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ST. JAMES MAR THOMA CHURCH

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RADICAL GENEROSITY

Dearly beloved in Christ,

In Showing Up for Life, Bill Gates Sr. shares lessons learned over a life time as a husband, a father, a lawyer, a philanthropist and a citizen. He remembers his elder sister Merridy in the chapter named Radical Generosity. Merridy never learned how to drive a car. Her father didn't allow her to learn it. For Bill's sixteenth birthday, she spent a significant sum to buy a Ford roadster for him. Bill calls it radical generosity. She had been denied the opportunity to drive herself but she desired to give her brother what was denied to her. Bill says: "Merridy's gift to me was more than a car- she gave me my first real lesson in what it means to be a truly generous person."

We've entered into an advent season. What is the major theme of the Christmas? In Christmas we remember God's greatest gift. God Himself was given to humanity. Usually we give gifts to our friends. But God presented Himself as a gift while we were His enemies. In Philippians 2: 3-7, Paul says: "Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is your Christ Jesus, who though He was in the form of God, didn't count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men."

Christmas is the celebration to give our very best to others, not only to friends and relatives but also to enemies and the lesser privileged. In this Christmas you may visit or send a gift to a person who is not a friend and may share a meal to at least one lesser privileged. May God bless you all!

Wishing a happy Christmas and blessed New Year!

Yours in His Ministry

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Dec 02	10:15 am	Holy Communion (English) - Parish Day		
Theme	Visitation of Virgin Mary to Elizabeth - 'Bearers of Good News'			
Readings	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Epistle	Gospel
Verses	Gen.18:1-16	1John. 1:1-10	1 Tim. 3:10-17	St. Luke. 1:39-56
S. Assistant Alter Boy	Ajay Pappan		Jonathan Joshua	
L. Reading	Steven Tom		Bindu Abraham	
Ushers	Subin Alexander		Valsamma Jose	

Dec 09	10:15 am	Holy Communion (Malayalam)		
Theme	Birth of John the Baptist			
Readings	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Epistle	Gospel
Verses	Judg.13:2-25	Heb. 2:1-10	1John.:5:13-20	St. Luke. 1:57-66
S. Assistant	Linu Abraham			
L. Reading	Samuel Mathew (Bardonia)		Mary George (Orangeburg)	
Ushers	Mathew Easo		Stacey Sarah Jacob	

Dec 16	10:15 am	Holy Communion (Malayalam)		
Theme	Annunciation to Joseph			
Readings	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Epistle	Gospel
Verses	Isa.40:1-11	Rev.2:12-17	Phil.4:4-9	St. Mat. 1:18-23
S. Assistant	George Kurien			
L. Reading	C. T. Abraham		Annamma Abraham	
Ushers	Sarah Varghese		Shreya Thomas	

Dec 23	10:15 am	Holy Communion (English)		
Theme	The Mystery of Holy Incarnation			
Readings	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Epistle	Gospel
Verses	Isa. 11:1-10	1 John. 5:1-12	Rom. 1:8-16	St. John. 1:1-14
S. Assistant Alter Boy	Nithin John (Nanuet)		Steven V Babu	
L. Reading	Toms Zachariah		Rebecca Toms	
Ushers	Jonathan Abraham		Dalia Mathew	

Sunday School

TIME AND SCHEDULE

Classes will be held every Sunday at 8:45 AM .

EVERY SUNDAY

Intercessory Prayer, Praise & Worship Service from 10:00 to 10:15 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXAMS FOR ALL GRADE

1ST SEMESTER

When : Jan 13th 2013

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS EVERY WEEK.

WAYS TO SERVE

We need volunteers for ushering, singing, children's ministries, for leading small groups and assistance with Coffee Hour each Sunday.



With Love and Prayers from the St. James Family

December	BIRTHDAYS	
1	Remani Joseph	Edison
1	Steven Tom	Congers
6	Tinu George Varghese	Rock Tavern
7	Zahra Lisa Abraham	Newburgh
16	Bindu Abraham	Nanuet
17	Joel George Thomas	Spring Valley
18	Alex Mathew	Sparkill
20	Zachariah N. Abraham	Spring Valley
21	Stacey Sara Jacob	Nanuet
23	Diya Varghese	Garnerville
27	Thomas V. Cheriyan	Nanuet
27	Teddy G. Alexander	Newburgh
29	Sophia Philips	New City
30	Jisha Jacob	Tappan

December	WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES	
1	M. S. Eappen & Aleykutty Eappen	Palisades
8	Linu Abraham & Bindu Abraham	Nanuet
23	Thomas V. Cheriyan & Elizabeth Thomas	Nanuet
31	Rajan Mathew & Alice Mathew	Nanuet

