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NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2012 VOL:XXII ISSUE:01

Remember God's Providence - "Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way"; Deuteronomy: 8:2.

Dearly beloved in Christ,

The beginning of yet another new year brings in freshness and newness. It makes us aware that there is still time ahead to make life better. In this process, we should not forget the past. It is the past that leads us into the present. However bitter or pleasant the past must have been, the past has to be remembered. It is in this process of remembering the past; we discover the possibilities of the new.

Moses, as he was about to step down from his leadership role and as a new phase was about to begin, in his address to the people of Israel he cautioned them to remember the long way that the Lord had led them. He reminds them that their clothes on their back did not wear out and their feet did not swell over the years and to that extent God did take care of them. He also tells them that in future when everything is in their favour and when they enjoy life with all the facilities, they should remember that it is God who has made all things possible.

This image of memory or the command to remember thus has a dimension of recollection. But then this command to remember does have another important function and that is, as they remember the past of their life of slavery in Egypt, they should be motivated to work for the liberation of people who are in similar oppressive situations. Thus the theme of memory has a liberation dimension and that is the newness we discover as regards the motif of memory.

In the New Year ahead, let us remember our past as to how God led us as a parish in our spiritual journey with the Lord and let this act of remembrance inspire us to commit ourselves for the fulfillment of His Kingdom on this earth. Let's remember the saying, "Time and tide wait for no man." No one is so powerful that they can stop the march of time.

As we bid good bye to 2011 and welcome 2012 what is our hope and aspirations. As time passes by, we experience failure and success; despair and hope; hatred and love; death and birth. The fact of the matter is when something negative happens in time, something positive also happens in time. There is always room for newness in time. The possibilities for constructive action is to translate the reality of God and God's love and compassion for the world in action. It is to this end we are called and hence we are to utilize our time wisely and usefully.

I humbly request you to pray for everyone around us to have a blessed New Year. As we approach the completion of our Church rebuilding, continue to remember in your prayers, the needs of the parish. We have to find an alternate place of worship from January 2012 until we enter the new sanctuary. The worship and the Sunday school time may change as per the availability of the new facility and it will be communicated to all in due course. Let us stand together in love, oneness and in unity for a blessed mission and ministry of the Lord ahead of us.

All good wishes and prayers for a happy and prosperous New Year 2012.

Christmas 2011.

