



St. James Marthoma Church Newsletter

JANUARY 2023

Message from Rev. Ajith Varghese

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Beloved St. James family members,

We entered the new year through the experiences and memories of a Christmas season. We welcome the new year with full of hopes and dreams. This is a good time for us to evaluate how much our life has been worth. The new year is a season of patience that God prepares for us. "Forgiveness doesn't change the past, but it does enlarge the future" Paul W. Boose.

There are many of our weaknesses that work against us to be a good person – jealousy, resentment, lust for power, revenge to name just a few. The new year is also a time to help us to reject these and enter into a far superior experience. "But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead..." (Phil. 3: 13).

On the January 1st 1968 there took place the second heart transplant surgery in the world. It was performed by Dr. Christian Barnard in Groote Schure Hospital in Cape Town, South Africa. The recipient of the new heart was Dr. Philip Blaiberg, a 57 years old dentist whose natural heart had become dysfunctional. The donor was an young South African, 24 years old, by name Clive Haupt who was killed in a motor accident. After the transplant surgery, when the recipient came to his senses, the surgeon asked him: "how do you feel?" The patient answered: "I feel I have been given a new lease on life". The new year has been given to us, like a new heart. The new year is an extension of God's gifts and mercy to us. Let us dedicate ourselves to God in the new year to live more fruitfully.

Wishing you all a blessed and happy New Year 2023.

God bless you all.

Ajith Varghese Achen

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DAY	DATE	WORSHIP SERVICES: JANUARY, 2023	TIME
Sat	31-Dec	Watch-Night Service followed by Holy Communion Service (Eng).	10.30 PM
Sun	1-Jan	No Church Service	N/A
Sun	8-Jan	Divine Service (Mal)	10:15 AM
Sun	15-Jan	Holy Communion Service (Eng)	10:15 AM
Sun	22-Jan	Holy Communion Service (Mal)	10:15 AM
Sun	29-Jan	Holy Communion Service (Eng)	10:15 AM

LECTIONARY-JANUARY, 2023					
Day	Date	Lesson: 1	Lesson: 2	Epistles	Gospels
Sat	31-Dec	New Year's Day, Good News for all Humanity			
		Isa 52:7-12	Acts 13:44-52	Rom 1:8-17	Mat 28:16-20
Sun	8-Jan	Temperance Day, Body: Temple of God to be kept in Holiness - St. Stephen's Day			
		Dan 1: 1-9	1Cor 6:12-20	1Thes 5:4-11	Luke 11:33-36
Sat	15-Jan	Fruitful Christian Living			
		Isa 5:1-7	Col 1:3-13	Gal 5:16-26	John 15:1-11
Sun	22-Jan	Ecumenical Sunday, Unity of the Churches - God's Will			
		Ezek 37:15-23	Eph 2:14-22	1Cor 3:1-9	John 17:18-26
Sun	29-Jan	Trust in the Providence of God:			
		2 Chron 32:9-23	1Pet 5:7-11	Phil 4: 4-8	Mat 6:19-34

OBITUARY

Kunjunjamma Abraham (m/o Nancy Job) sibling of Chinnamma Mathew and Chellamma Chacko passed away on December 25 2022 at the age of 88 yrs. She was a strong and loving person who enjoyed in church activities and was involved in Sevika Sangham and Edvaka mission. Our Deepest Condolences and prayer for the grieving family.

--St. James Family

BIRTHDAYS - JANUARY, 2023		
Dates	Name	Town
1/3	Rachel G. Karakal (Beena)	Nanuet, NY
1/6	Jonathan Abraham	Nanuet, NY
1/7	Jolly Abraham	Haverstraw, NY
1/8	Ankit Verghese	Ramsey, NJ
1/8	Jibin C. George	New City, NY
1/12	Maya David	New City, NY
1/12	Kuruvilla Cherian (Aniyan)	Orangeburg, NY
1/13	Joel P. Dey	Orangeburg, NY
1/14	John P. Koshy (Mathaiachen)	Spring Valley, NY
1/14	Alice Mathew	Nanuet, NY
1/15	Robin Chacko	New City, NY
1/15	Mary Thomas	Avenel, NJ
1/16	Jeremy Job	Congers, NY
1/16	Leena Shaju	Garnerville, NY
1/18	Rency Joshua	Nanuet, NY
1/20	Rachel David	New City, NY
1/22	Sneha Sara Kurian	Congers, NY
1/23	Subin Alexander	Nanuet, NY
1/25	Dalia Ann Mathew	Bardonia, NY
1/28	Navita Mariam John	Nanuet, NY
1/28	Jerry John	Spring Valley, NY
1/28	Annamma Daniel (Thankamma)	Wappinger Falls, NY
1/28	Shaina Mathew	Glenmont., NY

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: JANUARY, 2023		
Dates	Name	Town
1/2	Aleyamma & Babu Mathew	Nanuet, NY
1/5	Susan & John K. Alexander	Nanuet, NY
1/7	Blessy & Binu Mathew	Ne City, NY
1/13	Mariamamma & Joseph P. David	Spring Valley, NY
1/16	Elizabeth & Dey P. Neduvelil	Orangeburg, NY
1/16	Jolly & Gigi Tom	Congers, NY
1/24	Rachel & Jacob George	Tappan, NY
1/26	Valsamma & Jose P. Mathunny	Bardonia, NY

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