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JOHN 3:16

²⁹ FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY
BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD
NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.^{KJV}

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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9.00 a.m.

WORSHIP 10.30 a.m.

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BIRTHDAYS

March – 2012

| | | |
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| Miss. Kayala Malini Mathew | 147 Brandon Ct, NJ | 02 |
| Mrs. Lida S. Ninan | 436 Buchanan Avenue | 05 |
| Mr. Jubin John | 216 Hawthorne Avenue | 06 |
| Ms. Juby J. Panicker | 461 North Gannon Avenue | 07 |
| Mr. Laurence Poykayil | 18 Field Lane, NY | 07 |
| Miss. Shilpa S. Thomas | 175 Sunset Avenue | 08 |
| Mrs. Ruby J. Campbell | 337 Chain O'Hills Rd, NJ | 08 |
| Mrs. Omana Rajee | 19 Pilcher Street | 10 |
| Mr. Bibin George | 203 Westwood Avenue | 11 |
| Miss. Shiney Poykayil | 18 Field Lane, NY | 11 |
| Mrs. Rachel George | 13 Area Place | 12 |
| Miss. Depa John | 472 Livermore Avenue | 12 |
| Miss. Shannon S. Thomas | 175 Sunset Avenue | 12 |
| Mr. Varughese Mathai | 281 Brielle Avenue | 15 |
| Mr. Abraham Varampathu | 3 Dewhurst Street | 15 |
| Dr. Santhosh Thomas | 8 Poland Place | 15 |
| Mrs. Minos A. Abraham | 62 Jasper Street | 16 |
| Mr. Sanal George | 15 Jasper Street | 16 |
| Mr. Mathews Abraham | 33 Dorothy Avenue | 16 |
| Mr. Shiju Varughese | 28 Steers Street | 16 |
| Mr. Kevin Mathew | 439 Boulder Drive, NJ | 20 |
| Mrs. Suby Cherian | 150 Logan Avenue | 20 |
| Mr. Anil Kunjachen | 229 Kell Avenue | 21 |
| Mr. Leslie V. Mathew | 206 Holden Blvd | 21 |
| Mrs. Ponnamma Kurian | 247 Byrne Avenue | 23 |
| Mr. Jaison John | 961 Ellis Parkway, NJ | 23 |
| Mrs. Sheeja P. Thomas | 35 Norwich Street | 23 |
| Miss. Neena G. Thomas | 49 Jasper Street | 24 |
| Master. Rahul Roshin | 283 Martin Avenue | 25 |
| Mr. Reji George | 1144 Victory Blvd. | 26 |
| Miss. Rhea Rachel Abraham | 62 Jasper Street | 27 |
| Master. Samuel Joseph Babu | 64 Holden Blvd. | 27 |
| Mrs. Mollykutty Joseph | 335 Mountainview Avenue | 28 |
| Mr. Shailey Varughese | 323 Mountainview Avenue | 29 |
| Miss. Tiffany Samuel | 24 Jules Drive | 29 |
| Miss. Jaimy Jacob | 27 Area Place | 30 |
| Mrs. Thankamma Thomas | 8 Poland Place | 31 |

From the desk of Vicar

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

The Fifty days of Lent is the remembrance of 40 Days of Jesus fasting and prayer in the wilderness, 7 Days of Jesus passion between the triumphant entry to Jerusalem and the crucifixion, 3 Days of death, burial and resurrection. Though it is a remembrance of the total Christ event, by observing the Lent, one believer is passing through four major religious experiences such as Repentance, Reconciliation, Renewal, and Reunion.

During the Lenten season one believer has to follow the path of renunciation, fasting, meditation, reexamination and prayer that leads oneself to repentance. All other religious experiences starts with repentance. Repentance is nothing but to be aware of our wrongs and say sorry to God and fellow beings with whom we have committed wrongs. To say sorry, like the prodigal son, one has to come into senses and to have a humble heart. It is just coming back to the presence of God the Father by taking a U- Turn with zealous to find the right way, coming back to the ultimate way which is Love.

Repentance leads us to reconciliation. Reconciliation is making peace in our relationship with God and with fellow beings. It involves forgiveness. The work of reconciliation is the basic agenda of healing. It is restoration of relationship, collectiveness and connectedness rather than closed and cut-off relationships. Reconciliation is possible only through repentance and forgiveness.

