

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ENGLISH MESSAGE: *Isaiah 9:1-7 (P. 1072)*

**“Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace”**

SANCTUARY CHOIR

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

OFFERING- *offertory music*

ARMENIAN MESSAGE: *John 1:1-5 (Pp. 1645-46)*

“Life and Light”

REMINDERS

*HAYR MER – #133

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

***Congregation is requested to stand**

*** Latecomers be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR this morning is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Robert and Lucy Yazejian in honor of their 65th wedding anniversary.

THE ACC WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP will be holding a bake sale *today* following the morning worship service.

COMMUNITY GROUPS BIBLE STUDY this Wednesday, December 14 @ 7:30 p.m. at the Darawi home, and Friday, December 16 at the Arslanian home.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES December meeting will be held on Thursday, December 15 at 7:00 pm.

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 **today** to Suzan’s desk at the office or Pastor Mak.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. Please join the Sunday School next Sunday 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.

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 Joy Package.** 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

John's gospel which is clearly different than the other gospels, does not have a birth narrative like Matthew and Luke. Yet, in its opening five verses we are told as much about Jesus' origins and who He is as the other gospels. Jesus, the Word (Gk. *logos*) is from the beginning. This expression echoes the first words of the Bible in Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." God created everything by speaking, using words, and things came to be. John, unlike Matthew and Luke, does not trace the beginning of Jesus' earthly life, but shows how Jesus does not really have a beginning because He eternally existed with God. *Jesus always existed.* He was always there with God and He Himself is God. He is the second person of the Trinity. Jesus is not "a god," He is not "godlike," or a "divine person," *Jesus is God.* In the beginning when God created everything, Jesus was there, one with the Creator, creating everything that was created. He Himself was not created, but *He is the Creator* of all things. Jesus is also the source of life, and this life brings light into the lives of people. Not only as creator He is the source of physical life, but He is also the source of spiritual life. Sin had brought darkness into the minds and hearts of people and Jesus came as "the life that brings light." Jesus brings to this world that is darkened by sin, the light of God. This light brings "true knowledge, moral purity and shows the presence of God."

Friends, today also, Jesus comes to us as the true life and light of all those who by faith embrace Him as the Savior. In this season of beautiful lights, I pray that the Light of the World will lighten your heart.

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