

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

Happy Wedding Anniversary...

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES - MARCH 2018

4	Sumi & Benjamin Chacko	Suffern
7	Annamma & Thomas C. Ninan	New City
15	Saramma & Chacko P. George	Valley Cottage

Date	Time	MARCH - EVENTS/PRAYER MEETINGS
Sunday 03/04/18	6:00 PM	Special prayer meeting at the residence of Chinnamma Mathews 40 New Holland Village, Nanuet, NY 10977
Saturday 03/10/18	6:00 PM	Edavak mission prayer meeting at the residence of Linu Abraham, 9 Hacker Pl., Nanuet, NY 10954
Sunday 03/11/18	6:00 PM	Sevika sanghom prayer meeting at the residence of Alice Ajay, 9 Victoria Dr., Airmont, NY 10901
Saturday 03/17/18	6:00 PM	Edavaka mission prayer meeting at the residence of John Job, 92 Wisconsin Ave, Congers, NY 10920
Saturday 03/17/18	9:00 AM	Sevika sanghom and edavaka mission joint regional meeting at Salem Marthoma Church, Long Island, NY
Saturday 03/24/18	4:30 PM	Special prayer meeting All Saints Episcopal Church, 182 Ridge Rd., Valley Cottage, NY

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

Holy Week Services

Date	Time	Days	Worship Services
March 23	7:00 PM	40 th Friday	Holy Communion (Malayalam)
March 25	10:15 AM	Palm Sunday	Holy Communion (English)
March 26	7:00 PM	Monday	Evening worship (Malayalam)
March 27	7:00 PM	Tuesday	Evening worship (Malayalam)
March 28	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Evening worship (Malayalam)
March 29	7:00 PM	Monte Thursday	Holy Communion (English)
March 30	9:00 AM	Good Friday	1 st & 2 nd service in Malayalam and 3 rd Service in English
April 1	9:00 AM	Easter Sunday	Holy Communion (English)

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Vicar's Message...

Dearly Beloved in Christ,


We as Christians the followers of Christ are going through the Great Lent Season of this year. Some of the definitions of lent in dictionaries are, 'in Christianity a time of fasting and repentance in the spring, beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending several weeks later on Easter'. To give something up for Lent is to abandon a pleasurable habit as an act of devotion and self discipline.

Cambridge Dictionary explains Lent as, 'in the Christian religion 40 days before Easter a period during which for religious reasons, some people stop doing particular things that they enjoy'. In Lent many Christians commit to fasting as well as giving up certain luxuries in order to replicate the sacrifice of Jesus Christ's journey into the desert for 40 days. In general the purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer for Easter through prayer, doing penance mortifying the flesh, repentance of sins, alms giving and self denial.

Billy Graham the U.S Evangelists recently died at the age of 99, one of the most influential preacher of the 21th century once said "Being a Christian is more than just an instantaneous conversion-it is a daily process whereby you grow to be more and more like CHRIST". The need of our day is a spiritual and mental renewal which will be more than increasing in Church membership and attendance. It should be a thirst for God conscious, mental righteousness and a passion for Christ like living.

Lent is a time of humbling ourselves as people of God and as reconciled community. In this season our prayer must be, Lord, give us courage to be with you in the pain of others and be more human in our attitude.

May God bless us all.

Mathew Babychan 

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WORSHIP SERVICES: MARCH 2018		
Date	Time	Service
March 04	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)
March 11	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (English)
March 18	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (English)
March 25	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)

LECTIONARY & THEME: MARCH 2018				
Date	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Epistle	Gospel
March 04	Persistence in Prayer that leads to Healing 4th Sunday in Lent			
	2Kgs 20:1-10	1Thess 5:12-22	Jude 1:17-23	Mark 7:24-30
March 11	True worship that liberates from Bondage 5th Sunday in Lent			
	Exod 3:11-18	Rev 14:1-7	Acts 16:19-34	Luke 13:10-17
March 18	New Vision of Messianic Age			
	Isa 35:1-10	1Pet 4:12-19	2Cor 1:3-11	Luke 18:35-43
March 23	40 th Friday – Jesus who triumphed Temptations			
	Num 21:1-9	Heb 12:1-13	1Pet 1:13-22	1Chr 4:1-11
March 25	Hosanna – Coming of the King Messiah Suboro – Annunciation to Virgin Mary			
	Zech 9:9-17	Rev 4:1-11	Col 1:14-23	Matt 21:1-11

BIRTHDAYS - MARCH 2018		
2	Saramma C. Koshy	Congers
4	Chinnamma Mathews	Nanuet
5	K.J. Ammukutty	Nanuet
5	Reena Abraham	West Nyack
8	Angelina Elizabeth Daniel	Florida
10	Jolly Tom	Congers
11	Allen Ajay	Suffern
11	Beena P. Koshy	Spring Valley
12	Josh Job	Congers
12	Steven Varghese Babu	Nanuet
14	Daniel Thomas	Avenel
14	N.M. Mathews	Suffern
15	Hannah A. Binu	New City
15	M.S. Eappen	Palisades
16	Selwyn Alexander Jacob	Nanuet
16	Timothy Yohannan	Valley Cottage
19	Johnson George	Bergenfield
20	Mariamamma Philip	Spring Valley
21	Jinsey Jacob	Tappan
23	Isaiah Zachary Abraham	West Nyack
27	Susan John	Spring Valley
28	Shaimi Jacob	New City
29	Sherin Elsa Jacob	Nanuet
30	Amanda Elizabeth Mathew	Nanuet
31	Sherin Philip	Spring Valley

Happy Birthday

