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38th Year

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Vicar's message:

Greetings to all in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

It gives me immense pleasure to address you all once again. As we entering in to the second month of the New Year, may the Almighty Lord continue to bless you all. The plan of action for the month of February has been scheduled. The first Sunday of February is being observed as Medical Mission Sunday with the theme "perfect healing that Christ gives". The second Sunday theme is "Community that has to be prepared for the word of God" (Beginning of 124th Maramon Convention), the third Sunday theme is "Creation that revels God's Glory" (End of the 124th Maramon Convention) and the fourth Sunday theme is "Fall of Creation".

As far as the Mar Thoma Christians with roots in Kerala is concerned, the months of February & March is the season of Conventions at different levels. Strict adherence to the word of God with we inherited from the reformation tradition, is the idea and driving force of what we are now. The word of God is the collected experiences of people and communities with God in this world in different historical contexts.

We are undoubtedly the people of the same God and we have only the same word of God to follow. So please ensure due important to personal devotion and study of the word of God in our day-to -day lives. The word of St. Paul's to Timothy "I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwelt in you. Hence I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands: for God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control" (2 Timothy 1: 5 -7). This is an ever time reminder for all

ages of Christians and I hope and pray that the spirit of power and love and self-control strengthen and guide us in these years also.

May I invite all General Body members to attend the Annual General Body of our Church (2018) which will be held **on 17th February 2019 after the Holy Communion Service**. The annual committee was held on 27th January 2019, the committee has been approved the annual report (2018), the audited statement of accounts (2018) and the budget for 2019. Once again, I request your wholehearted support and prayerful presence for the spiritual growth of the worshipping community.

May God Bless you all
Regards and Prayers
Rev. Jogy Thomas

<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</u>			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Special Observance</u>
Sunday February 03	9:00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	Medical Mission Sunday
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
Sunday February 10	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (Malayalam)	Beginning of 124 th Maramon Convention
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (English)	
Sunday February 17	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	End of 124 th Maramon Convention
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
Sunday February 24	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (Malayalam)	
	10:15AM	Holy Communion (English)	

<u>ASSISTANCE & USHERING: 2018</u>	
<u>Month</u>	<u>Prayer Group</u>
February 2019	Cony Island
March 2019	Bellerose
April 2019	Ridgewood / Wykoff

LECTIONARY

<u>Date</u>	<u>1st Lesson</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Feb 03	2Kgs 5:1-14	Acts 3:1-10	Rom 5:16-21	Mark 5:1-15
Feb 10	Deut 31:9-13	Acts 16:19-34	Rom 1:8-17	Luke 8:9-15
Feb 17	Gen 2:1-9	2Thess 1:1-12	Col 1:26-29	Matt 6:25-30
Feb 24	Gen 11:1-9	Eph 2:1-10	Rom 8:18-25	Luke 10:10-16

Area Prayer Meetings		
Date	Area	Venue
Sunday Feb 03 06:30 PM	Floral Park	Mr. Cherian Kottackal 80-28,266 St. Floral Park Tel. 718-347-4318
Sunday Feb 17 05:00 PM	Garden City Park	Mr. Jose M. Nalonnil 66- Monterey Dr Manhasset Hills Tel. 516.869.0678
Sunday Feb. 17 07:00 PM	New Hyde Park	Mr. Babu Varghese 1748 Alladin Ave New Hyde Park Tel. 516-327-0159

Sevika Sanghom Bible Study		
Date	Area	Venue
Friday Feb.01 10:00 AM	At Church	Combined with Edavaka Mission
Thursday Feb. 07 10:00 AM	Cony Island / Bay ridge	Mrs. Mariamma Abraham 629 -Ave Y Cony Island Tel. 718-766-1015
Thursday Feb. 14 10:00 AM	Floral Park/Bellerose	Mrs. Mariamma Mathai 82-62, 246St. Bellerose Rel. 718-343-2152
Friday Feb 15 10:00 AM	At Church	Combined with Edavaka Mission
Thursday Jan, 24 07:00 PM	New Hyde Park/ Garden city Park	Mrs. Tissy Alexander 40 – North 10st. New Hyde Park Tel. 516-328-0425

<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>		
<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Feb. 2019	Every Sunday 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM	Sunday School Class

<u>MALAYALAM CHOIR</u>
Choir practices will be held on the following Sundays: Feb. 03 rd & 17 th at 9:00AM and on Saturday Feb. 18 th at 7:00 PM in the Church. All choir members are requested to attend these practices.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Following families are blessed with new arrivals

1. Cerril & Susan Mathew

71 Royal way

Manhasset Hills

Baby Girl

Mila Ann Mathew

2. Jerrin & Tigi

118-15 103Ave

Richmond Hill

Baby Boy

David Jerrin

3. Tom Cherian & Sona Augustin

2556 – Tonquin St.

