

BIRTHDAYS

9	1	Lally Johnson
9	1	Gigi Tom
9	2	Mariamamma Abraham
9	2	Joseph K. Daniel
9	4	Nevin Joseph
9	4	Hannah Grace Varghese
9	6	Amanda Alexander
9	13	Mariamamma Idiculla
9	16	Nancy Job
9	17	Elizabeth K. Cherian
9	18	Susan Alexander
9	18	Ramya Sara Christison
9	18	Sanzia Mathews
9	18	Seth Mathews
9	20	Babu Mathew
9	20	Rajan Mathew
9	21	Robin John Christison
9	22	Mikayla Sara Abraham
9	22	Ashwin Thomas Karakal
9	22	Anny Thomas
9	23	Janze Mariam Koshy
9	23	Abigail Susan Varghese
9	25	Philip Varghese
9	26	Liya Mariam Johnson
9	26	Bejoe K. Babu
9	27	Vinitha A. Jose

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

9	2	Mrs. Susamma Yohannan
9	22	Mrs. and Mr. Monzy Daniel
9	24	Mrs. and Mr. Philip J. Parayil
9	29	Mrs. and Mr. Thomas Samuel
9	30	Mrs. and Mr. K . M. Thomas



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Towards a Purpose Driven Church

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Dear Beloved in Christ,
Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Last month we look into the wrong motives which may become the driving force of a church. Then what would be the true purposes of a church. Rick Warren defines five purposes for a church. These purposes are derived from two significant Bible portions usually called as the Great Commandment and Great Commission. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.... Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

(Matthew 22: 37 – 40)

"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

(Matthew 28: 19 – 20)

The five Purposes of a Church are:

Purpose # 1: Love the God with all your heart (MAGNIFY or WORSHIP the GOD)

Purpose # 2: Love your neighbor as yourself (MINISTRY)

Purpose # 3: Go and make disciples (MISSION)

Purpose # 4: Baptizing the people (MEMBERSHIP)

Purpose # 5: Teaching them to obey (MATURITY)

In the light of these purposes, as a parish we have to look upon the following:

1. How can we improve our Sunday worship as well as other prayer meetings?
 2. How can we serve our neighborhood more effectively?
 3. How can we start some mission outreach programs?
 4. How can we improve relationship among members?
 5. How can we grow into mature Christian Discipleship?
- I'm anticipating the response of all parish members.

May the Grace of our Lord be with you all!

In His Ministry, Joe Johnachen (revjoejohn@gmail.com)

WORSHIP SERVICES

Date	Time	Service
Sep 02	10:15 am	Holy Communion (Malayalam)
Sep 09	10:15 am	Holy Communion (English) - Youth Chaplain's visit
Sep 16	10:15 am	Holy Communion (Malayalam) - Sevika Sangham Sunday
Sep 23	10:15 am	Holy Communion (English)
Sep 30	10:15 am	Holy Communion (Malayalam)

Sunday School - 09:00 AM

DATE	THEME
Sep 02	Education Day - Education: Founded on the fear of the Lord
Sep 09	Sevika Sangham Day - Role of Women in Faith Succession
Sep 16	Senior Citizens Day - Old Age with Grace
Sep 23	Christian Nurturing - The Foundation of the Church
Sep 30	The Sacrament of Confession

SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

Date	Service Assistant	Usher	Usher
Sep 02	Gigi Tom	Steffin Monzy	Stanley Varghese
Sep 09	Rajesh Mathew	Rebeca Varghese	Sarah Varghese
Sep 16	Kuruvilla Cherian	Annmarie Ninan	Sally Ninan
Sep 23	Jonathan Joshua	Sony Thomas	Selwyn Jacob
Sep 30	Thomas Varghese	Ashley Alexander	Amanda Alexander

SCRIPTURE READING ASSIGNMENTS

Date	Lesson 1	Lesson 2
Sep 02	Rajan Mathew	Elizabeth Cherian
Sep 09	Alexander Mathew	Amanda Mathew
Sep 16	Susan John	Mariamamma Idiculla
Sep 23	Ashwin Karakal	Liya Johnson
Sep 30	Monzy Daniel	Annie Monzy

PARISH CONVENTION: September 28 (Friday), 29 (Saturday) and 30 (Sunday)
Speaker: Mr. Subi Pallickal

LECTIONARY

Date	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Epistle	Gospel
Sep 02	Prov.4:1-19	1Cor. 2:1-16	Col.1:24-29	St.Mat.7:24-29
Sep 09	1Sam.1:1-20	Acts. 16:11-15	2 Tim:1:1-7	St.Luke.1:46-55
Sep 16	Gen. 47:1-12	2Tim. 4:1-8	Phil.1:3-11	St.Luke. 2:25-39
Sep 23	Josh.4:1-10	1John.2:7-17	Col.3:12-17	St.Luke.2:41-52
Sep 30	Jonah. 4:1-11	1John. 1:1-10	Rom.5:6-11	St.John. 16:7-13

ORGANISATION PRAYER MEETINGS

EDAVAKA MISSION	Friday, September 7, 2012 at 7:30 PM	At the residence of Mr. John K. Alexander, 35 Virginia Street, Tappan, NY 10983
	Saturday, September 22, 2012 at 7:00 PM	At the residence of Mr. Joji Joshua, 12 Vincent Street, Nanuet, NY 10954
SEVIKA SANGHAM	Monday, September 3, 2012 at 7:00pm	At the residence of Mrs. Bindu Abraham, 9 Hacker Place, Nanuet, NY 10954
	Monday, September 17, 2012 at 7:00pm	At the residence of Mrs. Viji John, 17 Norwood Place, Nanuet, NY 10954
YUVAJANA SAKHYAM	TBA	

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

CLARKSTOWN	TBA	
ORANGETOWN	Saturday, September 8, 2012 at 7:00 PM	At the residence of: Mr. Dey P. Neduvelil, 5 Queens Court, Orangeburg, NY 10962
RAMAPO	TBA	