



St. James Marthoma Church Newsletter April 2023

Message from the Vicar

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Beloved St. James Family members

Greetings in the name of Lord who redeemed us by the blood of Calvary. The early days of April mark the culmination of the Great Lent period. May our presence and participation in the various services of these days will make our spiritual life more meaningful. It is a time to enable us to accept Jesus Christ as King and Messiah. It is a time that gives us hope that after any suffering, after any brokenness, there is a resurrection. Christ's incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection call us not to retreat in defeat and fear amid all the problems we face as human beings, but to draw new energy and courage directly from these experiences.

The word 'marathon' has ancient legendary roots: it comes from a long journey taken on foot by the Greek messenger Pheidippides, from the battlefields of Marathon to Athens in 490 BCE. The battle was the culmination of the first attempt by Persia, under King Darius I, to subjugate Greece. The Greek army inflicted a crushing defeat on the more numerous Persians, marking a turning point in the Greco-Persian Wars. It is said that Pheidippides ran approximately 25 miles(40km) without stopping and announced to the citizens of Athens, "We have won," before collapsing and dying. The Marathon race based on this story was first introduced at the Olympic Games in 1896.

Some two thousand years before, two women also ran to deliver good news- the most pivotal news in all of history. When Mary and Mary Magdalene arrived at the tomb where Jesus had been placed after His crucifixion, they found it empty. An angel told them that Jesus had "risen from the dead" and to "go quickly and tell his disciples" (Mt 28:7). The women, "afraid yet filled with joy," ran to tell the disciples what they had discovered (v.8). For a believer Easter meant the hope beyond the grave. But the real proof of the resurrection today is not the empty tomb or the post- resurrection appearances, but our living testimony as Christ's followers. May God strengthen us to bear witness to the resurrection.

In His Ministry

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	DATE	WORSHIP SERVICES: APRIL, 2023	TIME
Sun	Apr - 02	Holy Communion Service (English) (Palm Sunday)	10:15 AM
Sun	Apr - 09	Holy Communion Service (English) (Easter Sunday)	08:30 AM
Sun	Apr - 16	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)	10:15 AM
Sun	Apr - 23	Holy Communion Service (English)	10:15 AM
Sun	Apt - 30	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)	10:15 AM

Passion week services.

Date	Service
March 31 st Friday	40 th Friday - Holy communion service in Malayalam at 7:00PM.
April 2 nd Sunday	Palm Sunday – Holy communion service in English at 10:15AM.
April 3,4,5	Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Evening service in Malayalam at 7:00 PM
April 6 th Thursday	Maundy Thursday – Holy communion service in Malayalam at 7:00PM.
April 7 th Friday	Good Friday service at 9:30 AM - 1 st & 2 nd part in Malayalam and 3 rd part in English.
April 9 th Sunday	Easter Sunday – Holy communion service in English at 8:30 AM.

LECTIONARY-APRIL, 2023

Day	Date	Lesson: 1	Lesson: 2	Epistles	Gospels
Sun	Apr - 02	Hosanna: Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem-Alternative Style of Kingship;			
		Theological Seminary Day			
Sun	Apr - 09	Zech 9:1-12	Heb 5:5-10	Col 1:15-23	Matt 21:1-7
		Easter: The Celebration of New Life, End of Great Lent			
Sun	Apr - 16	Isa 60:12-22	1Cor 15:42-58	1Cor 15:20-28	Mark 16:1-8
		Jesus Christ who Restores-First Sunday after Easter			
Sun	Apr - 23	Gen 32:22-32	Col 3:1-11	Col 1:15-23	John 20:24-29
		Jesus Christ who transforms human situations-Second Sunday after Easter			
Sun	Apt - 30	Gen 18:1-10	Rom 12:9-16	Heb 13:1-8	John 21:1-14
		Resurrected Lord, the Co-traveller-Third Sunday after Easter;			
Sun		Exod 40:34-38	Acts 27:27-37	2Cor 1:3-10	Luke 24:13-35



Birthday – April

Dates	Name	Town
April 01	Annamma George	Congers
April 01	Philip J. Parayil	Spring Valley
April 02	George Thomas	Spring Valley
April 04	Alviyn V. Thomas	Orangeburg
April 04	George Thomas Karackal	Nanuet
April 06	Gianna M. Joshua	Montevale, NJ
April 08	Elizabeth Jacob	Spring Valley
April 08	Abraham S. Cherian	New Windsor
April 11	Ashley Ann Karakal	Nanuet
April 11	Paul P. Dey	Orangeburg
April 12	M.C. Achenkunju	Bardonia
April 13	Jinumol Suraj	Bardonia
April 15	Jacob Chacko	Spring Valley
April 15	Sumy Thomas	Suffern
April 15	Abraham Varghese	Congers
April 16	Justina Susan Koshy	Congers
April 16	Valsamma Jose	Bardonia
April 18	Ann Philip	Westwood, NJ
April 18	Joseph P. David	Spring Valley
April 18	Nidhin M. Kurian	Congers
April 18	Rachel C. Ninan	New City
April 18	Susamma Yohannan	Valley Cottage
April 19	Merry Jacob	New City
April 20	Annamma Thomas	Valley Cottage
April 21	Ben Jacob Varghese	Poughkeepsie

April 24	Annamma Ninan	New City
April 25	Jacob Alex Abraham	Nanuet
April 25	Serafine Rose Chacko	New City
April 26	Sally C. Ninan	New City
April 28	Alice Thomas	Avenel, NJ
April 29	Sumith S. George	Creskill, NJ



Wedding Anniversary – April

Date	Name	Town
Apr 7	Philip & Sindhu Varghese	Congers, NY

Upcoming Events - 2023

April 29 th Saturday	Church spring cleanup.
May 13 th Saturday	Church and organizations office bearers and committee members one day retreat.
July 29 th Saturday	Church picnic.
August 6 th Sunday	College going student's dedication during Holy communion service.
September 3 rd Sunday	School going student's dedication during Holy communion service.
September	Church convention – 3 rd week (tentative date).
October (TBA)	Family night.
November 23 rd Thursday	Thanks Giving Service 9:30AM follows auction and lunch.
December 3 rd Sunday	Parish day.
December	House caroling – December 8,9,15,16 &17
December 24 th Sunday	Church Christmas carol service in the evening.
December 25 th Monday	Christmas day service – Holy communion in English at 8:30 AM.
December 31 st Sunday	Watch night service – Holy communion service in Malayalam at 10:00PM

Prayer Meetings.

Edavaka mission prayer meeting on April 14th Friday at 7:00PM at the residence of Mr. P.A.Chacko - 28 North De Baun Ave , Apt.#103, Suffern, NY 10901

Sevika sanghom prayer meeting on April 21st Friday at 7:00 PM at the residence of Mrs.Valsa Jose - 9 Crimson Ct., Bardonia, NY 10954

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John 11:25-26

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life.

Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die.

Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’”