



# St. James Marthoma Church Newsletter June 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. In our Christian life, all our strength, power, and ability must be controlled by God. "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth" (Matt. 5:5). This is the third verse in the beatitude. Meek means 'strength under control'. The Greek word used for meek is *praus*. The word was used of a horse, which was powerful. But had come to be trained to submit to the will of its master. It is strength controlled; submitted to the will of its master.

The Battle of Gettysburg marked the turning point of the Civil War. With more than 50,000 estimated casualties, the three-day engagement was the bloodiest single battle of the conflict. Gettysburg ended Confederate General Robert E. Lee's ambitious second quest to invade the North and bring the Civil War to a swift end. During the Battle of Gettysburg, there was a Union soldier, who hated the Confederate, and he had his leg shattered by the Southern musket ball in the battle. He lay, bandaged, but helpless on the battlefield, right by Seminary Ridge where he could see Picket's Charge. He watched as that last great charge failed, and the South's forces under Robert E Lee were defeated. It so happened that General Lee himself and his officers, as they organized their retreat, rode right by this man. Although weakened by his injury, he was so bitter that he looked Lee right in the eyes, managed to raise his hands, and yell, "Hurrah for the Union!" Lee suddenly stopped his horse, dismounted, and came over to him. The man said later, that he thought his life was over. But instead, he said that Lee looked at him with such a sad expression on his face, that it took all fear from him. Lee took his hand, and said, "My son, I hope you will soon be well." That soldier later wrote, "If I live a thousand years, I shall never forget the expression on General Lee's face."

Why is it said that even after a thousand years the soldier will not forget this incident? In that period the chances of others doing as General Lee did were limited. Robert E Lee was not powerless that day. One word from him, the soldier could have been a dead man. Lee was not weak, he was meek. He was not powerless, but he restrained his power. There are many people in history who tried to conquer the earth. Though they controlled huge armies and had great power, they did not have a command over their own spirit, and in the end, their kingdoms were lost and they were ruined.

The greatest example of meekness is found in the life of Jesus. Jesus allowed himself to be taken. He knew it was God's will. He was not weak, he was meek. Meekness is not weakness; it is power under control. It is power under constraint. May the triune God help us to be meek in our calm and turbulent life experiences.

In His Ministry

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St. James MarThoma Church VBS on  
July 27<sup>th</sup> Thursday thru 29<sup>th</sup> Saturday.

	DATE	WORSHIP SERVICES: June, 2023	TIME
Sun	June- 04	Holy Communion Service (English)	10:15 AM
Sun	June - 11	Divine worship service (Malayalam)	10:15 AM
Sun	June - 18	Holy Communion Service (English)	10:15 AM
Sun	June - 25	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)	10:15 AM

LECTIONARY-June, 2023					
Day	Date	Lesson: 1	Lesson: 2	Epistles	Gospels
Sun	June - 04	Beginning of the New Academic year-Grow in the Divine Wisdom, Medical Aid offertory of the Clergy (1st Sunday after Pentecost);			
		1Kgs 3:3-14	1Cor 1:18-25	Eph 1:15-19	Luke 2:41-52
Sun	June - 11	Environmental Sunday-To till and keep, 2nd Sunday after Pentecost;			
		Gen 2:4-15	Rev 22:1-5	Col 1:9-20	Luke 12:24-27
Sun	June - 18	Worship: The celebration of Faith, 3rd Sunday after Pentecost;			
		Isa 6:1-8	Rev 4:1-11	Eph 3:14-19	Luke 18:1-14
Sun	June - 25	Discipleship: Call for Mission, 4th Sunday after Pentecost;			
		Jer 1:1-11	Acts 9:1-15	1Tim 1:12-17	Mark 3:13-19



### Birthday – June

Dates	Name	Town
June 01	Sherly Kurian	Congers
June 02	Jessy Thomas	Spring Valley
June 04	Amy M. Eappen	Palisades
June 05	John K. Alexander	Nanuet
June 08	Jakus Noah Thomas	Nanuet
June 09	Aleykutty C. Eappen	Palisades
June 11	Jonathan James Joshua	Montevale, NJ
June 16	Johan George Easaw	Cortlandt Manor
June 17	Cole Eappen	Palisades
June 19	Shanti C. Verghese	Ramsey
June 27	Mathew Easo	Orangeburg
June 30	Dennis John Samuel	New City



## Wedding Anniversary - June

Date	Name	Town
June 01	Chellamma & P.A. Chacko	Suffern
June 09	Jessy & George Thomas	Spring Valley
June 11	Summith & Jibu C. George	Creskill
June 14	Shaina & Sony Mathews	Glenmont

## Upcoming Events - 2023

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

## Prayer Meetings.

Sevika sanghom prayer meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 7:00 PM at the residence of Mrs. Chellamma Chacko, 28 North De Baun Ave #103. Suffern, NY 10901.

Edavaka mission prayer meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup> Friday at 7:00PM at the residence of Mr. Gigi Tom, 1 Hazen Ln., Congers, Ny 10920.

Hermon area prayer meeting on July 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at the residence of Mr. Ajay Pappan, 9 Victoria St., Airmont, NY 10901.

Every Friday at 10:30 AM fasting prayer meeting via zoom.

# June 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Father's Day



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Lamentations 3:25-27

The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. It is good for a man to bear the yoke while he is young.