



St. James Marthoma Church Newsletter May 2023

Message from the Vicar

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Beloved St. James Family Members

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We are now in the post-resurrection period. A common expression among some Christians is that we are living in the 'age of grace' or sometimes called the 'dispensation of grace'. "Even when we dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ- by the grace you have been saved-" (Eph. 2:5). According to Dallas Willard, grace is "God doing in us and for us what we could not do ourselves."

Many Preachers and several authors have tried to define grace. Some said that grace is the unmerited favor of God. Grace is a divine election at the edge of human rejection. Salvation is possible in our lives only by God's grace. Salvation means that not only am I forgiven by grace, but I am also learning to live by grace. The apostle Paul was one whom God prepared to be satisfied with such grace. "My grace is sufficient for you" (2 Corin. 12:9). But many of us fail to understand the cost and glory of the grace available through Christ.

A man who was fishing one day noticed that the fisherman next to him threw the big fish he caught back into the water while keeping the small ones. This went on all day until the first man could not hold his curiosity any longer. "I don't understand," he asked the other fisherman. "Why do you keep throwing the big fish back and keeping only the small ones?" "It's simple," the other man answered. "My frying pan is too small to cook the big ones." A lot of Christians are like that fisherman... Their understanding of and response to God's grace are too limited, so their growth in grace is stunted.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer describes cheap grace versus costly grace in a variety of ways. Cheap grace means grace sold on the market... Cheap grace means grace as a doctrine, a principle, or a system.... Cheap grace means the justification of sin without the justification of the sinner.... Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline....

Costly grace is the treasure hidden in the field... Costly grace is the gospel that must be sought again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door which a man must knock. Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. It is costly. After all, it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son.... Above all it is grace because God did not reckon his Son too dear a price to pay for our life, but delivered him up for us. Costly grace is the Incarnation of God. May God grant us the grace to live as keepers and sharers of the grace made available to us all through Jesus Christ.

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	DATE	WORSHIP SERVICES: MAY, 2023	TIME
Sun	May - 07	Holy Communion Service (English)	10:15 AM
Sun	May - 14	Divine worship service (Malayalam)	10:15 AM
Sun	May - 21	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)	10:15 AM
Sun	May - 28	Holy Communion Service (English)	10:15 AM

LECTIONARY-May, 2023					
Day	Date	Lesson: 1	Lesson: 2	Epistles	Gospels
Sun	May - 07	Metropolitan's Fund-Bhoo Bhavana Dana Prasthanam, Remember the little ones, Fourth Sunday after Easter;			
		Deut 15:7-11	Acts 4:32-37	2Cor 8:1-9	Matt 25:31-46
Sun	May - 14	Be witnesses of the Risen Lord, Fifth Sunday after Easter			
		Isa 43:1-10	Heb 12:1-13	1Thess 2:1-12	Luke 24:36-49
Sun	May - 21	Promise of the Holy Spirit;			
		Isa 59:20-21, 60:1-3	Acts 1:12-14	Eph 6:10-20	John 16:5-13
Sun	May - 28	The Feast of Pentecost (50th Day after Easter), Sacred Music Sunday- Sing to the Lord			
		Joel 2:28-32	Gal 5:22-26	Acts 2:1-12	John 14:14-21

Prayer Meetings.

Sinai area prayer group meeting on Saturday (05/06/23) at 7:00 PM at the residence of Mr. Jiji John, 17 Norwood Place, Nanuet, NY 10954.
Sevika sanghom prayer meeting on May 19 th Friday at 7:00 PM at the residence of Mrs.Achamma Varghese, 1 East Palisade Ave, Nanuet, NY 10954.
Edavaka mission prayer meeting on May 20 TH Saturday at 7:00PM at the residence of Mr.Mathew N.K., 84 Independence Ave, Tappan, NY 10983
Hermon area prayer meeting on May 26 th Friday at 7:00 PM at the residence of Mr.Linu Abraham, 9 Hacker Place, Nanuet, NY 10954.
Every Friday at 10:30 AM fasting prayer meeting via zoom.



Birthdays – May

Dates	Name	Town
1	Anju Thomas	Orangeburg
1	Lally Johnson	Bergenfield
2	Jibu C. George	Creskill
5	Navin P. John	Spring Valley
5	Simon Jacob	New City
6	Thampy Varghese	Rock Tavern
7	Achamma Alexander	Nanuet
8	Dey P. Neduvellil	Orangeburg
8	Stanley Varghese	Nanuet
8	Tyler Daniel	Florida
10	Jiji John	Nanuet
10	Jose P. Mathunny	Spring Valley
11	Alexander Varghese	Nanuet
11	Jacob K. Daniel	Wappinges Falls
13	Samuel Mathew	Bardonia
15	Mary George	Orangeburg
16	Sonia Joseph	New City
16	Vinu Abraham	Poughkeepsie
16	Nora Eappen	Palisades
17	Emma Varghese	Poughkeepsie
19	Ajay K. Pappan	Airmont
22	Mary Varghese	Rock Tavern
22	Saria John	Orangeburg
23	Nithin K. Shoji	New City
25	Alice Ajay	Airmont

26	Alison John	Spring Valley
26	Aswin Verghese	Ramsey
27	Annie Varghese	Nanuet
27	Jacob George	Tappan
27	Linu Abraham	Nanuet
28	Saramma Babu	Nanuet
29	Shoji Kunjachan	New City
29	Stephan Jacob	New City
29	Elizabeth Dey	Orangeburg
29	Viji J. John	Nanuet
30	Doly Thomas	Orangeburg
30	P.A. Chacko	Suffern
30	T.K. Koshy	Congers
30	Mariamman Ninan	New City
30	Shaju Pappan	Garnerville
30	Siji Shaju	Garnerville
31	Shiny Shoji	New City



Wedding Anniversary –May

Date	Name	Town
3	Sonia and Sanjayan Joseph	New City
5	Jinumol and Suraj Varkey	Bardonia
10	Aleyamma and N.K. Mathew	Tappan
11	Achamma and Alexander Varghese	Nanuet
11	Mariamman and Ned P. Idiculla	Bergenfield
11	Shreya and Dias Mathew Samuel	New City

17	Rosamma and Chacko Yohannan	New City
22	Lally and Johnson George	Bergenfield
26	Ann and Philip N. Philip	Westwood
28	Nancy and John Job	Congers
30	Gilsy and Daniel Thomas	Avenel, NJ

Upcoming Events - 2023

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

Mother's day

Sunday

May 14th 2023



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Proverbs: 31:25-31

25 She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.²⁶ She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.²⁷ She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.²⁸ Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:²⁹ "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."³⁰ Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.³¹ Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.