



St. James
Marthoma
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Message from the Vicar

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Dearly beloved in Christ

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

“But Godliness with contentment is great gain.” (1 Timothy 6:6). There are two main types of decision-makers. In his book “The Paradox of Choice,” Barry Schwartz distinguishes between two kinds of deliberators: Maximizers and Satisficers. People tend to lean toward one of two categories: 'maximizers', who want to ensure they get the most out of the choices they make; Maximizers accept only the best possible option. and 'satisficers', who tend to adopt a 'this is good enough' approach. Satisficers accept an option that meets their standards. The terms “maximizing” and “satisficing” were coined in 1956 by economist and psychologist Herbert A. Simon. Each comes with benefits and drawbacks. If you are a maximizer, you are likely to weigh choices carefully to assess the best. On paper, their decisions may look like the most logical or efficient, since they have spent so much time deliberating possibilities and potential results. At the other end of the spectrum, you have 'satisficers': people who would rather make decisions quickly. They are fine with what is acceptable instead of the 'best' choice. Unlike maximizers, satisficers do not need a lot of options or information. They also rely less on outside sources. They make decisions faster, weigh fewer choices, and go with their gut. The drawback here is that satisficers may reach a decision quickly, but it may not necessarily be the 'best' outcome that gives them the maximum return.

Of course, we will not find the words maximizer or satisficer in Scripture. But we do see a similar idea. In 1 Timothy 6:6, Paul challenged Timothy to find value in God rather than the things of this world. The world's promises of fulfillment can never be fully delivered. Paul wanted Timothy to root his identity in God instead: “Godliness with contentment is great gain” (6:6). Paul sounds like a satisficer when he adds, “But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that” (v. 8). This word, as now used, refers to a state of mind; a calm and satisfied feeling; a freedom from murmuring and complaining. Paul told Timothy that those who misuse God's Word wrongly think godliness is a means of material gain. They meant a frame of mind which was completely independent of all outward things, and which carried the secret of happiness within itself. Contentment never comes from the possession of external things.” (Barclay). For genuine contentment and rest of the soul, we need a genuine focus on God in our anxieties and tribulations.

On July 4 the United States celebrates its Independence Day. Martin Luther, the Reformer once said about Christian Liberty “A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject of all, subject to all.” Our children now moved to another summertime after their regular academic exercises. Summer is a wonderfully kinetic time, a season of youth, activity, celebration, and revolution. Conferences, Vacation Bible Schools, Picnics, and other activities will help to enrich our kids more enthusiastically. Make an earnest effort to participate our children in all activities of our community. May God bless you all.

In His Ministry

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	DATE	WORSHIP SERVICES: July, 2024	TIME
Sun	July 07	Holy communion service in English	9:30 AM
Sun	July 14	Holy communion service in Malayalam	9:30 AM
Sun	July 21	Holy communion service in English	9:30 AM
Sun	July 28	Holy communion service in Malayalam	9:30 AM

LECTIONARY-July, 2024					
Day	Date	Lesson: 1	Lesson: 2	Epistles	Gospels
Sun	July 07	Tithe Sunday: Giving from the heart			
		1Chr 29:10-18	Acts 5:1-11	Phil 4:10-20	Luke 16:19-31
Sun	July 14	Clergy Sunday, Priests: Servants in Pastoral Ministry			
		Ezek 33:1-9	2Tim 2:1-13	1Pet 5:1-7	John 10:1-11
Sun	July 21	People of God: Co-workers in building up the Kingdom of God			
		Exod 19:1-6	1John 4:7-21	Rom 14:13-19	Luke 10:25-37
Sun	July 28	Gifts of the Holy Spirit: For the spiritual nourishment of the people of God			
		2Chr 15:1-8	1Cor 12:4-12	1Cor 12:27-31	John 20:19-23

Upcoming Events - 2024

Date	Events
Open	Church cleanup.
Open	Church picnic. (Tentative date July 20th or August 3 rd Saturday).
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 Church Service 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

Wedding Anniversary – July

Date	Name	Town
July 03	Reena & Vinu Abraham	Poughkeepsie
July 12	Susan & John Samuel	Spring Valley
July 21	Alice & Ajay Pappan	Airmont
July 21	Beena & John P. Koshy	Spring Valley
July 23	Ethel & Alwyn V. Thomas	Orangeburg

Birthday – July

Dates	Name	Town
July 01	Namita Maria Joshua	Nanuet
July 02	Amelia Celine Job	Congers
July 02	Roy Eappen	Palisades
July 08	Thomas Ninan	New City
July 08	Susanna Mary Varghese	Tarrytown, NY
July 08	Dylan Suraj	Bardonia
July 17	Easo Kurian	Orangeburg
July 18	Ethel Gopee	Orangeburg
July 18	Shince M Varghese	Tarrytown, NY
July 21	Chacko Yohannan	New City
July 23	George K. Cherian	Orangeburg
July 24	Ethan Sam Binu	New CITY
July 26	Dias Mathew Samuel	New City
July 27	Aleyamma Mathew	Nanuet
July 29	Ned Philip Idiculla	Bergenfield
July 30	Rose Mary Samuel	New City
July 31	Christine Tom	Congers
July 31	Sreya M. Samuel	New City

Prayer Meetings.

Hebron area group prayer meeting on Saturday July 20th, 2024 at 7:00PM at the residence of Mr. John P. Koshy, 75 Rockland Ave, Spring Valley, NY 10977.

Fasting prayer meeting first and third week Friday at 10:30 AM via zoom.

Sevika Sanghom prayer meeting on July 19th Friday at 7:00PM at the residence of Mrs. Jessy Thomas, 58 Mallory Rd., Spring Vally, NY 10977

Senior citizen prayer meeting on forth week Wednesday at 7:30 PM via Zoom.



St. James MarThoma Church VBS on
July 24th Wednesday thru July 27th Saturday.

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42 Fourth Street
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Isaiah 40:31

**But those who
hope in
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renew their
strength.**

**They will soar
on wings like
eagles; they will
run and not
grow weary,**