

## Vicar's Message February 2021

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

We are in the second month of the year 2021. Let us thank

God for His innumerable blessings we have received in our life. Let us give thanks to God Almighty for His saving grace and mercy which we experienced throughout the pandemic. The great lent begins this month. It is the time to meditate upon the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Lent is a time to prepare for Easter and to think about our relationship with God. It is the time for prayer, fasting and meditating upon the cross of our lord Jesus Christ. During this lenten season we remember Jesus fasting, public ministry, crucifixion and resurrection.

Those forty days in the wilderness were devoted to prayer, fasting and undergoing the harshest kinds of temptation. But the forty days can also be understood as a period of intense preparation, a time for Jesus to make room in him for all those he would meet in the course of his public ministry, for all those who would draw near to him, come to him, plead with him, ask him for mercy and healing and help.

Lent is the time to empty ourselves to our pettiness, our prejudice, our anxiety, our fear etc. It is an opportunity to make room, not only for God, but for those who come our way. How open is our door to those who come To us. Is there room enough in our hearts for those in need ?

The meditation of the cross is very important in this season.

Cross can be defined in many ways; it is God's self-sacrificing love towards human beings. It is the symbol of innocent suffering. But I would like to emphasize that cross is an intersection of two relationships, the manifestation of vertical love from God to human beings and the manifestation of horizontal love between human beings. The love of God is only meaningful when we love each other. As we begin our lenten observance this year let's fix our eyes on Jesus, to enter with him into the spirit of those of his fasting days and prepare for the celebration of the resurrection mysteries.

The 126th Maramon Convention will be held from February 14th

Sunday to 21st Sunday 2021. In the context of Covid -19 pandemic, the Mar Thoma Evangelistic association is organizing the Convention with strict adherence to the Covid -19 protocol of the Government. The number of participants will be fixed in accordance with the Covid 19 notification. Now the number is fixed as 200 persons for one session. Live Streaming will be arranged through social media platforms. Let us pray diligently for divine intervention to revive and rejuvenate the Church, Society and our Country through this year's Convention.

In this pandemic time many people are going through trials, hardship, pain, loss, grief etc... Uphold them in our prayers. Extend our hands to those who are in real crisis. "Truly I tell you whatever you did for the one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me"(Matthew: 25: 40).

May God Bless us all  
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**Lectionary February 2021**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Lesson 1</b>	<b>Lesson 2</b>	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
<b>February 07</b>	<b>The Holistic Healing that Christ Gives (Medical Mission Sunday)</b>			
	2Kgs 20:1-11	Rev 22:1-7	James 5:13-18	John 5:1-9
<b>February 14</b>	<b>Beginning of the Great Lent – Pethurtha -Lent: Transformation of Creation</b>			
	Isa 65:17-25 Gen 1:1-28	Eph 2:11-22	2Cor 5:16-21	John 2:1-11
<b>February 21</b>	<b>Christian Approach to the Untouchables</b>			
	2Kgs 5:1-14	Rom 3:21-31	Acts 10:34-43	Matt 8:1-4
<b>February 28</b>	<b>Faith that leads to Healing (3 rd Sunday in Lent)</b>			
	2Kgs 4:16-37	Acts 5:12-16	2Cor 12:7-10	Luke 5:17-26

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Worship services(In Church and Virtual)</b>
<b>February 07</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Holy Communion (Malayalam)</b>
<b>February 14</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Holy Communion (English)</b>
<b>February 21</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Holy Communion (Malayalam)</b>
<b>February 28</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Holy Communion (English)</b>



**Wedding Anniversary – February 2021**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Town</b>
<b>Feb 05</b>	<b>Ann &amp; N.M. Mathew</b>	<b>Suffern, NY</b>
<b>Feb 07</b>	<b>Elizabeth &amp; Jacob Chacko</b>	<b>Spring Valley, NY</b>
<b>Feb 10</b>	<b>Mariamamma &amp; Jacob Alexander</b>	<b>Nanuet, NY</b>
<b>Feb 11</b>	<b>Jessy &amp; Samuel Mathew</b>	<b>Bardonia, NY</b>
<b>Feb 14</b>	<b>Saramma &amp; T.K. Koshy</b>	<b>Congers, NY</b>



**Birthday – February 2021**

Dates	Name	Town
Feb 01	Sarah Varghese	Nanuet, NY
Feb 05	Salomi George	Spring Valley, NY
Feb 05	Saramma George	Congers, NY
Feb 09	Blessy Binu	New City, NY
Feb 10	T.T. George	Spring Valley, NY
Feb 11	Hayden Ann Binu	New City, NY
Feb 11	Liya Shaju	Spring Valley, NY
Feb 12	Vincent Abraham	Bergenfield, NJ
Feb 13	Ann Marie Ninan	New City, NY
Feb 14	Jessy Mathew	Bardonia, NY
Feb 15	Anoop Cherian	Orangeburg, NY
Feb 16	Benoj J. David	New City, NY
Feb 18	George Kurian	Orangeburg, NY
Feb 19	Jennifer Job	Congers, NY
Feb 19	Nitin P. John	Spring Valley, NY
Feb 20	Sanjayan Joseph	New City, NY
Feb 21	Aleyamma Mathew	Tappan, NY
Feb 21	Jinu Ann Easaw	Cortland Manor, NJ
Feb 26	Sonia Abraham	Bergenfield, NJ
Feb 27	Amy Elizabeth Abraham	Nanuet, NY

**126<sup>th</sup> Maramon Convention begins on Sunday February 14 and ends on Sunday February 21.**

**Tele-Prayer Meetings February 2021**

Wednesday's	Tele - chain prayer from 8:00AM-8:00PM. Concluding session prayer meeting at 8:00PM.
Friday's	Tele - Fasting prayer at 10:30AM.
Saturday's	Tele – prayer meeting at 7:00PM with the leadership of area prayer groups and Church organizations.