A person who is reconciled with God and putting his/her trust in Him will be renewed with the Holy Spirit who is the giver of Life. "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint"(IS. 40:31)

It is an experience in Christ that enables a believer to be strong, coming back to the abundance of life, moving with spiritual enthusiasm. It is a process of becoming a new creation. "If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation, the old has gone and the new has come" (II Cor. 5:17)

A renewed person experiences reunion with Christ. Reunion is nothing but abiding in Christ and Christ in us."Remain in me and I will remain in you. No Branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me (St. John 15:4).

Reunion is fruit bearing by remaining in Christ and in His words and there by God's name will be glorified and we show ourselves to this world as Christ's disciples.

It is my prayer that the observances of Lent may help each member of our parish to experience a new realm of religious life which would be blessing to our parish and community.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish prosperity and happiness to all those celebrating their birthdays and wedding anniversaries this month.

With prayers,
Yours in Christ's Love,

Rev Baby John

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WORSHIP SERVICES – MARCH 2012

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| Mar 04 | Holy Communion (Malayalam) | 10:30 am |
| | (Diocesan Sunday - Rev. M.S Daniel, Teaneck MTC) | |
| Mar 11 | Holy Communion (English) | 10:30 am |
| Mar 18 | Holy Communion (Malayalam) | 10:30 am |
| Mar 25 | Holy Communion (English) | 10.30 am |
| Mar 30 | Holy Communion (Malayalam) | 10.00 am |
| | (40 th Friday Lent) | |

LECTIONARY FOR MARCH 2012

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>FIRST LESSON</u> | <u>2ND LESSON</u> | <u>EPISTLE</u> |
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| Mar 04 | Isa. 1:1 -20 | 1 John. :1:5- 2:6 | Heb. 9:24-28 |
| Mar 11 | Isa. 45: 1-8 | Acts. 16: 6-15 | Gal. 2: 11-21 |
| Mar 18 | Isa.59: 9-21 | Rom. 8: 31-39 | Eph. 6: 10-20 |
| Mar 25 | Isa.42: 1-9 | Acts. 16: 19-34 | 2 Cor. 11: 18-28 |
| Mar 30 | Num. 21: 4-9 | 1 Cor. 1: 18-31 | Gal. 6: 11-16 |

LESSON READINGS:

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| March 04 | Joseph Edikkula | Stella Cheriyan |
| March 11 | Stanley Thomas | Betsy Chacko |
| March 18 | Mathai John | Ruby Panicker |
| March 25 | Alvin Rajan | Sincy Samuel |
| March 30 | Chack P. Kurien | Dolamma Panicker |

Service Assisting:

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| March 04 | Mani Varughese |
| March 11 | Subin Samuel |
| March 18 | Kunjumon Pappy |
| March 25 | Jubin John |

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday 9:00 am.

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PRAYER MEETINGS

SEVIKA SANGHAM – Bible Study

March 13 Tuesday 10.00 am. **Mrs.Dolamma Panicker**, 461 North Gannon Ave
March 27 Tuesday 10.00 am. **Mrs. Annie Jose**, 212 Hales Ave.

FRIDAY FASTING PRAYER.

March 02 10.00 am **Mrs. & Mr. K.J Ninan**, 436 Buchanan Ave.
March 09 10.00 am **Mrs. & Mr. John K. Mathai**, 572 Mosel Ave.
March 16 10.00 am **Mrs. Annamma Koshy**, 434 Alter Ave.
March 23 10.00 am **Mrs. & Mr. Mathai John** , 135 Byrne Ave.

YOUNG WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP PRAYER

March 18 Sunday 3.00 pm Ms. Sissey Susan Jose, 212 Hales Ave.

World Day of Prayer:

March 10 Saturday 10.00 am Mar Gregorios Orthodox Syrian Church, S.I

CHOIR:

Choir practices will be held on Saturday 5.00 p.m. at the Church for Malayalam.
Saturday 2.00 p.m at the Church for English.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP:

Intercessory Prayer:

March 06 Friday 7.00 p.m @ Parsonage.

Girls Bible Study:

March 15 Sunday 3.00 p.m. @ 472 Deepa John, 472 Livermore Ave.

Boys Bible Study:

March 15 Sunday 4.00 P.M. @ Leo Skaria 188 walcott Ave.

Cottage Prayer:

March 21 3.00 p.m. Place to be announce.

New Born:

Congratulation to grandparents Mr. Thomas Thazhathakuttu & Mrs. Susamma Thomas and parents of Mr. Stanley Thomas & Veena Thomas are blessed with their new born baby girl, Johanna Susan Thomas born on February 5, 2012.

