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“Month of the Tharaka”

January 2012—Newsletter

Vicar: Rev. M. S. Daniel
Phone # 201-692-9565

Sunday School : 9:00AM

Sunday Worship : 10:30 AM

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BIBLE QUIZ-13 (Prepared by Dr. Anita Daniel) 1&2 THESSALONIANS

*Kindly send the answers to the Vicar on or before **22nd January, 2012**. Do mention the Bible verse too. Winners will be acknowledged. So please hurry through the two letters of Paul to the Thessalonians!*

1. What did faith, love, and hope develop in the Thessalonians?
2. What were the Thessalonians serving before serving the living and true God?
3. What did Paul, Silas & Timothy do so that they would not be a burden to the growing group of believers?
4. What role did they take in order to encourage, comfort, & urge the Thessalonians to live holy lives?
5. What is God's will for believers?
6. What are the sons of the day expected to do?
7. What does God want us to claim through Jesus Christ?
8. What is our duty towards those who are idle, timid, and weak?
9. What is Paul thankful for in the opening paragraphs of both the letters?
10. What will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire?
11. What is the sign that Paul mentions regarding the second coming of our Lord Jesus?
12. What are the things mentioned for us to know that the lawless one has come?
13. What are believers expected to do at such a time when wickedness prevails?
14. What can keep believers from falling into idleness?
15. What are the closing words of Paul in his letters?

(Kindly Note: Two winners of the Bible Quiz for January 2012 will be selected by lot and will be given prizes.)

Edavaka Mission

Edavaka Mission prayer meetings will be held every Friday at 6 PM at the Church, unless otherwise notified.

Sevika Sangham

Sevika Sangham prayer meetings will be held every Friday at 10 AM at the Church, unless otherwise notified.

Yuvajana Sakhyan

A Southeast Center A Christmas Musical Evening will be conducted on Sunday, January 8th at 4:30 PM at Staten Island Mar Thoma Church.

Youth Fellowship

Youth Fellowship meetings will be held on Fridays at 6:30 PM. Refer to the Youth Fellowship Secretary's email for more details.

Sunday School

A Sunday School teachers meeting will be held on Saturday, January 7 at 3:30 PM at the Church.

Answers of Bible Quiz-12 (Colossians)

1. Hope (1:5) 2. Epaphras (1:7) 3. Will (1:9) 4. Qualify (1:12) 5. Evil (1:21) 6. Holy (1:22) 7. Faith (1:23) 8. Christ (2:3) 9. Authority (2:10) 10. Baptism (2:12) 11. Cross (2:14) 12. Humility (2:18) 13. Death (3:5) 14. Language (3:8) 15. Love (3:14) 16. Word (3:16) 17. Wives (3:18) 18. Obey (3:20) 19. Grace (4:6)

Winners of Bible Quiz-12 Congrats!

Aleyamma M. Thomas, Aleyamma George, Aleyamma Varughese, Annakutty George, Annamma Varughese, Elizabeth & Shalini Jacob, Elsie George, Joji & Pushpa John, Lilly Thomas, Mariamma Samuel, Salamma Oommen, Sally George, Shainy Samuel, & Sheline Samuel, Shijin George, Mary Koshy, Mary Simon, Monica Abraham, Sosamma Varghese & Desy Varghese, Thomas George

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Vicar's Message

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Wish you all a blessed 2012!

We are at the threshold of another year of adventure with very little idea as to what awaits us in the days to come. But the message of Christmas strengthens us to know that we have a wonderful counselor, an understanding Father, and the Prince of Peace beside us to lead us through all the experiences in store for us. God desires that we lean on Him fully rather than on our own understanding.

In order to move ahead in our Christian faith it is essential that we take some resolutions. But often when we are unable to stick on to the decisions we made we allow guilt to take control of us and decide not to take resolutions at all. But the Bible reminds us that "It is God who works in you both to will and to act according to His good purpose" (Phil. 2:13). So God will give us the strength to accomplish our good desires. Our failures are not final. May God strengthen us to take some New Year resolutions that help our growth and the growth of our community. Let us pray for God's strength to keep it. May we prioritize our goals to include systematic Bible reading, few minutes of meditation & individual prayer, regular family prayer, fruitful meeting at the dining table with our family, and regular attendance for church worship. May God enable us to make more resolutions so that we could present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God.