East Meadow

Baby Girl

Emma Mary Cherian

May God bless the babies. Congratulations to the parents.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

Suja Abraham	Woodside	1-Feb
Aiden K Varghese	East Meadow	1-Feb
Riya Marie Mathew	New Hyde Park	2-Feb
Sheena Mariam Abraham	New Hyde Park	2-Feb
Jeson Thomas	Brooklyn	2-Feb
Tom Mathai	Elmont	2-Feb
Libu Abraham	Brooklyn	2-Feb
Mary Mani	New Hyde Park	2-Feb
Varughese Varughese	Glen Oaks	3-Feb
Nisha S. Joseph	Bellerose	4-Feb
Sherly George	Kew Gardens	4-Feb
Julia Varghese	Bellmore	4-Feb
Alexander P. Chandy	East Meadow	5-Feb
Sarala Elisha Marie John	Hicksville	5-Feb
Mini J. Mathew	New Hyde Park	5-Feb
Jaimini Varghese	New Hyde Park	6-Feb
Jessica Varghese	Syosset	7-Feb
Baby George Thomas	Garden City Park	7-Feb
Geobey Abraham	Floral Park	7-Feb
Lalimma Thomas	Bellerose	8-Feb
Jiby Varughese	East Meadow	9-Feb
Aileen Philip	Elmont	9-Feb
Justin V. Thomas	Woodside	9-Feb
Reuben K. George	Queens Village	10-Feb
Diya R. Regy	Commack	10-Feb
T. C. Kurian	Floral Park	10-Feb
Sajee George	New Hyde Park	10-Feb
Ashlin Philip	Elmont	10-Feb
Susan Thampan	Manhasset Hills	11-Feb
Thomas V. Mathews	Merrick	11-Feb
Roshan T. Varughese	New Hyde Park	11-Feb

Ammini Jose	Floral Park	11-Feb
Stanley Jacob	Floral Park	12-Feb
Alvin George C. Mathew	Farmingdale	12-Feb
C. C. Mathai	New Hyde Park	12-Feb
Katharine Ammini Thomas	Weston	13-Feb
Jerrill Mathew	Manhasset Hills	13-Feb
Manoj Mathai	Floral Park	13-Feb
Mathai M. Varghese	New Hyde Park	14-Feb
Roshan Alexander	Queens Village	14-Feb
Liju Abraham	Brooklyn	15-Feb
George Mathai	Floral Park	15-Feb
Dr. Santhosh M. Cherian	Floral Park	15-Feb
Saramma Chacko	Bellerose	15-Feb
Lauren Elizabeth Philip	Elmont	15-Feb
Priya Philip Mathai	East Meadow	18-Feb
Steven David Jacob	West Hempstead	18-Feb
Varghese Pothan	Elmont	18-Feb
Thomas C. Varghese	Floral Park	18-Feb
Asha Varughese	Glen Oaks	18-Feb
Winnie Elma Roy	Huntsville	18-Feb
Jensen George Thomas	Albertson	19-Feb
Joel Jacob	Fresh Meadows	20-Feb
Roshan Varughese	New Hyde Park	21-Feb
Saju Idicula Varghese	West Hempstead	22-Feb
Milen Mathew Sanjay	Floral Park	22-Feb
Anson George	Floral Park	22-Feb
Aleykutty Thomas	Bellerose	24-Feb
Priya R. Samuel	Dix Hills	24-Feb
Kevin B. Thomas	Weston	25-Feb
Jacob K. Mathew	Garden City Park	25-Feb
Leah Ann Mathew	New Hyde Park	25-Feb
Iype P. Abraham	Brooklyn	26-Feb
Dr. Varughese Cherian	Dix Hills	26-Feb
Jimmy M. Joy	New Hyde Park	28-Feb