In His Service
Jacob Verghese Achen

W O R S H I P S C H E D U L E

Week 01; Jan. 01; Holy Comm. Service, Malayalam, Time: TBA

Praise & Worship

Teacher & Grade: Mr. Philip Varghese; Grade 12

Sermon & Prayer: Ms. Jaime Jose, Mr. John Isaac

Lessons: Gen. 1:26-31; Heb. 6:13-30

Mr. Abraham Thomas; Mrs. Ponnamma George

Epistle & Gospel: Rom. 1:9-17; St. Luke 1:26-31, 2:21

Lay Assistant: Mr. M. M Mathew

Week 02; Jan. 08; Holy Comm. Service, English, Time: TBA

Praise & Worship

Teacher & Grade: Mr. Philip Varghese; Grade 12

Sermon & Prayer: Ms. Seena Mathunny; Mr. Romney Rajan

Lessons: Dan. 1:1-21; Acts 7:54-60

Mr. Jimmy Thomas; Ms. Sarah George

Epistle & Gospel: Acts 6:1-7; St. Mat. 24:45-51

Lay Assistant: Mr. Derek Abraham

Week 03; Jan. 15; Holy Comm. Service, Malayalam, Time: TBA

Praise & Worship

Teacher & Grade: Mr. Philip Varghese; Grade 12

Sermon & Prayer: Mr. Melvin John; Mr. Isaac Varghese

Lessons: Micah 4:1-7; Rom. 5:1-11

Mr. Thomas Mathew; Mrs. Lilly Simon

Epistle & Gospel: Eph. 2:11-19; St. Mat. 5:1-9

Lay Assistant: Mr. Abraham George

Week 04; Jan. 22; Holy Comm. Service, English, Time: TBA

Praise & Worship

Teacher & Grade: Mr. Philip Varghese; Grade 12

Sermon & Prayer: Mr. Isaac Varghese; Mr. Jess Chacko

Lessons: Isa. 60:1-14; 2Pet. 1:1-11

Mr. Shajan Koshy; Ms. Ann Koshy

Epistle & Gospel: Eph. 4:1-7; St. John 17:21-26

Lay Assistant: Mr. Alex Abraham

Week 05; Jan. 29; Holy Comm. Service, English, Time: TBA

Praise & Worship

Teacher & Grade: Mr. Philip Varghese; Grade 12

Sermon & Prayer: Mr. Justin Mathew; Mr. Koshy George

Lessons: Joel 2:12-17; Rev. 2:12-17

Mr. Bob Abraham; Mrs. Annamma Mathews

Epistle & Gospel: Eph. 5:8-14; St. Luke 13:1-5

Lay Assistant: Mr. C. V. Simonkutty

B I R T H D A Y S F O R T H E M O N T H

1. Susan Benjamin	1	42. Anoop Mammen	15
2. George Chacko	1	43. Manju S. Mathew	15
3. Elizabeth George	1	44. Mathai M. Mathew	15
4. Jasmine Joseph	1	45. Tony Jacob Thomas	15
5. Riya Anna Roy	1	46. Sibimol Varghese	15
<i>Offer prayer and thanksgiving on January 1, 2012</i>		<i>Offer prayer and thanksgiving on January 15, 2012</i>	
6. Benson T. Alexander	2	47. Avani Simone Arjune	16
7. Suthe P. Simon	2	48. Eapen K. George	16
8. Neena George	3	49. Sean K. Thomas	16
9. Aaron J. Panicker	3	50. Ashish C. Abraham	17
10. Trigy K. Thampy	4	51. Jonathan Deepak David	17
11. Susan Saji David	5	52. Annamma Thomas	17
12. Sherin George	5	53. T. S. Mathai	18
13. Nidhin John	5	54. Issac Scaria Varughese	18
14. George M. Koshy	5	55. Beji T. Joseph	19
15. Binny George Kurien	5	56. Abu Varghese	19
16. Jonathan Mathew Kurien	5	57. Ponnamma Achankutty	20
17. Aleyamma Abraham	6	58. Thomas Kutty	21
18. Denin T. Abraham	6	59. Thomas Raju	21
19. Leeba Thomas Babu	6	<i>Offer prayer and thanksgiving on January 22, 2012</i>	
20. Roger Mathew	6	60. Regi Philip	23
21. M. Thomas	6	61. Nicole Miriam Thomas	24
22. Andrea G. Philip	7	62. Mathew T. John	25
23. Ammini Abraham	8	63. Sheila Sarah Koshy	25
<i>Offer prayer and thanksgiving on January 8, 2012</i>		64. Melinda Mathew	25
24. Shelby A. Abraham	9	65. Alexander Achankutty	26
25. Sini Bijoy	9	66. Varghese A. George	26
26. Melvin John	9	67. Jincy John	26
27. Meryl John	10	68. Roji Sam Koshy	26
28. Bijoy Koruth	10	69. Flejy K. Thomas	26
29. Safia Rachel Thomas	10	70. Joann Ani Johnson	27
30. Teena M. Mathew	11	71. Mathews Philip	27
31. Tenil Varughese Mathew	11	72. Ashley Thomas	27
32. Jerryl P. Abraham	12	73. Jeremy Joy	28
33. Stanley David	13	74. Tracy Tony	29
34. Roshini Annie Abraham	14	<i>Offer prayer and thanksgiving on January 29, 2012</i>	
35. Jasmine S. Jose	14	75. Prejita K. Alex	30
36. Robin T. Rajan	14	76. Joseph Jacob	30
37. Jincy Thayil	14	77. Joseph O. Varghese	30
38. Mathew Thomas	14	<i>Offer prayer and thanksgiving on February 05, 2012</i>	
39. Allen T. Alexander	15		
40. Sosamma Joy	15		
41. Ajith George Mammen	15		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH

1. Somy & Baby Jose	1
<i>Offer prayer and thanksgiving on January 1</i>	
2. Lizi & John Mathew	4
3. Flemy & Sony Yohannan	5
4. Sunitha & Binu Chacko	6
5. Aleyamma & P. J. Abraham	7
6. Rejula & Mathew M. Thomas	8
7. Sosamma & M. Thomas	8
<i>Offer prayer and thanksgiving on January 8</i>	
8. Valsamma & George Philip	10
9. Thankamma & Varughese P. Abraham	11
10. Nima & Dinoj G. Issac	11
11. Kunjamma & Mathew K. Samuel	11
12. Riya & Sony Jacob	13
13. Shyla & Bob Abraham	14
14. Lissimol & Abraham George	14
15. Pexi & Zachariah Mathai	14
16. Shantamma & Pappachan Mathai	14
<i>Offer prayer and thanksgiving on January 15</i>	
17. Aleyamma & George P. Chacko	16
18. Lijo & Shajan Koshy	16
19. Lilly & C. V. Simonkutty	16
20. Annamma & Symon C. Abraham	17
21. Manju & Shibu Idichandy	17
22. Manju & Lyju Oommen	18
23. Susan & Benjamin George	19
24. Kunjumol & Thampy Mammen	19
25. Reni & Kurien T. Joseph	20
26. Annamma & Mathew Thomas	20
27. Laila & Thomas M. George	21
28. Mini & John C. Jacob	21
29. Teena & Philip Mathew Joseph	21
30. Bobby & Lalan Varghese	21
31. Riva & Jacob Eapen	22
32. Mary & Kurien George	22
33. Annie & Benni Mathew	22
<i>Offer prayer and thanksgiving on January 22</i>	
34. Rachel & George Cherian	24
35. Susan & Saji Thomas	25
36. Anu & John George Poovappallil	26
37. Sosamma & T. M. Thomas	26
38. Merlin & Deepak David	27
39. Mary & George Samuel	27
40. Jasmin & Mathew Saju Varughese	29
<i>Offer prayer and thanksgiving on January 29</i>	
41. Saramma & Mathew Varughese	30
<i>Offer prayer and thanksgiving on February 5</i>	

**A Very
Happy
Wedding
Anniversar
y to all**

PRAYER GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS	
Bellerose	to be announced
Eastern Long Island Jan. 28, 7 pm	Mr. Cherian M. George 516-502-6334 21 Glenbrook Road, Hicksville
Elmont & W. Hempstd Jan. 7, 5 pm	Mr. K. G. Alexander 516-352-2051 1434 James Street, Elmont
Floral Park & Glen Oaks Jan. 15, 7 pm	Mr. Easow E. Mathunny 718-360-1808 260-07 Union Tpke, Glen Oaks
Garden City Park	to be announced
New Hyde Park East	to be announced
New Hyde Park West	to be announced
Palli Bhagom	to be announced
EDAVAKA MISSION PRAYERS	
Jan. 6 7 pm	Mr. Koshy Thankachan 718-347-4336 74-31 Littleneck Pkwy, Glen Oaks
Jan. 13, 7 pm	Mr. Varghese T. Mathai 718-347-4673 75-30 263 Street, Glen Oaks
Jan. 20, 7 pm	Mr. Scaria Varughese 516-877-5991 50 Second Street, Garden City Park
Jan. 27, 7 pm	to be announced
SEVIKA SANGHOM PRAYER MEETINGS	
Jan. 4, 10 am (Wednesday)	Mrs. Jicks Jacob 718-465-2358 90-33 213 Street, Queens Village
Jan. 11, 10 am (Wednesday)	Mrs. Sosamma Thomas 718-343-7663 82-18 255 Street, Floral Park
Jan. 18, 10 am (Wednesday)	Mrs. Sosamma David 516-747-7033 65 Fourth Street, Garden City Park
Jan. 25, 10 am (Wednesday)	Mrs. Lizy Chacko 718-343-1091 254-05 75 Avenue, #2, Glen Oaks

S U N D A Y S C H O O L

Classes every Sunday at 11:30 AM

SENIOR CITIZENS FELLOWSHIP

Cottage Meeting

Date and location to be announced

YOUNG FAMILIES FELLOWSHIP

Cottage Meeting:

Date and location to be announced

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship meetings

Meetings on Saturdays. Time and location to be announced.

