BIRTHDAYS

1	Sherly Moncy
2	Jessy Thomas
4	Gina Zachariah
4	Jaimon Abraham
5	John K. Alexander
6	Shreya Thomas
9	Aleykutty C. Eapen
11	Jonathan James Joshua
15	Serena Mary Mathew
16	Johan George Easaw
17	Leann Elizabeth Varghese
23	Diana Elsa Mathew
27	Matthew Easo
30	Thomas P. Mathew
30	Dennis John Samuel

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1	Mrs. and Mr. P. A. Chacko
9	Mrs. and Mr. George Thomas
11	Mrs. and Mr. Jibu C. George
14	Mrs. and Mr. Sony Mathews
21	Mrs. and Mr. Shain Jacob
27	Mrs. and Mr. Abraham Mathew

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Dearly beloved in Christ, Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

A professor in his philosophy class picked up a large and empty may-onnaise jar and proceeded to fill with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was. The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was. The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with an unanimous 'yes'. The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table ad poured into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed. Professor said: The jar represents your life. The golf balls are important things- your family, your children, your health, your purpose of life, your relationship with God…and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are other things that matter like your job, your house and your car. The sand is the small stuff which is less significant.

If you put the sand into the jar first, there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Take care of the golf balls first – the things that really matter. So set your priorities.

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor answered with a smile, "the coffee just shows you that no matter how full your life may see, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend."

From this narration I have to emphasize two things:

1 We should prioritize what is important and what is not. This is true in our personal life. This is true in our family life as well as in our parish life. Most of the problems arise when we give undue importance to small stuff and neglect the important things.

2 Friendship makes our life better. Even though our life was filled with many things still there is place for good friends. So let us enlarge our circle of friendship and regain our lost friendship.

May the grace of our Lord be with us all!!

Yours in His Ministry, Joe Johnachen

WORSHIP SERVICES

Date	Time	Service
June 03	10.15 am	Holy Communion. (English)
June 10	10.15 am	Holy Communion. (Malayalam)
June 17	10.15 am	Holy communion (English)
June 24	10.15 am	Holy Communion. (Malayalam)

DATE	THEME
June 03	Trinity Sunday - Holy Trinity (1st Sunday after Pentecost)
June 10	Environmental Sunday - The Sanctity of Mutuality
June 17	The Calling and Appointment of Apostles
June 24	Disciples: who walk ahead (4th Sunday after Pentecost)

SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

Date	Service Assistant	Usher	Usher
June 03	Navin John	George Easaw	Jinu Easaw
June 10	John K. Alexander	Leann Varghese	Serena Mathew
June 17	Subin Alexander	Joel Thomas	Jenny Thomas
June 24	George Thomas	Diana Mathew	Dalia Mathew

SCRIPTURE READING ASSIGNMENTS

Date	Lesson 1	Lesson 2
June 03	Cyril Zachariah	Gina Zachariah
June 10	Sony Mathews	Shaina Mathews
June 17	Jibu George	Sumi George
June 24	Mathew Easo	Aleykutty C. Eapen

LECTIONARY

Date	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Epistle	Gospel
June 03	Gen.18:1-15	Rom.11:25-36	2Cor.13:11-14	St.Luke.3:15-22
June 10	Gen.9:8-17	Rom.8:18-25	Col.1:15-23	St.John.15:1-11
June 17	2Kings.2:1-15	2Pet.1:1-11	1Tim. 1:12-17	St. Mat 10:1-15
June 24	Josh.3:1-8	1Thes.4:1-12	Eph.5:8-21	St.Luke.10:1-11

ORGANISATION PRAYER MEETINGS

EDAVAKA MISSION	**Friday, June 1, 2012 at 7:30 PM**	At the residence of Mr. P. A. Chacko, 7 Eckerson Lane, Spring Valley, NY 10977
	Friday, June 22, 2012 at 7:30 PM	At the residence of Mr. Dey P. Neduvelil, 5 Queens Court, Orangeburg, NY 10962
SEVIKA SANGHAM	**Tuesday, June 05, 2012 at 7:30 PM**	At the residence of Mrs. Salomi George, 5 Headden Dr., Spring Valley, NY 10977
	Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at 7:30 PM	At the residence of Mrs. Susan Alexander, 35 Virginia Street, Tappan, NY 10983
YUVAJANA SAKHYAM	**Friday, June 15, 2012 at 7:30 PM**	TBA

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

CLARKSTOWN	**TBA**	
ORANGETOWN	**Sunday, June 24, 2012 at 7:00 PM**	At the residence of Mr. Alexander Varghese 1 East Palisades Ave. Nanuet, NY 10954
RAMAPO	**TBA**	