Aleyamma Kurian	Merrick	28-Feb
Sosamma Johnkutty	Jamaica Estates	Feb-29
Swaroop George	New Hyde Park	Feb-29

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

Anu Abraham	RIDGEWOOD	2-Feb
Varghese K Pappachan	LONG ISLAND	2-Feb
Yohannan Cherian	FLORAL PARK (NASSAU)	3-Feb
Philip Verghese	FLORAL PARK (QUEENS)	4-Feb
Johnson John	SYOSSET	4-Feb
Lijo Dan Abraham	CONEY ISLAND	6-Feb
Eapen Mathews	RIDGEWOOD	9-Feb
Jacob Mammen	Floral Park	9-Feb
Skariah T. Samuel	MINEOLA	9-Feb
Alexander P. Chandy	EAST MEADOW	10-Feb
Daniel P. John	NEW HYDE PARK	10-Feb
Libin T Oommen	NEW HYDE PARK	11-Feb
George T. Thomas	NEW HYDE PARK	12-Feb
Biju Thomas	VALLEY STREAM	12-Feb
Thomas M. Mathew	ELMONT	15-Feb
Joseph P. Oommen	QUEENS VILLAGE	19-Feb
Varughese Varughese	BELLEROSE/QUEENS VILLAGE	22-Feb
Abraham K. George	FLORAL PARK (NASSAU)	23-Feb
George C. Abraham	New Hyde Park	23-Feb
George K. Thomas	QUEENS VILLAGE	26-Feb
Thomas Mathew	MANHASSET HILLS	26-Feb
Sajee George	NEW HYDE PARK	28-Feb
Varghese George	NEW CITY	28-Feb

Condolences

- 1 Mr. Easow Varghese (73) father of our member Mrs. Lena George, 11 Hampton Av, Albertson passed away
- 2 Mr. P. D Mathew (67) passed away in Kerala. He is the father of our member Mr. Liju Mahtew and the brother of our members, Mrs. Kunjamma Varghese, Mrs. Mary Abraham, Mrs. Money John, Mrs. Elizabeth Jacob.
- 3 Mrs. Rebeca Varghese (81), aunt of our member Mrs. Valsa Mammen passed away at Bensalem, PA

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

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

"Except the Lord build a house, they labor in vain that build it. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain." Psalms 127:1

Our efforts are useless unless we do our work the way God wants us to do it. In the above verse two important aspects of human life are being addressed: establishing a house and who will protect us. This verse shows us the importance of God being the main component in each of these aspects of our lives.

Often, we feel that by our own abilities, we have accomplished great things. We feel that by our abilities we have gained wealth and security. But the above verse shows that without God, everything that we have acquired and those things that we put our trust in is vain or useless.

It is the presence of God that gives us not only the security but also the peace that enables us to enjoy life. In Proverbs 17:1 it is written, "Better is a dry morsel with quiet than a house full of feasting with strife." Having more is not always better. Having more does not mean that we will have more enjoyment. There are people who have a great deal of material wealth, but do not have peace or happiness.

Peace is not in the absence of trouble, but in the presence of God. When God is the foundation of your life, the foundation of your house, and the One you trust to watch over your life, then you will have peace.

Jesus Christ told us that in this world, we will have problems. But we are to be confident because He has overcome the world. So, we should build our lives and our homes the way God wants us to. We should trust God to watch over us. This will help give meaning to our lives and peace to our souls.

Rev. Shibi

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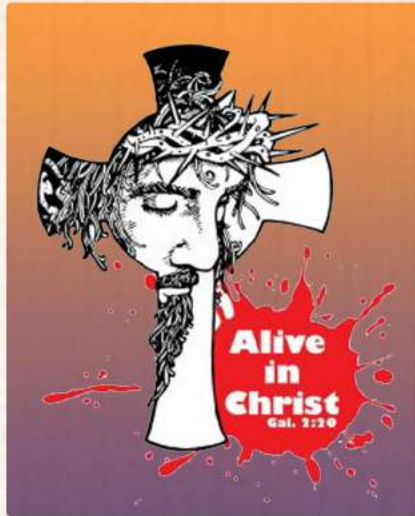
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