Y U V A J A N A S A K H Y A M

Cottage Meetings:

date and location to be announced

Thank you

Floral Park & Glen Oaks area prayer group and Mr. Roy Thomas for assisting with the church services during the month of December. Garden City Park area prayer group will assist in the Holy Communion Service during the month of January.

Our prayers are with

Mrs. Sosamma Idichandy at the passing away of her maternal uncle Mr. Chandy Varghese.

We hope and pray that the Lord Almighty give you the courage, strength and peace to comprehend the profound loss of your loved ones

D A T E S T O R E M E M B E R

Jan. 1	New Year 2012; Holy Communion Service
Jan. 26	63 rd Republic Day of India
Feb. 12	112 Maramon Convention begins; "Arise, let us go forward"
Feb. 19	Maramon Convention ends; Beginning of Great Lent
Mar. 14	Mid Lent; Salvation in Christ
Mar. 25	Anunciation to Mary
Mar. 30	40 th Friday
April	Beginning of Passion Week
April 5	Passover Thursday
April 6	Good Friday
April 8	Easter Sunday

Y o u t h C h a p l a i n ' s C o r n e r

Greetings in the name of One Triune God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Welcome to the Year 2012! A new year brings us so many possibilities and responsibilities. When I say new possibilities I mean we have more opportunities to witness Christ in this world. By responsibilities I mean that we need to become serious Christians who live with maturity and responsibly. We have freedom to do anything and everything in this world. No one can control us but as a Christian youth we need to practice responsibility for the freedom we receive. At this time we need to do a self-evaluation (remembering and thanking God) to see how God was faithful to us in the past year. As the Psalmist say in 116:3-4, "What shall I render to the LORD For all His benefits toward me? I shall lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the LORD." This past month was packed with so many exciting and challenging programs organized by many of our youth fellowships and region. I give thanks to God for His providence in conducting the Fall One Day Conference at Epiphany Mar Thoma Church. Bible study, main talks, group discussion, worship and praise sessions, all were deeply moving and beneficial to all those who participated in it. During the advent season St. Thomas MTC Youth Fellowship did a 25-day advent video devotion. Different Advent-related biblical passages were exposed by our Youths and indeed as Indian – American Christian Youths our unique perspectives were challenging and a blessing to all. These videos can be viewed in their Youth website <http://www.stmtcyf.org/>. I participated with Staten Island MTC Youth Fellowship volunteering at a community outreach project called Project Help with food pantry. All the youths who participated in this project came to know the needs and challenges NYC homeless population and poor faces in everyday lives. Similarly St. John's MTC youths distributed lunch bags to homeless population in NYC. Also St. James MTC YF cleaned the yards of few elderly people in the Rockland area. On a different note, some of our youth members are faced with some health crisis. Health is a precious gift from God. When confronted with health problems, let us be reminded that God is the greatest healer and He is still in control of us. This month our church is observing a liturgical festival called Epiphany (January 6th). The word Epiphany means "Showing forth," "manifestation," or "revelation." During this special liturgical celebration the church commemorates the first Christ's manifestation to the gentiles as the promised Messiah. My prayer is that God may enable us to walk in His glory all the days of our lives. May God bless you all and have a blessed New Year.

Weekly Bible Study:

When: Every Thursday; Time: 8:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M

Where: Youth Chaplain's Parsonage- 194 Bregman Ave, New Hyde Park

Contact: 516-437-0425/516- 532-6115 or bsimonachen@gmail.com

Events of the Region:

-Diocesan Youth Leadership Conference: January 5-8, 2012 at St. Mark's MTC, Tampa, Florida

-Young Women's Conference at Long Island MTC: December 14, 2012- 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. For details contact Convener: Mrs. Sarah Jacob at LIMTC. Sarah.Jacob@barclayscapital.com

-Fifth Sunday Common Holy Qurbana at St. John's Mar Thoma Church – January 29th, 2012 8:30 AM.