

FROM THE VICAR :

“The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms..” (Exodus.33:27)

Dearly beloved in Christ,

We have arrived at the threshold of the year 2014 and it is purely by God’s grace alone. As we are moving on in to the New Year2014, what is our testimony? Some of us stumbled, others fell, some got up and continued their journey while others gave up and perished Many of us depended on our strength and succeeded to a large extent. Others tried,failed. Clung on the promises of God and in His time, He made all things beautiful. At the end of 2014 , is that your testimony?

New Year is a time for re-reading, re-imagining and re-dedicating our own life. In this context the parable of the barren fig tree (Luke.13:6-9) is very relevant. It tells us at least three things about God’s dealing with us.

1. A God of purpose-His purpose for the fig tree was that it should be bear fruits. His purpose for us is that we should be fruitful. We are often refrain from the more glaring sins, provided we try to exercise a few virtues ,we can get through life in a way that ought to be acceptable to God. The parable tells us that this is not so. God has a purpose for each one of us. Each should attain that perfection which is His design for us .

2. A God of judgment- The fig tree did not bear fruit. That was the reason why the owner wanted it cut down. Also it cumbered the ground. The parable says ,uselessness brings its own judgment. Unless we are ministering the love of God to those outside, we are like a barren fig tree bearing no fruit and we would render ourselves useless in life. 3. A God of forbearance-Our God is a God of forbearance. He longs that we shall turn to Him, turn to the world in mission and service. He gives us every chance to change our outlook. All the means of Grace-worship, sacrament, prayer and study of the scripture may strengthen for what we ought to be doing. New Year is a season of Grace. Now is the time for us to reform our lives. Now is the time to make whatever changes are necessary that the fig tree in the Lord’s vineyard will bear more fruit in personal growth ,prayer and service to others.

We are at the exit of one more financial year also. It is the time for us to assess the profit and loss. The profit of a parish is its spiritual growth and loss is its spiritual decline. As a church in general, God has blessed us with manifold blessings. But we should look at the personal spiritual growth of our life. The growth or decline reflects in our day-today activities. If we have go down in any area, it is our responsibility to do an

autopsy to find out the reason and according to correct our ailments. Our God is a loving God who waits for every one to return to Him. Let this New Year be a time of re-dedication for us to have good spiritual profit in the coming year.

As the vicar of this parish I would like to thank all office bearers and executive committee members of the parish and organizations for their devoted and sacrificial services provided for the spiritual well being of the parish and parishioners. I also welcome and congratulate the newly elected office bearers and executive committee members and wish them all the best in their service in the courts of the Lord. May God help us to work together with a heart of love, unity and mutual respect for the ministry in His kingdom. Let us work together with a spirit of togetherness and concord for not to be served but to serve.

May God bless you all Wish you all a very Happy & a Blessed New Year 2014

With prayerful regards,
Shibu achen

<u>Assistance & Ushering</u>	
<u>Month</u>	<u>Prayer Group</u>
January	New Hyde Park
February	Garden City Park
March	Elmont

<u>Lectionary</u>				
<u>Date</u>	<u>1st Lesson</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Jan. 5	Isa.60:1-7	Acts8:26-38	Heb.1:1-12	St.Mat.2:1-12
Jan. 12	Eccl.6:1-12	1Pet.1:13-25	1Cor.3:16-23	St.Mat.5:21-30
Jan. 19	Ezek.37:15-23	1Cor.1:10-17	Eph.4:1-6	St..John15:1-12
Jan. 26	Neh.2:11-18	Rev1.21:1-18	1Pet.2:13-17	St.Luke3:7-14

<u>Condolences</u>
The following persons enter into eternal life:
1. Our member Mr. Alexander Varghese (Johnychayan) [80]; Passed away on 12 – 27 – 13. He was an active member of our Parish, from the beginning. All his service to the

Parish is remembered with gratitude at this time. May God comfort Annamma Aunty, Makkal Alex, Susan and there family members.

2. Mrs. Mariamma Davis [89]; Grandmother of Mrs. Rinu Ignatious, New Hyde Park.

3. Mrs. Saramma Samuel [89]; Sister of Mr. Rajamma Thomas, Minnola.

4. Mr. Simon Abraham [73]; Brother of Mrs. Mary Mathew, Woodhaven.

5. Mr. M.J. Mathew [81]; Brother of Mr. M.C. Abraham, Chathenkery.

Parish expresses heartfelt condolences to the bereaving families. Please uphold these families in our prayers.

