



St. James MTC Church Newsletter

April 2022

Message from Rev. Ajith Varghese

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Greeting in the name of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ

We are in the midst of the most important 50 Lent days of Christian life. These are the times when we evaluate how we are positively preserving the essence of our spiritual life. An experience that prepares us for look back and a return. It is filled with the sufferings of Christ, the Cross, and the hope of the Resurrection.

Christian community is a community of the Cross. Death and resurrection of Jesus is a central focus of Christianity. The crucifixion of Christ changed the meaning given to the Cross. 'It is a symbol of death and life, hate and love, violence and peace, brokenness, and wholeness, all is lost yet everything is gained, destruction and restoration, defeat and victory. Once the cruelest form of execution yet now it is a symbol of abundant life'.

We must first look to the cross when looking for evidence of God's love for us. Cross on Calvary is the perfect and unadulterated proof of God's love for us. Leo the Great said "The cross of Christ is the true ground and chief of Christian hope". The crucifixion was an unavoidable necessity for the Son of Man. For the ruling authority the execution on the cross was public display of capital punishment but Christ capitalized that punishment for us. The cross is no longer an insult that ends in death. The resurrection of Christ gives a new interpretation to the cross. Resurrection is the denial of all the darkness that destroys us such as bondage, destruction, humiliation, and enslavement. Jesus' resurrection means that we have hope beyond the grave. May this Lent period and Passion Week observations lead us to the glow of hope beyond the grave and the Holy Spirit help us to grow to the crowning of Christ.

"Therefore, if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God". (Colo. 3:1)

God Bless You

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Church Service

Date & Day	Time	Church Worship Services
4/3 (Sun)	10:30 AM	Divine Worship Service (Mal)
4/8 (Fri)	7:00 PM	Holy Communion Service (Mal)
4/10 (Sun)	10:30 AM	Holy Communion Service (Eng)
4/11 (Mon)	7:00 PM	Hasha - Passion Week Service (Mal)
4/12 (Tue)	7:00 PM	Hasha - Passion Week Service (Mal)
4/13 (Wed)	7:00 PM	Hasha - Passion Week Service (Mal)
4/14 (Thu)	7:00 PM	Passover -Holy Communion Service (Mal)
4/15 (Fri)	9:00 AM	Good Friday Service (1st & 2nd in Mal & 3rd in Eng.)
4/17 (Sun)	8:00 AM	Easter - Holy Communion Service (Eng)
4/24 (Sun)	10:30 AM	New Sunday - Holy Communion Service (Mal)

Lectionary

Date/Day & Time	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Epistle	Gospel
4/3 (Sun) 10:30 AM	Christ Who Gives Hopeful Vision			Mark 10:46- 52
	Mic 7: 7- 20	Acts: 9: 10- 18	Col. 1: 1- 14	
4/8 (Fri) 7:00 PM	Fortieth Friday - Christ who Transcends Temptations			Luk: 4: 1 - 13
	Jer. 7: 3 - 17	1 Pet. 1: 13 - 22	Rom 8: 35-39	
4/10 (Sun) 10:30 AM	Hosanna - "Lord Save Us"			Mark: 11: 1-18
	Zech: 9: 9 - 17	Rom: 11: 16-36	Col: 1:14-23	
4/11 (Mon) 7:00 PM	Hasha - Passion Week			
	Isa:63: 1-19	Mat: 22: 15 - 33		
4/12 (Tue) 7:00 PM	Hasha - Passion Week			
	Num: 21: 1-16	Mat: 24: 1- 28		
4/13 (Wed) 7:00 PM	Hasha - Passion Week			
	Lev: 16 : 1- 28	John 6: 60 -70		
4/14 (Thu) 7:00 PM	Passover Thursday			Mat:26:17-30
	Exod: 12: 1-17	Heb: 9: 1-15	1 Cor: 11:23-34	
4/15 (Fri) 9:00 AM	Good Friday - Cross: Way of Salvation			
	First Service Isa: 53: 1-12 1 Pet. 1: 1 -25	Second Service Zech 13: 1-19 Gal 3: 1-22	Third Service Num: 21: 1-9 Heb: 3: 1-19	
4/17 (Sun) 8:00 AM	Easter: Celebration of Resurrection			Luk: 24: 1 - 12
	Isa: 60: 12-21	1Cor: 15: 42-58	1Cor:15:20-28	
4/24 (Sun) 10:30 AM	New Sunday - Jesus: Lord and God			John 20:19-29
	Gen: 28:10-22	Acts 24:10-21	1 Thes 4:13-18	

Birthdays

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Date	Name	Town
1	Annamma George	Congers
1	Philip J. Parayil	Spring Valley
2	George Thomas	Spring Valley
2	Kevin Mathew	West Nyack
4	Allwyn V. Thomas	Orangeburg
4	George Thomas Karakal	Nanuet
4	Sumi Chacko	Suffern
6	Gianna M. Joshua	Nanuet
8	Abraham S. Cherian	New Windsor
8	Elizabeth Jacob	Spring Valley
11	Ashley Ann Karakal	Nanuet
11	Paul P. Dey	Orangeburg
15	Jacob Chacko	Spring Valley
15	Varghese Abraham	Congers
16	Justina Susan Koshy	Congers
16	Valsamma Jose	Spring Valley
18	Ann Philip	Westwood, NJ
18	Joseph P. David	Spring Valley
18	Nidhin M. Kurian	Congers
18	Rachel C. Ninan	New City
18	Susamma Yohannan	Valley Cottage
19	Merry Jacob	New City
20	Annamma Thomas	Valley Cottage
21	Ben Jacob Varghese	Pleasant Valley
22	Roshen Abraham	Congers
24	Annamma Ninan	New City
24	Jessy Mathew	West Nyack
25	Jacob Alex Abraham	Nanuet
26	Sally C. Ninan	New City
28	Alice Thomas	Avenel

Wedding Anniversary

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: APRIL, 2022		
Date	Name	Town
7	Sosamma & Easo Kurian	Orangeburg

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