



*May God bestow his goodness and blessings
as you celebrate another year of marriage.
Happy Wedding Anniversary....*

ST. JAMES MAR THOMA CHURCH OF ROCKLAND, NY

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Vicar's Message...

Dearly Beloved in Christ,


God himself is the highest example of sacrificial love and perfect harmony. We are given the responsibility to protect and promote unity of the church which is the body of Christ. Early Christians met together for fellowship every day. "They worshipped together regularly at the temple each day met in small groups in homes for communion and shared their meals with great joy and thankfulness"(Acts: 2:46).

In fellowship we are sharing our true feelings, encouraging each other, supporting each other and forgiving each other. When we are meeting together in small groups like prayer meetings, youth fellowships and Sunday school, we are building up fellowship. Real fellowship groups shares their hurts, reveals their feelings, confess their failures, disclose their doubts, admit their fears, acknowledge their weakness and ask for help and prayer.

World famous Maramon convention will be held on the 2nd week of February(11-18) which is the time of fellowship of studying God's word together. Great Lent begins on February 11, which is the time of reviewing and renewing our relationship with fellow beings. Make use of this time meaningfully. If we make ourselves available in some mission activities we are doing the fellowship of serving. When we enter into others pain and grief and try to carry some burdens of others, we are participating in the fellowship of suffering.

I wish to conclude with the words of Dietrich Bonhoeffer the German Pastor. In his famous book on fellowship 'Life together' he suggests that disillusionment with our local church is a good thing because it destroys our false expectations of perfection. The sooner we give up the illusion that a church must be perfect in order to love it, the sooner we quit pretending and start admitting we are all imperfect and need grace. This is the beginning of real community.

May God bless us all.

Mathew Babyachen 

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES - FEBRUARY 2018

5	Ann & N. M. Mathew	Suffern
7	Elizabeth & Jacob Chacko	Spring Valley
10	Mariyamma & Jacob Alexander	Nanuet
11	Jessy & Samuel Mathew	Bardonia
14	Saramma & T. K. Koshy	Congers

UPCOMING EVENTS & PRAYER MEETINGS: FEB. 2018

Saturday 02/10/2018	6:00 PM	Sevika sangam meeting at the residence of Merry Jacob 31 Strathmore Dr., New City, NY 10956
Saturday 02/17/2018	6:30 PM	Edavaka mission meeting at the residence of T.K. Koshy 3 Wesley Ct., Congers, NY 10920
Saturday 02/24/2018	6:00 PM	Ramapo area prayer meeting at the residence of John P. Koshy 75 Rockland Lane, Spring Valley, NY 10977

Dedication service of Church executive committee: On Sunday February 4th, 2018 during Holy communion service.

123rd Maramon Convention begins on Sunday February 11th and ends on Sunday February 18th

Great lent begins on Sunday February 11th

Sunday school starts at 9 AM every Sunday

Intercessory prayer at Church every Sunday starts at 9:30 AM

Fasting prayer at Parsonage every Friday at 10:30 AM

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WORSHIP SERVICES: FEBRUARY 2018		
Date	Time	Service
Feb 04	10:15 AM	Holy Communion Service (Mal.)
Feb 11	10:15 AM	Holy Communion Service (Eng.)
Feb 18	10:15 AM	Holy Communion Service (Mal.)
Feb 25	10:15 AM	Holy Communion Service (Eng.)

LECTIONARY & THEME: FEBRUARY 2018				
Date	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Epistle	Gospel
Feb 04	The Holistic Healing that Christ gives Medical Mission Sunday			
	Job. 42:1-12	Rev. 22:1-5	2 Cor. 12:1-10	St. John.5:1-16
Feb 11	Pethurtha: Beginning of the Great Lent begins Lent: Transformation of creation 123rd Maramon convention begins			
	Gen. 45:1-15	Eph. 2:11-22	2 Cor. 5:16-21	St. John. 2:1-11
Feb 18	'Touching the Untouchable' 2 nd Sunday in lent 123rd Maramon convention ends			
	2 King. 5:1-15	Heb. 13:7-17	Phlm 8-18	St. Mat.8:1-4
Feb 25	Life Restoring Faith 3 rd Sunday in lent			
	2 King 4:1-7	Acts 5:12-16	Heb. 11:1-12	St. Luke.5:17-26

BIRTHDAYS - FEBRUARY 2018		
1	Sarah Varghese	Nanuet
5	Salomi George	Spring Valley
5	Samma George	Valley Cottage
6	P. D. Joshua	Spring Valley
9	Blessy Binu	New City
10	T. T. George	Spring Valley
11	Hayden Ann Binu	New City
11	Liya Shaju	Spring Valley
13	Ann Marie Ninan	New City
14	Jessy Mathew	Bardonia
15	Anoop Cherian	Orangeburg
16	Benoj Joseph David	New City
17	Saneeta Ann Monzy	Monsey
18	George Kurian	Orangeburg
19	Jennifer Job	Congers
19	Nitin Pallathu John	Spring Valley
20	Sanjayan Joseph	New City
21	Aleyamma Mathew	Tappan
21	Jinu Ann Easaw	Cortland Manor
27	Amy Elizabeth Abraham	Nanuet

