

## Vicar's message September 2020

Greetings to all in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, yes, I will uphold you with my righteous hand" (Isaiah 41: 10). The Covid -19 virus has created a worldwide fear of this deadly virus. Many have lost their lives and still the virus is affecting many. For several months, Churches were closed. We are unable to gather in our Church for worship services. Even people with a strong faith need encouragement. The prophet Isaiah was God's messenger to Israel. The people of Israel experienced some very bad times. In those times, God gave his people encouragement through Isaiah. During this pandemic, we are somewhat like the Israelites. We need a message of hope and encouragement.

1. God does not want us to be afraid (Isaiah 41:10). Those words can also be found in Deuteronomy 31: 6-8 . Jesus often said to His disciples, "Fear not". During this pandemic and any other time of uncertainty, God says "Fear not".

2. God is always with us. "Fear not I am with you." . God promises to be with those who belong to Him. Jesus says in Matthew 28:20 , " I am with you always even to the end of the age". In Hebrews 13: 5 we find these words " I will never leave you nor forsake you". Isaiah 43: 2 says when you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you.

3. We should not allow ourselves to be distressed (Isaiah: 41: 9,10). Any time God's people take their eyes off Him and look at circumstances around them, they can easily become dismayed or distressed. We all know the story of Peter walking on the water. He did very well as long as he focused his eyes on Jesus. Suddenly Peter started looking at the stormy water and down he went. In distress, Peter cried out to Jesus to save him. When you begin to be distressed, call on the Lord.

4. Bad times will come, but the Lord is ready to help us (Isaiah: 41: 10) here God promised to strengthen us. He will help us. He will uphold us with the right hand of his righteousness. Those promises God meant for His people. That should be all that we need even today. When God's people begin to fear, they often have no strength. So God said He would be their source of strength. When God's people are fearful they often don't know what they should do. So God said He would be their source of help. When God's people are afraid, they often fall. So God said He would hold them up with His own right hand

No one knows how long this deadly virus will continue. It has affected our lives in many ways. These are times when we need the promises God has given His people in His word and believe that they are true. The promise found in Isaiah : 41 :10 is just as valid today as it was to the people of God in Isaiah's day. Trust what God has said in Isaiah 41:10. Don't be afraid because I am with you. Don't look around , because I am your God. I will strengthen you when you are weak. I will help you when you don't know where to turn. I will uphold you when you fall.

May God bless you all  
Yours in Christ service,  
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***Lectionary September 2020***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Lesson 1</b>	<b>Lesson 2</b>	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
<b>Sept 06</b>	<b>Education for Liberation- (Education Sunday)</b>			
	rov 8:1-12	Acts 8:26-38	Col 1:24-29	Mark 6:34-44
<b>Sept 13</b>	<b>Women Change Makers: (Sevika Sanghom Day)</b>			
	Num 27:1-11	Acts 16:11-15	Rom 16:1-6	John 4:27-30
<b>Sept 20</b>	<b>Elderly generation: Custodians of Fruitful Life (Senior Citizen Day)-</b>			
	Isa 40:21-31	Eph 6:1-9	1Tim 5:1-10	Luke 2:25-38
<b>Sept 27</b>	<b>Unity of the Church for the Witness of Life Inauguration Day of the Church of South India (CSI)</b>			
	Ezek 37:15-22	John 3:1-12	Eph 4:1-6	John 17:20-26

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Worship services</b>
<b>Sept 06</b>	<b>10:15AM</b>	<b>Church/Virtual Service (Malayalam)</b>
<b>Sept 13</b>	<b>10:15AM</b>	<b>Church/Virtual Service (English)</b>
<b>Sept 20</b>	<b>10:15AM</b>	<b>Church/Virtual Service (Malayalam)</b>
<b>Sept 27</b>	<b>10:15AM</b>	<b>Church/Virtual Service (English)</b>

***Wedding Anniversary – September 2020***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Town</b>
<b>Sept 24</b>	<b>Jennifer and Josh Job</b>	<b>Congers</b>
<b>Sept 24</b>	<b>Mariamamma and Philip Parayil</b>	<b>Spring Valley</b>
<b>Sept 26</b>	<b>Andrea and Subin Alexander</b>	<b>Tappan</b>
<b>Sept 29</b>	<b>Annamamma and Thomas Samuel</b>	<b>New City</b>

***Tele-Prayer Meetings June 2020***

<b>Wednesday's</b>	<b>Tele - chain prayer from 8:00AM-8:00PM. Concluding session prayer meeting at 8:00PM.</b>
<b>Friday's</b>	<b>Tele - Fasting prayer at 10:30AM.</b>
<b>Saturday's</b>	<b>Tele – prayer meeting at 8:00PM with the leader ship of area prayer groups and Church organizations.</b>

**Birthday – September 2020**

Dates	Name	Town
Sept 01	Gigi Tom	Congers
Sept 02	Joseph K. Daniel	Wappinger falls
Sept 02	Mariamamma Abraham	Congers
Sept 04	Nevin Joseph	New City
Sept 06	Amanda Alexander	Nanuet
Sept 13	Mariamamma Idiculla	Bergenfield
Sept 15	Abraham K. Varghese	Ramsey
Sept 16	Nancy Job	Congers
Sept 17	Elizabeth K. Cherian	Orangeburg
Sept 18	Susan Alexander	Tappan
Sept 18	Seth Mathew	Spring Valley
Sept 18	Sanzia Mathew	Spring Valley
Sept 20	Babu Mathew	Nanuet
Sept 20	Rajan Mathew	Nanuet
Sept 22	Anny Thomas	Avenel
Sept 22	Ashwin T. Karakal	Nanuet
Sept 25	Philip Varghese	Congers
Sept 26	Liya M. Johnson	Bergenfield
Sept 27	Vinitha A. Jose	Spring Valley

**Church Convention(virtual): September 25-27**

September 25<sup>th</sup> Friday AT 7:00pm – Rev. Aju Abraham, Vicar of Atlanta MarThoma Church  
 September 26<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 7:00PM – Dr. Vino Daniel.  
 September 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday immediately after the service – Prof. Koshy Thalakal



**September 6th Sunday | School going student’s virtual dedication prayer during the service.**

Date	Events
November 29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Thanks Giving Service at 10:15AM follows auction (Virtual)
December 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Parish day(Virtual)