Worship Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Observance</u>
Jan. 5 Sunday	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Praise & Worship (English) Holy Communion (Mal)
Jan. 12 Sunday	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Praise & Worship (Mal) Holy Communion (English)
Jan. 19 Sunday	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Praise & Worship (English) Holy Communion (Mal)
Jan. 26 Sunday	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Praise & Worship (Mal) Holy Communion (English)

Sunday School

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
January 5	9:00 - 10:10 AM	Assembly & Classes
January 12	9:00 - 10:10 AM	Assembly & Classes
January 19	9:00 - 10:10 AM	Assembly & Classes
January 26	9:00 - 10:10 AM	Assembly & Classes

Newly Elected Office Bearers of the Year 2014

Vice President	Mr. Cherukara Philipose
Secretary	Mr. Shibu John
Trustee	Mr. Saji K. Varughese

Accountant	Mr. Thomas Chacko
Layleader (Mal)	Mr. Thomas Mathew
Layleader (Eng)	Mr. Alvin Mathew

<u>Area Prayer Meetings</u>		
<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Saturday January 11 7:00 PM	Coney Island	Mr. P.V. Mathew 465 Ovington Av. Brooklyn 718-836-1380
Saturday January 18 7:00 PM	Ridgewood/Wyckoff	Mr. Abraham K. Daniel 1717 Starr St. Brooklyn 718-417-8441
Sunday January 19 5:00 PM	New Hyde Park	Mrs. Sankutty Varghese 77 Maple Dr. New Hyde Park
Sunday January 20 7:00 PM	Garden City Park	Mr. John Mani 16 Bolton Rd. Garden City Park 516-414-4986
Saturday January 25 5:00 PM	Elmont	Mr. Jacob Chacko 1309 O St. Elmont 516-872-3857
Sunday January 27 7:00 PM	Long Island	Mr. Mathew Varghese 404 Chambers Av. East Meadow 718-715-1017

<u>Sevika Sanghom</u>		
<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Friday January 10 10:00 AM [Fasting Prayer]	Bellerose	Mrs. Annamma Abraham 82-27 214 St. Queens Village 718-465-7170

Thursday January 16 10:00 AM [Bible Study]	Elmont	Mrs. Chinnamma John 86 Carolyn Av. Elmont 516-561-6245
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<u>Birthday Greetings To</u>		
Elsy Thomas Philip	Monroe	1- Jan
Jacob D. Koshy	Kew Gardens Hills	2- Jan
Jacob Mathew	Fresh Meadows	2- Jan
Jeena Thomas	Albertson	2- Jan
Nadiya Antony	New Hyde Park	3- Jan
Regin Samuel Abraham	New Hyde Park	3- Jan
Rosy Kandathil	Woodhaven	3- Jan
Sosamma Varghese	Merrick	3- Jan
Anitha Annamma John	Merrick	4- Jan
Dr. Abel John Cherian	Floral Park	4- Jan
Koshy Johnkutty	Jamaica Estates	4- Jan
Mariamamma Varghese	New Hyde Park	4- Jan
Chacko Varghese	Bellerose	5- Jan
Mariamamma Mathew	Ridgewood	5- Jan
Philip P. Varghese	Roslyn	5- Jan
Valsamma Mathew	Elmont	5- Jan
Jeeji Y. Mathunny	New Hyde Park	6- Jan
Jobby John	Queens Village	6- Jan
Juby Thomas Eappen	Merrick	7- Jan

Mariamanna George	Albertson	7- Jan
Mariamanna Mathew	Brooklyn	7- Jan
Elizabeth Easow	Richmond Hill	8- Jan
George P. John	Queens Village	8- Jan
Mirian George	Elmont	8- Jan
Noble Thomas	West Hempstead	8- Jan
Christine John	Garden City Park	9- Jan
Sharon K. Jayan	New Hyde Park	9- Jan
Shibu Mathew	Staten Island	9- Jan
Saramma Mathew	Glen Oaks	10- Jan
Elizabeth Bobby Thariath	Rosedale	11- Jan
Jaunita John	New Hyde Park	12- Jan
Mariamanna John	New Hyde Park	12- Jan
Biju Mathew	New Hyde Park	13- Jan
Joseph K. Chacko	Garden City Park	13- Jan
Lincy Mathew	Brooklyn	13- Jan
Roshan Abraham	Ridgewood	13- Jan
Aleena Elsa Joe	Brooklyn	14- Jan
Cynthia Varughese	East Meadow	14- Jan
Sosamma Alexander	Elmont	14- Jan
Dickey Varghese	Ridgewood	15- Jan
Kevin Samuel Abraham	New Hyde Park	15- Jan
Mariamanna Chacko	Elmont	15- Jan
Mary Vijaya Mathew	Farmingdale	15- Jan

