



May God bestow his goodness and blessings as you celebrate another year of marriage.

Happy Wedding Anniversary....

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES - JANUARY 2018

1/2	Aleyamma & Babu Mathew	Nanuet, NY
1/5	Susan & John K. Alexander	Tappan, NY
1/7	Blessy & Binu Mathew	Ne City, NY
1/13	Mariamamma & Joseph P. David	Spring Valley, NY
1/16	Elizabeth & Dey P. Neduvelil	Orangeburg, NY
1/16	Jolly & Gigi Tom	Congers, NY
1/17	Salomi & George T. T.	Spring Valley, NY
1/24	Rachel & Jacob George	Tappan, NY
1/26	Valsamma & Jose P. Mathunny	Spring Valley, NY

UPCOMING EVENTS & PRAYER MEETINGS: JAN. 2018

Sat. 1/20/18	6:30 PM	Orangetown Area Prayer Meeting at the residence of Rency Joshua, 12 Vincent St, Nanuet, NY Tel. (845) 624 -3640
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Vicar's Message

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

The Bible repeatedly compares the lives of believers in this world to temporary living in a foreign country. Bible uses the terms like alien, pilgrim, foreigner, stranger, visitor, and traveler to describe our brief stay on earth. We must thank God for our time on earth, our energy, intelligence, resources, opportunities and relationships. We are the stewards of whatever God has given us. Beginning of every new year is a time for reflecting and evaluating the past, as well as setting goals for the future.

Each one of us faces many concerns and questions, as we stand on the threshold of the unknown future. We will never be able to escape the troubles that life brings, but we can turn to the Lord for strength and deliverance. When we are unable to calmly leave our burdens and affairs in God's hands, we are tempted to use wrong means to solve our problems, such as relying up on our human wisdom rather than God's guidance. The English Baptist Pastor Charles Spurgeon's words are meaningful, "if you tell your troubles to God, you put them into the grave; they will never rise again when you have committed them to Him. If you roll your burden anywhere else, it will roll back again -----".

May this New year be a time of shifting our thinking merely from self-centeredness to other human beings. May our goal be to figure out where others are in their spiritual journey, and then do whatever it takes to bring them a step closer to knowing CHRIST. Let our normal pattern of making excuses, shifts to thinking of creative ways to fulfill our task. Make every effort to comfort someone who is ill, or fearful of death with the power and promises of the scripture. Attempt to reassure someone who has been away from God, that there is forgiveness and divine love. Try to know our blessings of spiritual gifts, strengths, personality and experiences and try to demonstrate how can I make a difference of establishing the kingdom values like justice, peace and reconciliation.

May this year give us the opportunity to follow our dreams, love our fellow beings and live like there is no tomorrow and smile unconditionally. Have a joyous, blessed and a prosperous New Year.

May God bless us all.

Mathew Babychen



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WORSHIP SERVICES: JANUARY 2018		
Date	Time	Service
1/7	10:15 AM	Holy Communion Service (Mal.)
1/14	10:15 AM	Holy Communion Service (Eng.)
1/21	10:15 AM	Holy Communion Service (Mal.)
1/28	10:15 AM	Holy Communion Service (Eng.)

LECTIONARY & THEME: JANUARY 2018				
Date	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Epistle	Gospel
1/7	God's Revelation that redeems all (Outside Kerala Mission)			
	Isa 61:1-11	Rev 5:1-10	Acts 27:18-26	Luke 4:16-21
1/14	Life worthy of the Holy Calling (Temperance Sunday)			
	Prov 23:19-35	Rom 6:12-23	Gal 5:16-24	Matt 7:15-23
1/21	'One Lord - One Baptism' - Ecumenical Sunday			
	Num 11:23-30	1John 3:1-11	Eph 4:1-10	John 10:7-18
1/28	Church - A Praying Community			
	Gen 18:19-33	1Pet 4:7-16	Jam. 5:13-18	Matt 6:1-9

BIRTHDAYS - JANUARY 2018		
1/3	Rachel G. Karakal	Nanuet, NY
1/6	Jonathan Abraham	Nanuet, NY
1/7	Jolly Abraham	Valley Cottage, NY
1/8	Ankit Verghese	Ramsey, NJ
1/8	Jibin C. George	Valley Cottage, NY
1/12	Maya David	New City, NY
1/12	Kuruville Cherian	Orangeburg, NY
1/13	Joel P. Dey	Orangeburg, NY
1/14	John P. Koshy	Spring Valley, NY
1/14	Alice Mathew	Nanuet, NY
1/15	Robin Chacko	New City, NY
1/15	Mary Thomas	Avenel, NJ
1/16	Jeremy Job	Congers, NY
1/16	Leena Shaju	Spring Valley, NY
1/18	Rency Joshua	Nanuet, NY
1/20	Rachel David	Valley Cottage, NY
1/22	Sneha Sara Kurian	Congers, NY
1/23	Subin Alexander	Tappan, NY
1/25	Dalia Ann Mathew	Bardonia, NY
1/28	Navita Mariam John	Nanuet, NY
1/28	Jerry John	Spring Valley, NY
1/28	Annamma Daniel	Wappinger Falls, NY
1/28	Shaina Mathews	Spring Valley, NY

