



Happy
Thanksgiving

St. James Marthoma Church Newsletter November 2023

Message

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Dear St. James Family Members

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. A new milestone has occurred in the history of our parish. A better church complex with ample parking facilities is what our parish has longed for and prayed for. After overcoming various hurdles, on October 27, 2023, all formalities were completed and the Pearl River church building and property came under the ownership of St. James Mar Thoma Church. Our General Body and Executive Committee have taken clear and wise decisions in these matters with great foresight. Everyone's prayers and support are always needed to fulfill a beautiful church building and accomplish all the necessary upgrades and improvements. All these arrangements were made possible by the proceeds from the sale of Wesley Hills property of our Parish. Those who worked to acquire property in Wesley Hills to help the parish in its future are gratefully remembered on this occasion.

On November 05, Sunday we celebrate World Sunday School Day. Sunday School is an integral part of our children's faith formation. Sunday school education is essential to developing a basic knowledge of God's Word, church history, and the practical aspects of community Christian life. Careful spiritual nurture and visible church orientation at home, along with Sunday school studies, need to be provided by parents. The ethos and legacy of the Malankara Mar Thoma Church, its faith and practices, and the traditions we follow should be a topic of discussion in our home to encourage and enrich our growing generation about their traditional church life.

It is recorded in Jeremiah 17: 7 "But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him". It is on July 16, 1999, the small plane piloted by John F. Kennedy Jr. crashed into the Atlantic Ocean. Investigators determined the cause of the accident to be a common error known as spatial disorientation. This phenomenon occurs when pilots become disoriented due to poor visibility and forget to rely on their instruments to help them successfully reach their destination. There may be many occasions in our life when we become disoriented. It can be the tragedies we have faced, loneliness, unexpected illness, job loss, and loss of friendships, these can lead us to great breakdowns and doubts. As we navigate life, there are often when life gets so overwhelming, that we feel disoriented. Life's unexpected tragedies can easily leave us feeling lost and confused. When we find ourselves in these situations, we might try offering the prayer of Psalm 43. In this psalm, the psalmist is overwhelmed and lost because he is surrounded by evil and injustice. In despair, the psalmist pleads with God to provide His guidance to help him safely navigate through the situation to his desired destination, God's presence (vv. 3-4). In God's presence, the psalmist knows he will find renewed hope and joy. May God help us to live our daily lives refreshed by relying on the Lord's grace.

In His Ministry
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	DATE	WORSHIP SERVICES: NOVEMBER, 2023	TIME
Sun	Nov 05	Holy communion service in English	10:15 AM
Sun	Nov 12	Holy communion service in Malayalam	10:15 AM
Sun	Nov 19	Holy communion service in English	10:15 AM
Sun	Nov 26	Holy communion service in Malayalam	10:15 AM

LECTIONARY- November - 2023

Day	Date	Lesson: 1	Lesson: 2	Epistles	Gospels
		Kudosh Eetho-Santification of the Church: Beginning of the Liturgical Year; World Sunday School Day: Children-to be Partakers in the Concerns of Christ;			
Sun	Nov 05	Prov 3:1-8	1John 3:1-12	Eph 6:1-4	John 6:1-14
		Hudos Eetho-Renewal of the Church; Festival of Unity of CSI, CNI and Mar Thoma Church			
Sun	Nov 12	Josh 22:21-29	Eph 4:1-7	1Cor 12:12-27	John 10:11-18
		Annunciation to Zechariah: God's Intervention that paves the way of Salvation			
Sun	Nov 19	Judge 13:2-14	Heb 6:9-12	Heb 11:6-12	Luke 1:5-23
		Annunciation to Virgin Mary: Call to be the Mother of the Saviour of the world; Diaspora Sunday;			
Sun	Nov 26	Zech 2:10-13	Rom 1:1-7	1Cor 1:26-31	Luke 1:26-38



Birthday – November

Dates	Name	Town
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11/4	Easaw T. George	Cortlandt Manor, NY
11/5	John P.K.	Garnerville, NY
11/7	Sony Mathew	Glenmont, NY
11/7	Thomas Varghese	Nanuet, NY
11/11	Sindhu Varghese	Congers, NY
11/13	Ashley Ann Alexander	Nanuet, NY
11/13	Elizabeth Varghese	Pleasant Valley, NY
11/14	Justin Mathews	Philly, PA
11/15	Rosamma Chacko	New City, NY
11/15	Mariamamma Jacob	Nanuet, NY
11/15	Rachel Jacob	Tappan, NY
11/17	Aaron Alexander	Nanuet, NY
11/19	Dency Chacko	New City, NY
11/22	Babu Varghese	Nanuet, NY
11/22	Marykutty Achenkunju	Bardonia, NY

11/23	Chellamma Chacko	Suffern, NY
11/24	John Xavier	New City, NY
11/24	Thomas K.M.	Vally Cottage, NY
11/25	Jacob Alexander	Nanuet, NY
11/26	Dylan Varghese	Congers, NY
11/27	Chacko P. George	New City, NY
11/27	Teena Mary Varghese	Rock Tavern, NY
11/29	Mathew N.K.	Tappan, NY
11/29	Caleb Thomas	Orangeburg, NY



Wedding Anniversary – November

Date	Name	Town
11/2	Annie and Thomas Varghese	Nanuet, NY
11/6	Shija and Shiju Varghese	New City, NY
11/20	Aleyamma and Zachariah Abraham	Kerala, India
11/25	Sherly and Noncy Kurian	Congers, NY
11/27	Annamma and Joseph K. Daniel	Wappinger Falls, NY

Upcoming Events - 2023

November 23 rd Thursday	Thanksgiving 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



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Prayer Meetings.

Edavaka mission prayer meeting on Friday November 10th at 7:00PM at the residence of Mr. Jose Mathunny, 9 Crimson Ct., Bardonia, NY 10954.

Sevika sangham prayer meeting on Saturday November 18th at 7:00PM at the residence of Mrs.Jolly Tom, 1 Hazen lane, Congers, Ny 10920.

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

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Psalm 46:1-3

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.”