



St. James Marthoma Church Newsletter September 2024

Message from the Vicar

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Dear loved ones

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Every year September first Sunday is Education Sunday. According to Malcolm X, an American human rights activist and prominent figure in the Civil Rights Movement, "Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today." Education is a way for qualitative inquiries, a process of attaining maturity for meaningful responses, and a remedy for unleashing accumulated illusions. Our children's new academic year starts this month. May God encourage them with new insights and commitment in their new academic year. Also, I wish our college students to reach out to new achievements in their academic discourses.

The new academic year of our Sunday school begins on Sunday 8th September. All parents should make a compulsory effort to attend our children in Sunday School regularly. We should encourage our children to attend worship regularly. Language should not be held up as a limitation to keep our children away from Worship and spiritual fellowship. As parents, our consistent participation and good manners in worship will make our children good and faithful worshippers.

The second Sunday is Sevika sangham day. "The history of the Church is replete with the untold stories of women whose witness and wisdom have helped shape God's unfolding story." The participation of women in shaping the character of every individual is unforgettable. The lives of all saints and godly people born in the world were shaped by the prayers and efforts of women who accepted tears and suffering. In the present situation building and maintaining proper spiritual life in our personal lives, families and generations is a challenging divine service.

The third Sunday is Senior Citizens Sunday. The members of our church aged 60 and above are considered as Senior Citizens and eligible to participate in the Senior Citizens' fellowship activities. Growing old can mean maturing, growing in grace and fruitfulness, getting sweeter as days go by – more mellowed, less critical of others, and less impatient with the generations' attitudes. The autumn of the years of age can be met by the spring of God's grace that flows within. Some people are happy when they are qualified for a variety of benefits for seniors but very reluctant to accept the process of Aging. Some people cannot fathom getting older and going through old age. Jesus taught us to value the importance of being through object lessons from nature: consider the lilies of the field and the beautiful species of birds and plants. They are to be treasured for what they are (being) rather than what they do. God values our doing when we can work, but God equally values our being because He has created us. May God help us to accept this natural change in our bodies with grace.

God bless you all

Ajith Varghese Achen

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	DATE	WORSHIP SERVICES: September, 2024	TIME
Sun	Sept 01	Holy communion service in English	10:15 AM
Sun	Sept 08	Holy communion service in Malayalam	10:15 AM
Sun	Sept 15	Holy communion service in English	10:15 AM
Sun	Sept 22	Holy communion service in Malayalam	10:15 AM
Sun	Sept 29	Holy communion service in Malayalam	10:15 AM

Sunday school academic year starts on September 8th Sunday at 9:00AM

LECTIONARY-September 2024					
Day	Date	Lesson: 1	Lesson: 2	Epistles	Gospels
Sun	Sept 01	Education Sunday: Education that leads to Divine truths			
		Prov 4:1-11	1Cor 1:18-25	Rom 11:33-36	John 14:5-14
Sun	Sept 08	Women: Witnesses of the Gospel			
		Ruth 4:1-12	Acts 16:11-15	Gal 3:26-29	Luke 8:1-3
Sun	Sept 15	Senior Citizens Sunday: Senior Citizens – Model for the generations			
		Gen 48:1-22	Phil 2:12-18	2Tim 4:1-8	Luke 2:25-38
Sun	Sept 22	Holy Qurbana: Foretaste of the Kingdom of God			
		Exod 12:21-28	Acts 2:42-47	1Cor 11:23-30	Matt 26:26-29
Sun	Sept 29	Prayer: Constant communion with God			
		Prov 30:4-9	Acts 12:1-12	Eph 3:14-21	Matt 6:5-15



Birthday – September

Dates	Name	Town
Sept 01	Gigi Tom	Congers
Sept 02	Joseph K. Daniel	Wappingers falls
Sept 02	Mariamamma Abraham	Congers
Sept 04	Nevin Joseph	New City
Sept 13	Mariamamma Idiculla	Bergenfield
Sept 15	Abraham K. Varghese	Ramsey
Sept 16	Nancy Job	Congers
Sept 17	Elizabeth K. Cherian	Orangeburg
Sept 18	Susan Alexander	Nanuet
Sept 18	Seth Mathew	Glenmont
Sept 18	Sanzia Mathew	Glenmont
Sept 20	Babu Mathew	Nanuet
Sept 20	Rajan Mathew	Nanuet
Sept 21	Liviya Shaju	Garnerville
Sept 25	Philip Varghese	Congers



Wedding Anniversary – September

Date	Name	Town
Sept 24	Jennifer and Josh Job	Congers
Sept 24	Mariamamma and Philip Parayil	Spring Valley
Sept 26	Andrea and Subin Alexander	Nanuet

Upcoming Events – 2024

Date	Events
September 1st 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

Prayer Meetings.

Sevika sangham prayer meeting on September 20th Friday at 7:00PM at the residence of Mrs.Chellamma Chacko, 28 North De Baun Ave, #103, Suffern, NY 10901

Senior citizen prayer meeting on fourth week Wednesday at 7:30 PM via Zoom.
Fasting prayer meeting on first and third Friday at 10:30AM via Zoom.

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Isaiah 41:13

For I, the
LORD your
God, hold your
right hand; it is
I who say to
you, 'Fear not,
I am the one
who helps you.'