Message From Rev. Joseph Chacko

My Dear Parish Family,

It is my immense pleasure to greet you in the matchless name of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ. I hope this letter finds you and your family, in good health, and you are enduring these baffling days of 'self-distancing' with faith and hope. This historic covid pandemic has required us to make enormous sacrifices to protect the health of our community. I know how much you miss the opportunity to gather together as a parish family for worship, and especially to partake in the Holy Qurbana. But we know, we will be together again in our beloved Church, and God willing, that day will come soon.

Our life is a precious gift of God, and we are on our spiritual journey. Life will bring trouble and we will face danger, but as the people of God, we can live above fear and trust that He will never let us fall. God does not promise us a world without danger, but He does promise us help whenever we face danger. He is in control of everything. King David sings in his most difficult time, "The Lord is my light and my salvation-whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life- of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1)". It reminds us that hope is a powerful weapon to face the battles and challenges in our life.

In February, our Church is observing the three days Fast (Fast of Nineveh from Feb 7-9). The three-day fast commemorates the three days that Prophet Jonah spent inside the belly of the great fish and the subsequent fast and repentance of the Ninevites at the warning message of the Prophet Jonah.

The 127th Maramon Convention is scheduled to be held from 13-20th of February. Let us pray for spiritual awakening and mission enlightenment through the messages delivered at the convention Pandal.

Our great Lent begins on Sunday, February 27th (50 days). It is a time we see ourselves, examine ourselves, and assess ourselves in the light of our relationship with God. All these are done in the light of and at the foot of the CROSS. According to our Canon, the essence of Lent is 'fasting and prayer', it is an excellent weapon to fight the devil; it was with this weapon that Jesus overcame the devil before He started His public ministry. Therefore, we need to recapture the spirit of Lent and its intended meaning in a way that can become helpful to our personal and corporate spiritual life.

Thank you all for your prayers, and support. May the Lord our God bless and keep each of you and your loved ones safe and sound during these challenging times.

In Christ's Ministry,

Joseph Chacko Achen.

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Church Services: February 2022

Date	Time	Worship Services
6-Feb	10:30 AM	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)
13-Feb	10:30 AM	Holy Communion Service (English)
20-Feb	10:30 AM	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)
27-Feb	10:30 AM	Holy Communion Service (English)

Lectionary: February 2022

Date /				
Month	Lesson: 1	Lesson: 2	Epistle	Gospel
6-Feb	Medical Mission Sunday (Healing of Body, Mind & Spirit)			
	Num. 12: 1-16	Acts 9: 32 - 35	Jam. 5: 13 - 20	Mark 5: 25 - 34
13-Feb	"Glorious Divine Creation". (127th Maramon Convention Begins)			
	Job 39: 1 -21	1 Cor.15: 35 - 49	Col. 1: 15 -23	Matt. 6: 26 - 34
20-Feb	Fall of Creation (127th Maramon Convention Ends)			
	Gen. 3: 1-21	Eph. 2: 11-18	Rom. 7: 14 - 25	Matt. 7: 13-21
27-Feb	Beginning of Great Lent (Pethrutha) Renewal of Creation			
	Ezek. 36: 24-30	Rev. 21: 1-7	2 Cor. 5: 16-21	John 2: 1-11



February Birthdays

Dates	Name	Town
1	Sarah Varghese	Nanuet
5	Saramma George	New City
9	Blessy Binu	New City
11	Liya Shaju	Garnerville
13	Ann Marie Ninan	New City
14	Jessy Mathew	Bardonia
15	Anoop Cherian	Orangeburg
16	Benoj Joseph David	New City
16	Hayden Ann Mathew	New City
18	George Kurian	Orangeburg
19	Nitin Pallathu John	Spring Valley
20	Sanjayan Joseph	New City
21	Aleyamma Mathew	Tappan
21	Jinu Ann Easaw	Cortland Manor
21	Toms Zachariah	Fair Lawn, NJ
27	Amy Elizabeth Abraham	Nanuet

February Wedding Anniversaries

Dates	Name	Town
5	Dr. Anne & N. M. Mathews	Suffern
7	Elizabeth & Jacob Chacko	Spring Valley
10	Mariamma & Jacob Alexander	Nanuet
11	Jessy & Samuel Mathew	Bardonia
11	Saramma & Thomas Zachariah	Nanuet
14	Saramma & T. K. Koshy	Congers

Chain Prayer every Wednesday 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM with the concluding prayer at 8:00 PM Via Zoom Fasting Prayer at 10:30 AM on Fridays via Zoon