Condolence:

Mrs. Annamma Abraham (83), Kochukuzhiyil Houese, Mallappally mother of Mrs. Annamma James, 175 Sheraden Avenue, passed away on Monday February 6, 2012 in Kerala.

Vicar and the members of the Mar Thoma Church Staten Island express our heartfelt condolence and deepest sympathies to the bereaved family.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - 2012

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| Vicar & President | : Rev. Baby John | 718 370-7664 |
| <i>revbabyjohn@gmail.com</i> | | <i>Cell: 917 932-4575</i> |
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| Lay Leader | : Reji George | 718 761-3265 |
| | : Anish T. Chacko | 718 556-0412 |

Prayer group Representatives:

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| Bradley Prayer Group | : Philip K. John | 718 698-4265 |
| Hylan Blvd/NJ Prayer Group | : Mathew John | 732 650-1373 |
| North shore Prayer Group | : Mani Varughese | 718 698-7463 |
| Willowbrook Prayer Group | : Prince Thomas | 718 370-1414 |

Organization's Representatives:

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| Choir | : Elsy Mathews | 718 370-3597 |
| Edavaka Mission | : Philip Jacob | 718 370-2318 |
| Sevika Sanghom | : Annie Jose | 718 317-2263 |
| Sunday school | : Thomas K. Jose | 718 317-2263 |
| Youth Fellowship | : Vivin Varughese | 718 370-7588 |
| Yuvajana Sakhyam | : Roshin Mammen | 718 698-6101 |

Sabha Mandalam & Diocese:

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| Diocesan Assembly Members | : Checha John | 718 227-6684 |
| | : Varughese P. Varughese | 718 761-6847 |
| | : Wilsant K. Babukutty | 718 982-8898 |

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| Sabha Mandalam Member | : Abraham P. Thomas | 718 698-3798 |
| | : Jacob Chacko | 718 698-6310 |

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| Auditors | : Koshy P. Koshy | 718 987-5108 |
| | : Shibu P. Thomas | 718 698-4848 |



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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| Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Varghese | 206 Holden Blvd. | 02 |
| Mr. & Mrs. Shajan K. Cherian | 42 Deppe Place | 12 |
| Mr. & Mrs. Alex Chacko | 274 Ardmore Ave | 15 |
| Mr. & Mrs. Rex Eapen | 346 Buchannan Avenue | 23 |

Malayalam Questions

1. നിക്ഷേപം ശേഖരിക്കുന്നത് എപ്പോള്?
2. വിശ്വാസത്താല് സമ്പന്നര് ആര് ?
3. ഭൂമിയുടെ വിലയേറിയ ഫലത്തിനായി കാത്തിരിക്കുന്നത് ആര് ?
4. ജ്ഞാന ലക്ഷണം എന്താണ് ?
5. ന്യായ പ്രമാണത്താല് ലഭ്യമായ കാര്യം ആര് എല്ലാം?
6. യാകോബ് ആരാണ് ?
7. നല്ല ഭാനവും തികഞ്ഞ വരമൊക്കെയും എവിടെ നിന്ന് വരുന്നു?
8. അധികം ശിക്ഷ വിധി വരയിരിപ്പാൻ നാം എന്ത് ചെയ്യേണം?
9. അവൻ നിങ്ങളെ ഉയർത്തും. ആരെ ?
10. ദൈവം എതിർത്ത് നികുന്നത് ആരോടാണ് ?

English Questions:

1. When have you hoarded or stored wealth ?
2. Who is considered to be rich in faith?
3. Who waits for the precious produce of the soil?
4. What are the signs of wisdom?
5. Who are considered as Lawbreakers?
6. Who is James?
7. Where does the good thing and perfect gift come from?
8. What should we do so that we do not get judged?
9. He will lift you up. Whom?
10. To whom does God oppose?

Answers to Last month

1. കരുണ (2:13)
2. നീതിമാനെ (5:6)
3. ദൈവത്തിന്റെ (4:7)
4. അധികം ശിക്ഷ വിധി വെറും എന്ന അറിഞ്ഞു (3:1)
5. കൊയ്തവരുടെ മുറവിളി (5:4)
6. 2: 2-4
7. ദൈവം : ദൈവത്തോട് അടുത്ത് ചെല്ലുമ്പോള് (4:8)
8. നാം കർത്താവും പിതാവും ആയവനെ (3:8)
9. സംശയിക്കുന്നവൻ (1:6)
10. ദൈവത്തിന്റെയും കർത്താവായ യേശു ക്രിസ്തുവിന്റെയും ദാസൻ