A.P. Abraham	New Hyde Park	16- Jan
Mathew T. Mathew	Garden City Park	16- Jan
Reji Mathew	Elmont	16- Jan
Saramma Varughese	New Hyde Park	17- Jan
Seena Mathew	New Hyde Park	17- Jan
Abraham D. Kochalummoottil	Ridgewood	18- Jan
Amoolya Ann Varghese	Elmont	18- Jan
Johnson P. Varghese	Elmont	18- Jan
Terri John Thomas	North Woodmere	18- Jan
Jobin Thomas	Brooklyn	19- Jan
Lebha Mathew	Hicksville	19- Jan
Saji K. Varghese	Brooklyn	19- Jan
Sonu Wilson Oommen	Floral Park	19- Jan
Mary Saji	Brooklyn	20- Jan
Julie George	Floral Park	21- Jan
Karina Alex Thomas	Elmont	21- Jan
Tissy Alexander	New Hyde Park	21- Jan
Gracy C. John	New Hyde Park	22- Jan
Hannah S. Thomas	Bellerose	22- Jan
Jaison Amos	Merrick	22- Jan
Abraham M.Thannickal	Brooklyn	23- Jan
Benjamin Thariath	Rosedale	23- Jan
Jessy S. Oommen	Richmond Hill	23- Jan
Mani N. Mani	Melville	23- Jan

Nidhi Jacob	Brooklyn	23- Jan
Thomas K. Mathew	Garden City Park	23- Jan
Nikhil Philip	East Meadow	24- Jan
Aleyamma Abraham	Bellerose	25- Jan
Aleyamma Jacob	Elmont	25- Jan
Chinnamma Thomas	Wantagh	25- Jan
John John	Hicksville	25- Jan
Jeremiah E. Mathew	Henrico	26- Jan
John Samuel	Manhasset Hills	26- Jan
K.P. Varghese	Floral Park	26- Jan
Rexel Varghese	New City	26- Jan
Sosamma Jincy Mathews	Floral Park	26- Jan
Marianma Abraham	Woodmere	27- Jan
Marykutty Philipose	Queens Village	27- Jan
Gabrielle Marie Daniel	Elmont	28- Jan
Johnson John	Syosset	28- Jan
Renzy M. Mani	Melville	29- Jan
Alex Thomas	Elmont	30- Jan
Jency Mammen	Glen Oaks	31- Jan

<u>Wedding Anniversary Greetings To</u>		
Jose M. Nalonnil	Manhasset Hills	1- Jan
John Daniel	Garden City Park	2- Jan
Abraham M.Thannickal	Brooklyn	8- Jan
Koshy Mathew	Elmont	8- Jan

John Samuel	Manhasset Hills	9-Jan
Jinu Chandy Philip	Ridgewood	10-Jan
Subash Thomas	Bellerose	10-Jan
Mathew Varghese	Valley Stream	11-Jan
Alexander Varughese	West Hempstead	12-Jan
Fredy Varghese	Ridgewood	12-Jan
George C. George	East Meadow	12-Jan
P.T. Abraham	Laferia	12-Jan
Thomas Varghese	Coney Island	12-Jan
Chacko Daniel	Manhasset Hills	14-Jan
Samuel Alexander	Elmont	14-Jan
Abhilash Varughese Abraham	Yonkers	15-Jan
Ansu Abraham	Ridgewood	15-Jan
Philip Varghese	Jersey City	15-Jan
Philip Varghese	Elmont	16-Jan
Mathew Koshy	New Hyde Park	17-Jan
Thomas Easow	Richmond Hill	18-Jan
Anup T. George	Mineola	19-Jan
Oommen K. Varghese	Elmont	19-Jan
George Kuruvilla	New Hyde Park	21-Jan
Thomas K. Thomas	Valley Stream	21-Jan
Mani N. Mani	Melville	23-Jan
Shaji Varghese	New Hyde Park	23-Jan
Sanjay Mathew	Queens Village	24-Jan

George P. Jose	Glen Oaks	26- Jan
John Varghese	Deer Park	26- Jan
Thomas Pothen	Floral Park	26- Jan
Varughese George	Elmont	29- Jan