



# St. James Marthoma Church Newsletter

DECEMBER 2022

Message from Rev. Ajith Varghese

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## Beloved St. James family members,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ who Incarnated among us. We have come to the end of a year with lot of joyful memories. For the Eastern churches it is 25<sup>th</sup> Lent period, a great time for renewal, rededication and sanctification of our inner being to receive Christ. For western tradition it is an advent season as the waiting period before Christmas with prayer and preparation. Christmas is a festival of Incarnation. Incarnation is the sum of various experiences. It includes love, pain, suffering, rejections, journeys etc.,

A young girl in Africa gave her teacher a Christmas gift. It was a beautiful seashell. "Where did you get this" asked the teacher. The child told her that such shells are found only on a certain far way beach, and that her father and she had to make a long and difficult journey to get it. The teacher was deeply touched because the girl took much trouble and walked many miles to get it. "You should not have travelled so far just to find a gift for me", the teacher told the girl. The girl smiled and replied: "the journey is part of the gift". This is precisely story of Jesus and the truth of Christmas. God's gift of Christ to the world began with a journey. He left the splendors of heaven to our level (Phil. 2:6-8).

First Sunday of December (Dec.4) is our Parish Day. It's a time for thank and praise God for our parish. Let's work together and strive to grow in spiritual maturity for ourselves and the generation to come. Our Diocesan Episcopa will visit our parish on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 10.30 am. Let's pray and participate as families for this occasion. May the Triune God give us the grace to enter the new year with gratitude.

I Wish you all a happy Christmas and a blessed New year.

**God bless you all.**

**Ajith Varghese Achen**

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DAY	DATE	WORSHIP SERVICES: DECEMBER, 2022	TIME
Sun	4-Dec	Holy Communion Service (Eng)	10:15 AM
Sun	11-Dec	Divine Service (Mal)	10:15 AM
Sat	17-Dec	Holy Communion Service (Mal)	10:30 AM
Sun	18-Dec	Divine Service (Eng)	10:15 AM
Sun	25-Dec	Holy Communion Service (Eng)	10:15 AM



LECTIONARY - DECEMBER, 2022					
Day	Date	Lesson: 1	Lesson: 2	Epistles	Gospels
Sun	4-Dec	<b>Birth of John the Baptist, Bible Sunday: Authenticity of the Word of God</b>			
		Exod. 20:1-21	Heb. 4: 12-16	2Tim. 2: 8-15	Luke. 1: 57-66
Sun	11-Dec	<b>Annunciation to Joseph</b>			
		Zeph. 3: 14-20	Acts. 3:19-26	Rom. 4: 13-22	Matt. 1: 18-23
Sat	17-Dec	<b>Messiah The Fulfillment of the Promise</b>			
		Deut. 18:15-22	Heb. 1: 1-12	Gal. 4: 1-7	John. 1: 1-14
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Sun	25-Dec	<b>The Feast of Nativity "Birth of the Savior: Joy to the World"</b>			
		Mic. 5: 1-9	Col. 1: 15-23	1Tim. 1: 14-17	Luke. 2:1-20

DAY	DATE	EVENTS
Sun	4-Dec	Parish Day - Guest Speaker Rev. Christopher Phil Daniel from our Diocese
Sat.	17-Dec	Diocesan Bishop's Church Visit & Holy Communion Service: 10:30 AM
Sat.	10-Dec	Christmas House Caroling: Starts at 4:00 PM
Sun	11-Dec	Christmas House Caroling: Starts at 4:00 PM
Sun	18-Dec	Christmas House Caroling: Starts at 4:00 PM
Fri.	23-Dec	Christmas Carole Service Starts at 6:30 PM

<b>BIRTHDAYS: DECEMBER, 2022</b>		
<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TOWN</b>
12/1	Steven Tom	Congers, NY
12/6	Tinu Varghese	Rock Tavern, NY
12/16	Bindu Abraham	Nanuet, NY
12/17	Joel George Thomas	Spring Valley, NY
12/17	Jessie Cherian	Orangeburg, NY
12/18	John Navaratnam	Orangeburg, NY
12/20	Zachariah Abraham	Bangalore, India
12/21	Stacy Sara Jacob	Nanuet, NY
12/23	Diya Varghese	Congers, NY
12/27	Vincent Abraham	Bergenfield, NJ
12/30	Jisha Jacob	Tappan, NY
12/31	Evan Ajith	Wesley Hills

<b>WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: DECEMBER, 2022</b>		
<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TOWN</b>
12/1	Aley & Eappen M. S.	Palisades, NY
12/8	Bindu & Linu Abraham	Nanuet, NY
12/26	Rebeca & Toms Zachariah	North Carolina
12/27	Siji & Shaju Pappan	Garnerville, NY
12/31	Alice & Rajan Mathew	Nanuet, NY
12/31	Shiny & Shoji Kunjachen	New City, NY

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