



St. James Marthoma Church Newsletter

August 2022

Message from Rev. Ajith Varghese

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Beloved St. James family members,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us praise God for the divine mercies we experience daily. Active participation of each family in worship seems essential. It is also desirable that families exercise caution in arranging prayer meetings. As a believer, we must have reasons and experiences to worship God and vigilant in prayer. Without these reasons and experience, our worships and prayers can become irrelevant and unsatisfying. This can also lead to a pharisee mind.

Human life and the world order are always subject to change. Changes are inevitable for any system. Any changes must necessarily lead to progress and border visions. We cannot make progress without being willing to make changes in personal life, family life and social structures. The Christian life is a life for a change. When we put our mind to change, we pave the way for transformation. Transformation is a spiritual practice "... and to be renewed in the spirit of minds, and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness" Ephesians 4:23,24. Transformation means "change or renewal from a life that no longer conforms to the ways of the world to one that pleases God (Romans 12: 2). This is accomplished by the renewing of our minds, an inward spiritual transformation that will manifest itself in outward actions. The Bible presents the transformed life in Christ as demonstrated through our "bearing fruit in every good work [and] growing in the knowledge of God" (Colossians 1:10).

An eagle's egg was accidentally hatched with the eggs of a waterfowl. The eaglet grew with the water-fowl chicks and lived like them feeding himself as they did and flying short distances. One day he saw an eagle flying in royal manner. When the eagle with the waterfowls asked them who the other bird was, they told him he is the king of birds and can scale great heights. How splendid his flight is! You cannot fly like him. You are just a waterfowl. The poor eaglet believed those words and lived and died as a waterfowl. He never made use of his great power. He was born to win but was conditioned to lose. This is the fact with many of us. The scripture (Rm 12:2, Ps 1:1-2), Prayer (Colo 1:9-12), Circumstances of all kinds (Phili 4 :11-12), Fellowship (Hb 12:4-11) are the means for our transformation. May the Triune God prepare us for a life of daily transformation.

God bless you all.

Ajith Varghese Achen

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CHURCH SERVICE- AUGUST 2022		
DATE	SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES 2022	TIME
7-Aug	Holy Communion Service (Eng)	9:30 AM
14-Aug	Holy Communion Service (Mal)	9:30 AM
21-Aug	Holy Communion Service (Eng) & College Going Students Special Service	9:30 AM
28-Aug	Holy Communion Service (Mal)	9:30 AM

LECTIONARY-AUGUST 2022					
DAY	DATE	Lesson: 1	Lesson: 2	Epistles	Gospels
Sun	7-Aug	"I am not Ashamed of the Gospel" - Mission Sunday			
		Jer. 7: 1-7	Rom. 1:8-17	2Tim.2:1-13	Mat. 10:16-23
Sun	14-Aug	Christian Presence in the Nation Building			
		Neh. 2:13-20	Acts 26:24-32	1Tim.2:1-7	Luke 3:7-14
Sun	21-Aug	Reformation Sunday, The Church has to be Reformed by the Holy Spirit			
		2King. 23:1-7	Heb. 4:1-13	Titus 3:1-11	Mat. 5:17-20
Sun	28-Aug	Holy Communion-Healing of the Body and Soul			
		Exo.16:11-18	1Cor.11:23-30	1Cor. 10:14-22	John 6:26-35

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS - AUGUST 2022		
DAY	DATE	TOWN
Sat	8/6	Orangetown: At the residence of Achamma & Alexander Varghese
		Address 1 East Palisade Ave, Nanuet, NY 10954. Time: 7:00 PM
		All are Invited
Sat	8/20	Clarkstown & Ramapo: At the Parsonage. Time 7:00 PM
		Address: 526 Rte. 306, Wesley Hills, NY
		All are Invited

ORGANIZATIONS: PRAYER MEETINGS-AUGUST 2022		
DAY	DATE	TOWN
Fri	8/5	Edavaka Mission at 7:30 PM in Church
Fri	8/19	Sevika Sanghom at 7:30 PM in Church

BIRTHDAYS-AUGUST 2022

Dates	Name	Town
8-Aug	Alli Rachel Cherian	New Windsor, NY
8-Aug	Benjamin A. Chacko	Suffern, NY
10-Aug	Philip N. Philip (Aniyankunju)	Westwood, NJ
14-Aug	Benson David	New City, NY
16-Aug	Annika Ann Easaw	Cortlandt Manor, NY
18-Aug	Daniel K. Thomas	Avenel, NJ
18-Aug	Thomas Zachariah (Thampy)	Nanuet, NY
20-Aug	Samuel Jacob	New City, NY
23-Aug	Andrea Rivas Torres	Nanuet, NY
25-Aug	Brayden J. David	New City, NY
26-Aug	Binu Mathew	New City, NY
30-Aug	Jesson C. George	New City, NY
31-Aug	Nithin Jiji John	Nanuet, NY
31-Aug	Elijah Micah Abraham	Poughkeepsie, NY

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES-AUGUST2022

Dates	Name	Town
1-Aug	Viji & Jiji John	Nanuet, NY
3-Aug	Jessy & Alex Mathew	West Nyack
7-Aug	Rachel & George Thomas Karakal	Nanuet, NY
7-Aug	Mariamamma & Thomas Ninan	New City, NY
12-Aug	Elizabeth & Ben Jacob Varghese	Pleasant Valley, NY
15-Aug	Merry & Shaimi Jacob	New City, NY
16-Aug	Elizabeth & Kuruvilla Cherian	Orangeburg, NY
20-Aug	Roshni & Benoj David	New City, NY
21-Aug	Jinu & Easaw T. George	Cortlandt Manor, NY
25-Aug	Mary & Thampy Varghese	Rock Tavern, NY
27-Aug	Rachel & Jibin C. George	New City, NY
30-Aug	Saramma & Babu Varughese	Nanuet, NY
31-Aug	Alice & Daniel K. Thomas	Avenel, NJ



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