I thank you all for your wholehearted participation in all the events of the church over the past year. I thank the Office bearers of our church, of the various organizations and committee members for their sincere efforts in the functioning of the church activities. May we continue to remain as a caring, sharing, and praying community in this New Year.

Yours in His service,
M. S. Daniel Achen

Worship Schedule		
Date	Time	Worship Order
Jan. 8th	10:30 AM	Holy Communion– Malayalam St. Stephen’s Day <i>Sunday School - 9AM</i>
Jan. 15th	10:30 AM	Holy Communion - English God of Peace <i>Sunday School - 9AM</i>
Jan. 22nd	10:30 AM	Holy Communion– Malayalam Grow in Unity (Ecumenical Sunday) <i>Sunday School - 9AM</i>
Jan. 29th	10:30 AM	Holy Communion - English “Repent—Return” <i>Sunday School - 9AM</i>
Lectionary		
Date	Bible Lessons	Readers
Jan. 8th	1 Dan. 1: 1-21 Acts 7: 54-60	T.S. Varghese Aleyamma Varghese
Jan. 15th	Micah 4: 1-7 Rom. 5: 1-11	Jerry Joseph Neetha Mathew
Jan. 22nd	Isa. 60: 1-14 2 Pet. 1: 1-11	Ninan Jacob Rohini Jacob
Jan. 29th	Joel 2: 12-17 Rev. 2: 12-17	Jason A. Varghese Julianne S. Cherian

Prayer Meetings			
Date	Time	Prayer Group	Address
			At the Residence of
January 14 Saturday	10:30 AM	Senior Citizens Fellow- ship	At the Church Those who are Sixty and above are cordially invited to attend this meeting.
January 15 Sunday	5:00 PM	Yuvajana Sakhyam	Mr. Jiji Abraham 794 Godwin Rd. Paramus, NJ 201-445-2336
January 21 Saturday	5:30 PM	Area E	Mr. Jacob Varghese 9 West Oldis Ave. Rochelle Park, NJ 201-587-8985
January 22 Sunday	4:00 PM	Area A	At the Church Hosted by: Mr. T.T. Easaw
January 22 Sunday	6:00 PM	Area C	Mr. Samuel George 576 Columbia St. New Milford, NJ 201-261-0650
January 28 Saturday	5:30 PM	Young Families Fellow- ship	At the Church Hosted by: Mr. Thomas Oommen Jr.

New Born

Manu and Sanju Varghese, 476 New Milford Ave., Oradell, were blessed with a baby boy.

John and Jessy Oommen, 24 Beverly Rd., Hillsdale, were blessed with a baby girl, '**Sophia John**' on Thursday, December 15th.

Let us congratulate the proud parents and pray for the new addition to the family.

Tharaka Month

As per the decision of the Sabha Council, January is observed as the "Month of the Tharaka". The Tharaka contains letters from the Metropolitan, Bible studies, reflections, discussions on topics of current importance, and much more. Every Mar Thoma home is encouraged to subscribe to the Malankara Sabha Tharaka. Subscriptions forms are available at the Church.

Ecumenical Christian Fellowship

The 2011 Christmas & New Year celebration of the Ecumenical Christian Fellowship will be held at 2 PM on Saturday, January 14, at the Liberty Middle School, 1 Kelly Drive, West Orange, NJ 07052. Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius, Syro-Malankara Catholic Church, will deliver the Christmas Message.

Accounts for 2011

All generous contributions towards the Church for the year 2011 must be given to the Trustees by Sunday, January 8, 2012.

Reminder

All organizations and prayer groups are requested to elect respective committee members for the year 2012 as soon as possible.

Sunday Coffee / Refreshment (Area "D")

Prayer Group D is in charge of making coffee on Sundays during the month of January. Thank you!

Birthdays-January

Happy Birthday! We thank God for protecting you in the past year & pray that God's blessings be upon you in the new year. Please participate in the Birthday thanksgiving prayer during Sunday worship service.

