

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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES DECEMBER 2019		
Date	Name	Town
Dec 01	Aleykutty & Eappen M.S.	Palisades, NY
Dec 08	Bindu & Linu Abraham	Nanuet, NY
Dec 26	Rebeca & Toms Zachariah	Spring valley, NY
Dec 27	Siji & Shaju Pappan	Spring valley, NY
Dec 31	Alice & Rajan Mathew	Nanuet, NY



Upcoming Events

Date	Events
December 1st Sunday	Parish day. Chief guest - Rev. Aby M. Thomas Tharakan
December 22nd Sunday	Church Christmas carol service in the evening.



Christmas - House Caroling

Date	Day	Area (Tentative)
December 7th	Saturday	Spring Valley, Monsey and Suffern
December 8th	Sunday	Congers, Valley Cottage and New City
December 13th	Friday	Nanuet
December 14th	Saturday	Orangetown and New Jersey.
December 15th	Sunday	Upstate New York.

Sunday School at 9:00AM
Intercessory prayer on Sunday at 9:30AM
Fasting prayer at Parsonage every Friday at 10:30AM.

House Keeping



Please note that it is the responsibility of each member of the Church to keep the Church sanctuary and its premises neat and clean.

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Vicar's message...

Greeting to all in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

When we think about December, immediately Christmas will come in to our mind. All over, Christmas has become a great celebration. In Fact it has become more of a commercial purpose of sale. In our Christmas celebration we must realize the purpose of Christmas and God's work in history. The birth of Jesus is a mystery to be adored and not a puzzle to be pride in to. The shepherds and the Maggie who wanted to adore Christ found Him in the manger. The baby you see in the manger is not an ordinary child, but the divine who took human flesh.

The word that became flesh is the same word that in the beginning was with God and was God. It is through Him all things were made. The word had been before the world had a beginning. He was the same God whom Abraham adored.

Jesus in the manger is the spectacle of God's love towards human beings. He emptied Himself because He loves us and He wanted to one with us in all things except sin. When we look at Jesus in the manger, we must discern His love for us. He spared Himself proving His love for us. The great God of heaven and earth is our God and He loves us as a loving father and that we are to love each other as brothers and sisters. The challenge of Christmas summarized in a poem by an unknown poet is as follows:

*“When the song of the angel is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the Kings and princess are home,
When the Shepherds are back with the flocks,
The work of Christmas begins;
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music with the heart “.*

Let us respond to this challenge positively and welcome the new year. Let us also experience the Love of God and walk with Jesus in all the days throughout the year.

Wish you a Merry Christmas and A prosperous new year.

May God bless us all, Yours in Christ service

Rev. Santhosh Joseph...



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WORSHIP SERVICES: DECEMBER 2019		
Date	Time	Service
December 01	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)
December 08	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (English)
December 15	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)
December 22	10:15 AM	Devine Service (Malayalam)
December 25	8:00 AM	Holy Communion (English)
December 29	10:15AM	Dlvine Service (English)
December 31	10:00 PM	Holy Communion– Watch night service (Malayalam)

LECTIONARY & THEME: DECEMBER 2019				
Date	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Epistle	Gospel
December 1	Beginning of 25 Days Lent-Visitation of Virgin Mary to Elizabeth, Sharing of Good News (Bible Sunday)			
	Isa 40:1-8	James 1:19-25	1Thess 1:1-10	Luke 1:39-45
December 8	Birth of John the Baptist			
	1Kgs 19:1-21	Rev 10:1-11	Gal 1:11-17	Luke 1:57-66
December 15	Annunciation to Joseph			
	Isa 7:10-17	1Pet 3:8-16	Titus 2:11-15	Matt 1:18-23
December 22	Sunday before Christmas "Our Lord Comes"			
	Isa 11:1-10	1John 4:7-21	Rom 1:8-17	John 1:1-14
December 25	Yaldo: Feast of Nativity A New Dawn Grace upon Grace (End of 25 Days Lent)			
	Isa 9:1-7	Heb 1:1-14	2Tim 2:8-13	Luke 2:1-20
December 29	Christ the Hope of Glory			
	Zech 14:1-5	Acts 1:6-11	1Thess 4:13-18	Matt 24:32-44
December 31	Year Ending Watch Night Service-"Taste and See the Lord is Good"-			
	Deut 8:1-20	Heb 12:1-13	1Pet 5:6-11	John 7:37-42



BIRTHDAYS-DECEMBER 2019		
Dates	Name	Town
Dec 01	Steven Tom	Congers, NY
Dec 06	Tinu Varghese	Rock Tavern, NY
Dec 16	Bindu Abraham	Nanuet, NY
Dec 17	Joel George Thomas	Spring Valley, NY
Dec 17	Jessie Cherian	Orangeburg, NY
Dec 18	Alex Mathew	West Nyack, NY
Dec 18	John Navaratnam	Orangeburg, NY
Dec 20	Zachariah Abraham	Spring Valley, NY
Dec 21	Stacy Sara Jacob	Nanuet, NY
Dec 23	Diya Varghese	Congers, NY
Dec 27	Vincent Abraham	Bergenfield, NJ
Dec 30	Jisha Jacob	Tappan, NY