Sign-Up for Coffee Hosts

Every Sunday Fellowship snacks and tea will be served in the basement.
 Open spots are available for Coffee Hosts.
 Please consider volunteering to provide refreshments for coffee hour.
 Please contact Achen to sign-up.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Dec 25	09:30 AM	Holy Communion (English) - Christmas		
Theme	Feast of Nativity. Birth of Our Saviour (End of Twenty five days Lent)			
Readings	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Epistle	Gospel
Verses	Micah. 5:1-9	Col. 1:15-20	1Tim 1:14-17	St. Luke. 2:1-20
S. Assistant Alter Boy	Joval J Mathew		Jerry John	
L. Reading	Joel P Dey		Milly Easo	
Ushers	Nithin Pallath		Linda Sara Johnson	

Dec 30	10:15 am	Holy Communion (Malayalam)		
Theme	Our Lord who is coming again			
Readings	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Epistle	Gospel
Verses	Zech.14:1-5	Acts. 1:6-11	1Thes. 1:14-17	St. John. 14:1 -7
S. Assistant	T K Koshy			
L. Reading	M. S. Eappen		Aleykutty Eappen	
Ushers	Sofia Philips		Joel George Thomas	

Dec 31	09:30 PM	Watch Night Service Holy Communion (Malayalam)		
Theme	Year ending - Watch Night Service God who is always with us			
Readings	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Epistle	Gospel
Verses	Exo. 33:12-23	Heb. 13:7-21	1Pet. 5:6-11	St. Luke. 12:22-34
S. Assistant	Varghese Thomas (Orangeburg)			
L. Reading	Rajan Mathew		Alice Mathew	
Ushers	Philip N Philip		Ann Phiip	

Every Week

08:45 AM	Sunday: Sunday School
10:00 AM	Sunday: Praise and Worship & Intercessory Prayer
10:30 AM	Friday: Fasting prayer at Parsonage

House Caroling

Date	Start Time	Family	Areas Covered
Dec 07 Fri	7:00 pm	Philip Varghese, Thomas Abraham, Shain Jacob, Gigi Tom, Abraham Mathew, Moncy Kurian, John Varghese, T.K. Koshy, John Job, Chacko P. George, Susamma Yohannan, Vinu Abraham, Thomas Samuel, Chacko Yohannan, Mathew Samuel, Varghese Abraham, T. T. George	Congers Valley Cottage Garnerville West Nyack
Dec 08 Sat	4:00 pm	Johnson George, Ned P. Idiculla, Philip N. Philip, Daniel K. Thomas, Dr. Joseph Mathew	New Jersey
Dec 09 Sun	4:00 pm	Rev. Joe John, Joseph P. David, Zachariah N. Abraham, P.D. Joshua, John Samuel, Philip J. Parayil, John P. Koshy, Jacob Chacko, George Thomas, Jose P. Mathunny, Sony Mathews, Sanjayan Joseph, Shaimi Jacob, Monzy Daniel, Marcus Cherian, N.M. Mathew, P. A. Chacko, Siby M. Varghese, Ajay K. Pappan, Sherlin Philip	Spring Valley Monsey Wesley Hills, Suffern
Dec 14 Fri	7:00 pm	Thomas Zachariah, Thomas Varghese, Jacob Alexander, Alexander Varghese, Jiji John, Babu Varughese, Babu Mathew, Linu Abraham, Rajan Mathew, George Karakal, Chinnamma Mathews, Benoj David, Thomas P. Mathew, Samuel Mathew, Reni Mathew, K.M. Thomas, Thomas Ninan, Thomas C. Ninan, C.T. Abraham, Binu Mathew, Joji Joshua, Thomas V. Cheriyan	Nanuet Bardonia New City
Dec 15 Sat	4:00 pm	Easow T. George, Thomas Christison, Ben Jacob Varghese, Nebu Varghese, Joseph K. Daniel, George Alexander, Thampy Varghese, Saumya Daniel, Rajesh Mathew, Dr. Sarah H. Varkey, Saiji Cherian, Jibu C George	Danbury Upstate NY
Dec 16 Sun	4:00 pm	George Kurian, Zach George, Kuruvilla Cherian, Easo Kurian, Varghese Thomas, Dey P. Neduvellil, John Mathew, Jacob George, N.K. Mathew, Alex Mathew, John K. Alexander, M.S.Eappen	Orangeburg Tappan Palisades

Church Update

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Christmas Carol Service will be held on Saturday, 22nd December at 6:30 pm. Please join as our Sunday School students perform and choir leads us in this carol service.

CHRISTMAS HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

A Holy Communion Service in English will be held on Tuesday, 25th December at 9:30 am as we celebrate the Birth of our Lord. Breakfast will be arranged for all following the service.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

Watch Night Service will be held on Monday, 31st December at 9:30 pm. Please participate prayerfully as we share our testimonies and rededicate ourselves. Holy Communion Service will begin at 11:00 pm, which will be conducted in Malayalam.

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Parish Day

The first Sunday of December is observed as our Parish Day. Let us look back and give thanks to our Lord as we complete 22 years as a parish.

Our guest for the 23rd Parish Day will be
Rev. Shiby Varghese
Mar Thoma Theological Semiannary, Kottayam

Please set apart one day's income for Parish Day Contribution as we dedicate ourselves and our resources for the Glory of God and the growth our family and the St. James family.

Fellowship lunch will be arranged following the service.