01/02	Neil M. Varghese	250 E 63rd Street #18G
01/02	Raina Thomas	22 Bluebell Court
01/02	Santosh Abraham	175 Gold St, Apt. O
01/04	Tisil Mathew	146 Forest Place
01/04	Aiden Renu	180 Truman Terrace
01/04	Sosamma Cherian	371 N 10th Street
01/06	Saramma John	184 E Howard Dr.
01/06	Joji John	12 Pershing St
01/06	Ninan Jacob	208 Baldwin Ave
01/07	Preethy S. Pothen	692 John Street
01/07	Aleyamma Varughese	110 Legion Place
01/08	Mariamamma Joseph	26 S Franklin Avenue
01/09	Justin V. Abraham	13 Cherry Place
01/10	Zacharia K. Ninan	65 Brook Street
01/11	Susan Jacob	9 West Oldis St
01/12	Rooby Varkey	108 Arthur Street
01/12	Anil Thomas	34 Williamson Rd
01/13	George C. Philip	26 Anderson Ave.
01/14	Naomi Susan Joseph	95 W Haledon Ave
01/16	Pushpa S. George	486 Washington Ave
01/17	Tiffani K. Mathew	146 Forest Place
01/17	Reji K. Mathew	2 Edward St
01/17	Sarah A. Thomas	11 Pepperidge Road
01/17	Emily C. Jacob	399 Graphic Blvd
01/17	Elina M. Jacob	399 Graphic Blvd

01/17	Saji Philip	68 Bush Place
01/18	Anu P. Palackamannil	158 Anderson Avenue
01/18	T. S. Varughese	110 Legion Place
01/20	Jennifer Daniel	631 John St
01/23	Mariam Varghese	444 Wildrose Ave
01/23	Marina Thomas	857 Wearimus Road
01/23	Mathew Jacob	36 Paula Drive
01/23	Anita Daniel	631 John St
01/23	Ajay G. Simon	302 Neumaier Dr
01/24	Mariam P. Abraham	13 Cherry Place
01/24	Joshua P. Chacko	465 Knoll Road
01/26	Nathaniel J. Varughese	59 Foxcroft Road
01/26	Joy Daniel	132 Grove Street, #3
01/27	George P. Sam	71 Druid Ave
01/27	Roy John	512 Kipp Street
01/28	Mathew Malayil	16 Holly Court
01/28	George Thomas	420 Monroe Ave
01/28	Aleyamma Kochummen	22 Bluebell Court
01/29	Sosamma Varghese	8 Hillock Ave
01/29	Ron Koshy	74 Highview Ave
01/29	Manju George	244 Jolene Court
01/31	Samma Abraham	208 Thomas Drive
01/31	Jessy A. Alakkattil	125 Linwood Ave
01/31	Anila V. George	71 Druid Avenue
01/31	Andrew Rajan John	3 Jean Court

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES – January		
We wish the following couples a happy Wedding Anniversary. Please attend and partake in the thanksgiving prayer during the Holy Communion Service.		
01/03	Abi Varghese & Dhvani Patel	214 Central Ave
01/04	Mathew & Annamma Malayil	16 Holly Court
01/05	M. C. & Kunjamma George	33 Second Street
01/05	T. T. & Samma Easaw	103 E Cedar Lane
01/08	Thomas & Aleyamma George	268 S. Washington Ave. Apt# 20A
01/08	Tom & Susan Philip	696 Westwood Ave
01/08	Varghese & Ginu Mathew	405 Kehoe Ct.
01/09	Daniel & Kunjoonamma Koshy	906 Phelps Road
01/10	Kevin & Manju George	244 Jolene Court
01/12	Arun & Liny Thomas	11 Pepperidge Road
01/12	Subhash & Pretty Mathew	26 Mahoney Ct.
01/15	Ninan & Rohini Jacob	208 Baldwin Ave
01/17	Mathai & Annamma Yohannan	85 School St.
01/18	Mohan & Preethy Pothen	692 John Street
01/18	Jiji & Annamma Abraham	794 Godwin Road
01/19	Cherian Jacob & Lali Cherian	16 Simpson Ct.
01/20	Brian & Bini Jacob	2 Katharina Place
01/20	T. S. & Aleyamma Varughese	110 Legion Place
01/24	Anish Samuel & Verna Texeira	301 Harding Ave
01/24	Jacob Varghese & Susan Jacob	9 West Oldis St
01/25	Varghese & Diane Thomas	6 Bedford Ct
01/26	Thomas Thuthikadathil & Annamma Thomas	79 Morgan St
01/27	C. G. & Samma Abraham	220 Floral Lane
01/27	Shine & Elizabeth Thomas	178 River Road
01/27	Thomas & Sosamma Thomas	99 Stillman Ave
01/29	Abraham Mammen & Helana Abraham	223 Merritt Ave.
01/29	George & Mary Mathew	33 Hudson St. Apt. 3503 East