

St. James Marthoma Church Newsletter

Vicar's Message

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Beloved St. James family members,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Let us praise God for allowing us to enter another new month this year. May God grant us the grace to continue to live with hope in the new year, entrusting ourselves to His will. May God enrich our spiritual journey with new encounters.

Knowing God and walking with God are major content in the Scripture that constantly reminds us. Even though our experiences are different, it is paramount that we be with God. On January 15, 1919, a huge molasses tank burst in Boston. A fifteen-foot wave of more than two million gallons of molasses careened through the street at over 30 mph, sweeping away railcars, buildings, people, and animals. Molasses might seem harmless enough, but that day it was deadly: 21 people lost their lives and more than 150 were injured.

Sometimes even good things -like molasses- can overwhelm us unexpectedly. Before the Israelites entered the land God promised them, Moses warned the people to be careful not to take credit for the good things they would receive: "When you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase . . ., then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God." They were not to attribute this wealth to their strength or capabilities. Instead, Moses said, "Remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth" (Deuteronomy 8:12-14, 17-18).

The 130th session of the Maramon Convention will be held February 9-16, 2025. Our church is a church that is being formed and transformed by the Word. We need to remain as a faith community that is transformed by listening to the Word. It is not good for us to deny the silent transformation that the Word brings within us. By this month, the new office bearers of organizations will take charge after each organization's annual general body meeting. May God grant the new office bearers the grace to contribute to the necessary leadership in our organizations. May the triune God sustain our life with divine grace.

God Bless You All

Ajith Varghese Achen

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DAY	DATE	WORSHIP SERVICES: FEBRUARY, 2025	TIME
Sun	2-Feb	Holy Communion Service (English)	10:15 AM
Sun	9-Feb	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)	10:15 AM
Sun	16-Feb	Holy Communion Service (English)	10:15 AM
Sun	22-Feb	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)	10:15 AM

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Day	Date	Lesson: 1	Lesson: 2	Epistles	Gospels
Sun	2-Feb	Medical Mission Sunday: Jesus who gives complete healing, Our Lord's entrance to the Temple			
		2Kgs 20:1-11	Heb 9:11-14	Jas 5:13-18	Mark 5:25-34
Sat	09-Feb	Beginning of the 130th Session of Maramon Convention, God's Sublime Creation			
		Isa 40:12-26	Rom 8:19-25	Col 1:15-20	Matt 6:26-30
Sun	16-Feb	Conclusion of the 130th Session of the Maramon Convention, Abundant life through the experience of the Kingdom of God			
		Isa 11:1-9	Eph 3:16-21	1Cor 1:4-9	John 4:4-15
Sun	22-Feb	Reorganisation of life to experience the Kingdom of God			
		Ezek 36:24-31	Eph 4:17-24	1Pet 2:1-10	Luke 19:1-10

## **Prayer Meetings**

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

Every 4th Wednesday at 7:30PM senior citizens prayer meeting via zoom.

Edavaka mission prayer meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 7:00 PM at the residence of Mr.Achen Kunju, 61 Fairview Ct., Nanuet, NY 10954

Sevika sanghom prayer meeting on February 15 th Saturday at 7PM at the residence of Mrs. Siji Shaju, 3 Lynch Ct., Garnerville, NY 10923



	WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: FEBRUARY, 2025		
Dates	Name	Town	
7	Elizabeth & Jacob Chacko	Spring Valley	
10	Mariamma & Jacob Alexander	Nanuet	
11	Jessy & Samuel Mathew	Bardonia	
14	Saramma & T. K. Koshy	Congers	
22	Marykutty and M.C.Achenkunju	Nanuet	



	BIRTHDAYS - FEBRUA	RY, 2025
Dates	Name	Town
Feb 01	Sarah Varghese	Nanuet, NY
Feb 05	Saramma George	New City, NY
Feb 09	Blessy Binu	New City, NY
Feb 09	Amoi E. Jose	Monticello, NY
Feb 11	Hayden Ann Binu	New City, NY
Feb 11	Liya Shaju	Garnerville, NY
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 17	Toby C Varghese	Ossining, 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 23	Nora joseph	New City, NY
Feb 27	Amy Elizabeth Abraham	Nanuet, NY

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	

Service and assignments subject to change.

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## Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.