



# St. James Marthoma Church Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2023

## Message from the Vicar

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### **Beloved St. James family members,**

**Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. By the grace of God, we have stepped into the dawn of this new year. This is a God-given opportunity to renew and refresh ourselves. From February 19th we enter into a very important season of “Great Lent” in our Christian life. This is the time to help us to practice the way of abstinence in the midst of our desires and some outdated habits. The remembrance of Christ’s sacrifice and the burden God the Father took upon Himself by sacrificing His son for us in exchange for His love for humankind is made a subject of meditation on these days. Through this we are enjoying salvation and Christian freedom.**

**During the Lebanon’s grueling civil war, a 29-year-old British journalist John McCarthy was snatched at gunpoint in Beirut in 1986 by Islamic fundamentalist group Hezbollah. He became the Britons longest held hostage in Lebanon and for several years nobody in the UK knew whether he was alive or dead. After a series of negotiations, he was released on August 8th 1991. The U.N. envoy Giandomenico Picco had risked his own life during these dangerous negotiations to secure freedom for McCarthy. They finally meet and McCarthy shares his heartfelt words to Picco in the words that carry a great deal of weight: “Thank you for my freedom”. During the negotiation there was a pertinent question that the Kidnappers asked Picco: ‘Why do you risk your life to save the life of someone who is not a member of your tribe?’**

**The question above-mentioned reveals their worldview and attitude. But apostle Paul boldly declared that “It is for freedom that Christ has set us free,” (Gala.5:1). When we experience the joy of freedom in life, we become those who lead others to that freedom. The season of Great Lent reminds us that Christ prepares for us the enjoyment of that freedom. May this lent strengthen us to break the yoke of slavery within us. God bless you all.**

**In His Ministry**

**Ajith Varghese Achen**

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	DATE	WORSHIP SERVICES: FEBRUARY, 2023	TIME
Sun	5-Feb	Holy Communion Service (English)	10:15 AM
Sun	12-Feb	Divine Service (Malayalam)	10:15 AM
Sun	19-Feb	Holy Communion Service (English)	10:15 AM
Sun	26-Feb	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)	10:15 AM

LECTIONARY-FEBRUARY, 2023					
Day	Date	Lesson: 1	Lesson: 2	Epistles	Gospels
Sun	5-Feb	Medical Mission Sunday, Jesus Christ Who Heals;			
		Isa 53:1-12	1Pet 2:18-25	Acts 3:11-16	Matt 8:5-17
Sun	12-Feb	Sabbath leads to the fullness of Creation, Beginning of 128th Maramon Convention			
		1Sam 21:1-9	Heb 4:1-11	Col 2:13-19	Luke 6:1-10
Sun	19-Feb	Beginning of the Great Lent – An Invitation for Transformation, End of Maramon Convention.			
		Hos 14:1-9	2Pet 1:1-11	Rom 12:1-2	John 2:1-11
Sun	26-Feb	Jesus Christ who Sanctifies, Second Sunday of Great Lent;			
		Jeremiah 33:6-11	1John 1:5-10	Jas 4:7-10	Mark 1:40-45



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: FEBRUARY, 2023		
Dates	Name	Town
Feb 5	Dr. Anne & N. M. Mathews	Suffern
Feb 7	Elizabeth & Jacob Chacko	Spring Valley
Feb 10	Mariamamma & Jacob Alexander	Nanuet
Feb 11	Jessy & Samuel Mathew	Bardonia
Feb 11	Saramma & Thomas Zachariah	Nanuet
Feb 14	Saramma & T. K. Koshy	Congers



**BIRTHDAYS - FEBRUARY, 2023**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Town</b>
Feb 01	Sarah Varghese	Nanuet, NY
Feb 05	Saramma George	New City, NY
Feb 09	Blessy Binu	New City, NY
Feb 11	Hayden Ann Binu	New City, NY
Feb 11	Liya Shaju	Spring Valley, NY
Feb 13	Ann Marie Ninan	New City, NY
Feb 14	Jessy Mathew	Bardonia, NY
Feb 15	Anoop Cherian	Orangeburg, NY
Feb 16	Benoj J. David	New City, NY
Feb 18	George Kurian	Orangeburg, NY
Feb 19	Jennifer Job	Congers, NY
Feb 19	Nitin P. John	Spring Valley, NY
Feb 20	Sanjayan Joseph	New City, NY
Feb 21	Aleyamma Mathew	Tappan, NY
Feb 21	Jinu Ann Easaw	Cortland Manor, NJ
Feb 21	Toms Zachariah	Fair Lawn, NJ
Feb 27	Amy Elizabeth Abraham	Nanuet, NY

**Fasting Prayer Meeting**  
**Every Friday at 10:30AM Via Zoom**

**OBITUARY**

**Our Church member Sosamma Easo (w/o Easo Kurian) was called to eternity on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Our deepest sympathies and condolences to Easo Kurian and family. May the Almighty Lord give unceasing peace and comfort to the grieving family.**

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**Psalm 34:4-5, 8**  
**I sought the LORD, and He**  
**answered me and**  
**delivered me from all my**  
**fears. Those who look to**  
**Him are radiant, and their**  
**faces shall never be**  
**ashamed. Oh, taste and see**  
**that the LORD is good!**  
**Blessed is the man who**  
**takes refuge in Him!**