



St. James Marthoma Church Newsletter April 2024

Message from the Vicar

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Beloved St. James Family Members

Greetings in the name of Christ risen from the bondage of the grave.

We are now in the post-resurrection period. Easter disapproves of the myth that there is nothing beyond the grave. Jesus appears after his resurrection to Mary Magdalene, then to two men walking to Emmaus, and makes his first appearance to the apostles. Christ reveals himself again to the apostles and Thomas in attendance, then to 500 people at one time, and then to all the apostles in Galilee. Jesus appears to seven of the apostles on a Galilee shore, then visits his half-brother, James, and then lastly manifests himself to give the Great Commission before ascending into heaven. Ten days later, on Pentecost, the New Testament church is born. Forty days after the resurrection, Jesus and His disciples went to Mount Olivet, near Jerusalem. There, Jesus promised His followers that they would soon receive the Holy Spirit, and He instructed them to remain in Jerusalem until the Spirit had come. Then Jesus blessed them, and as He gave the blessing, He began to ascend into heaven.

The Ascension of Jesus Christ is meaningful in our faith journey because it assures many things. It signaled the end of His earthly ministry. It signified success in His earthly work. It symbolized His exaltation by the Father. It allowed Him to prepare a place for us. It set the pattern for His return. This ascension motivates us to a new lifestyle.

The construction and maintenance work of our newly purchased church property at Pearl River is going very smoothly. Each work is being completed step by step. We wish to complete its furnishing works beautifully with our traditional heritage and contemporary relevance. But I request the constant prayer and cooperation of all of us in these renovation activities. We should wish it to be a blessing to us and the coming generations. This year's Family Retreat is scheduled for August 15-18. All the families make the necessary arrangements to attend this retreat. God bless you all.

In His Ministry

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	DATE	WORSHIP SERVICES: APRIL, 2024	TIME
Sun	Apr - 07	Holy Communion Service (English)	10:15 AM
Sun	Apr - 14	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)	10:15 AM
Sun	Apr - 21	Holy Communion Service (English)	10:15 AM
Sun	Apr - 28	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)	10:15 AM

LECTIONARY-APRIL, 2024					
Day	Date	Lesson: 1	Lesson: 2	Epistles	Gospels
Sun	Apr - 07	Jesus Christ the Lord and God (1st Sunday after Easter)			
		Gen 32:22-32	Acts 9:1-18	Col 3:12-17	John 20:24-29
Sun	Apr - 14	Jesus Christ who restores (2nd Sunday after Easter)			
		Hos 14:1-9	Heb 6:9-12	Gal 6:1-5	John 21:1-14
Sun	Apr - 21	he Resurrected Christ who encourages the dispirited (3rd Sunday after Easter)			
		Isa 41:8-20	Acts 27:27-37	2Cor 4:7-15	Luke 24:13-35
Sun	Apr - 28	Marriage: Call and Commission (4th Sunday after Easter)			
		Gen 2:18-25	Eph 5:21-33	1Cor 13:1-13	Matt 19:1-12



Birthday – April

Dates	Name	Town
April 01	Philip J. Parayil	Spring Valley
April 02	George Thomas	Spring Valley
April 04	Alviyn V. Thomas	Orangeburg
April 06	Gianna M. Joshua	Nanuet
April 08	Elizabeth Jacob	Spring Valley
April 08	Abraham S. Cherian	New Windsor
April 11	Paul P. Dey	Orangeburg
April 12	M.C. Achenkunju	Bardonia
April 13	Jinumol Suraj	Bardonia
April 15	Jacob Chacko	Spring Valley
April 15	Abraham Varghese	Congers
April 15	Alice George	Staten island
April 16	Justina Susan Koshy	Congers
April 16	Valsamma Jose	Bardonia
April 16	Amaya Deena Jose	Bardonia
April 18	Ann Philip	Westwood, NJ
April 18	Joseph P. David	Spring Valley

April 18	Nidhin M. Kurian	Congers
April 18	Rachel C. Ninan	New City
April 18	Susamma Yohannan	Valley Cottage
April 19	Merry Jacob	New City
April 20	Annamma Thomas	Valley Cottage
April 21	Ben Jacob Varghese	Poughkeepsie
April 25	Jacob Alex Abraham	Nanuet
April 25	Serafine Rose Chacko	New City
April 26	Sally C. Ninan	New City
April 28	Alice Thomas	Avenel, NJ

Upcoming Events - 2024

Date	Events
Open	Church spring cleanup.
June 29 th Saturday	Church picnic. (Tentative date).
August 11 th Sunday	College going student's dedication during Holy communion service.
August 15 th – 18 th	Church Family retreat.
September 1 st Sunday	School going student's dedication during Holy communion service.
September 20,21 & 22	Church convention. (Tentative date)
November 24 th Sunday	Thanks Giving Service after ChurchService follows auction and lunch.
December 1 st Sunday	Parish day.
December 6,7,8,13,14 & 15	House caroling
December 22 nd Sunday	Church Christmas carol service in the evening.
December 25 th Wednesday	Christmas day service – Holy communion in English at 8:30AM.
December 31 st Tuesday	Watch night service – Holy communion service in Malayalam at 10:00PM

Prayer Meetings.

Edavaka mission prayer meeting on April 12th Friday at 7:00PM at the residence of Mr.Jiji John, 17 Norwood Pl, Nanuet, NY 10954.

Hebron area prayer group meeting on April 27th Saturday at 7:00PM at the residence of MR. Mathunny Jose, 9 Crimson Ct., Bardonia, NY 10954

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1 Thessalonians 4:14

"For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him."