



*Happy  
New Year*

*The LORD hath  
done great things  
for us; whereof  
we are glad.  
Psalm 126:3*

**St. James  
Marthoma  
Church  
Newsletter  
January 2025**

**Message**

**IN THIS ISSUE**

Dearly beloved St. James family members

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We enter the New Year with sweet dreams and new hopes. We enter this new year with a lot of memories. Memories of the blessings received will raise new hope about the future. "But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead." (Phili. 3:13) these thoughts from Paul should strengthen us in the New Year. Anandan Gunasekaran is an Indian Army soldier who lost his leg in a mine blast and became a blade runner. After losing his leg in the line of duty (at LoC) Gunasekaran was inspired by Oscar Pistorius who was born without calf bones and won gold in the 200 M sprint at the 2004 Athens Paralympic Games. Gunasekaran underwent rehabilitation at the Army Hospital in Pune. He proudly narrated his list of achievements. He struck his first medal in the Tunisia International Meet in 2014, winning gold medals in the 200 M and 4x100 M and another silver in the 200 M race. Then in 2015, he won another gold in Men's 200 M and a silver medal in 100 M in the Sri Lanka Army Para Games held in Colombo. The same year, he won another gold medal in men's 200 M and a silver in men's 100 M in the World Military Games held in South Korea. His list of achievements extended to the next year as well, where, in Dubai's Asia Oceania Athletics Championships, he clinched a gold medal in Men's 400 M and a silver medal in Men's 200 M. Gunasekaran won three gold medals in the 7th Military World Games 2019. In these difficult times, his journey is a constant reminder to all of us that nothing is impossible. American writer Sarah Manguso thought like this "Time punishes us by taking everything, but it also saves us – by taking everything." Be hopeful amid all the conflicts. By God's great grace, the dedication service of our new church facility was blessedly arranged. Everyone's participation was commendable. May the new church building facility strengthen our spiritual existence. May God guide everyone on a blessed path in the New Year. Happy New Year 2025.

May the Triune God bless us all

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	DATE	WORSHIP SERVICES: January 2025	TIME
Sun	Jan 05	Holy communion service in English	10:15 AM
Sun	Jan 12	Holy communion service in Malayalam	10:15 AM
Sun	Jan 19	Holy communion service in English	10:15 AM
Sun	Jan 26	Holy communion service in Malayalam	10:15 AM

LECTIONARY- January 2025					
Day	Date	Lesson: 1	Lesson: 2	Epistles	Gospels
Sun	Jan 05	Mission outside Kerala: Jesus who sends for mission			
		Exod 3:1-17	Acts 16:6-15	Rom 10:9-17	Luke 10:1-11
Sun	Jan 12	The God of Peace			
		Mic 4:1-7	Rom 5:1-11	Eph 2:11-19	Matt 5:1-9
Sun	Jan 19	Ecumenical Sunday: The Church that needs to be one in Christ			
		Zech 8:18-23	1Cor 1:10-18	Col 3:9-17	John 17:13-23
Sun	Jan 26	Republic Day: Christian witness in the public sphere			
		Amos 5:18-27	1Pet 3:14-18	Col 4:2-6	Luke 3:7-14



## Birthday –January

Dates	Name	Town
Jan 6	Jonathan Abraham	Nanuet, NY
Jan 6	Binu Thomas	Nanuet, NY
Jan 7	Jolly Abraham	New City, NY
Jan 8	Ankit Verghese	Ramsey, NJ
Jan 8	Jibin C. George	New City. NY
Jan 12	Maya J. David	New City, NY
Jan 12	Kuruvilla Cherian	Orangeburg, NY
Jan 13	Joel P. Dey	Orangeburg, NY
Jan 14	John P. Koshy	Spring Valley, NY
Jan 14	Alice Mathew	Nanuet, NY
Jan 15	Robin Chacko	New City, NY
Jan 15	Mary Thomas	Avenel, NJ
Jan 16	Jeremy Job	Congers, NY
Jan 16	Leena Shaju	Garnerville, NY
Jan 18	Rency Joshua	Montvale, NJ
Jan 20	Rachel David	New City. NY

Jan 22	Sneha Sara kurian	Congers, NY
Jan 23	Subin Alexander	Nanuet, NY
Jan 25	Dalia Ann Mathew	Bardonia, NY
Jan 28	Navita Mariam John	Nanuet, NY
Jan 28	Jerry John	Spring Valley, NY
Jan 28	Annamma Daniel	Wappingers Falls, NY
Jan 28	Shaina Mathews	Glenmont, NY



## Wedding Anniversary – January

Date	Name	Town
Jan 2	Aleyamma & Babu Mathew	Nanuet, NY
Jan 5	Susan & John K. Alexander	Nanuet, NY
Jan 7	Blessy & Binu Mathew	New City, NY
Jan13	Mariamamma & Joseph P. David	Spring Valley, NY
Jan16	Elizabeth & Dey P. Neduvelil	Orangeburg, NY
Jan16	Jolly & Gigi Tom	Congers, NY
Jan24	Rachel & Jacob George	Tappan, NY
Jan26	Valsamma & Jose P. Mathunny	Bardonia, NY

### Prayer Meetings.

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday's at 10:30 AM fasting prayer meeting via zoom.

Every fourth Wednesday senior citizens prayer meeting at 7:30PM via zoom.

Sevika sanghom prayer meeting on January 17, 2025 Friday at 7:00PM at the residence of Mrs. Susan Alexander, 20 Freund Dr. Nanuet, NY 10954.

## SUNDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

First Sunday	Sunday School	
Second Sunday	Edavaka Mission / Sevika Sanghom	
Third Sunday	Youth Fellowship	
Fourth Sunday	Carmel Prayer Group	(January/April/July/October)
Fourth Sunday	Hebron Prayer Group	(February/May/August/November)
Fourth Sunday	Sinai Prayer Group	(March/June/September/December)
Fifth Sunday	Lay Leaders.	
Special Services	Lay Leaders	
Assignments must inform the Lay Leaders by previous Sunday, 5 PM.		
Service and assignments subject to change.		

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### Psalm 104:33

“I will sing unto  
 the LORD as  
 long as I live: I  
 will sing praise  
 to my God  
 while I have my  
 being.”