



“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”

Proverbs 3:5-6

Happy
New Year

St. James Marthoma Church Newsletter January 2024

Message

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Beloved St. James family members.

Greetings in the name of Christ Jesus, the God who became human for us. We welcome the New Year with sweet dreams and new hopes. The name of January takes its name from the Roman god Janus. To all Romans Janus was the god of beginning and ends, presiding over every entrance and departure. Janus was represented by a double-faced head. Naturally, two of his eyes look forward to what is ahead and the other two eyes take a glance of what passed off. This significant concept centers around hope and retrospection. At the dawn of the new year, we have to look forward to planning for the year ahead, looking back to analyze the past experiences, and taking stock of the previous years loss and profit. Let us remember with gratitude the blessings God has showered us on the threshold of the new year. Thus, David glorified God “Bless the Lord O! my soul and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O! my soul, and forget not all his benefits.”

As we enter a new year, we need to learn these three key qualities in our personal and spiritual lives to develop the habit of focus and concentration. They are decision, discipline, and determination. Fear of insecurities prevents us from qualitative living. “Until you cross the bridge of your insecurities, you can’t begin to explore your possibilities” Tim Fargo. The new year comes with infinite possibilities. Try to break the shell of pride and self-centeredness. Don’t pin-point the negatives. Avoid ‘talk behind the doors’ that will improve our credibility. Let us try not to be ‘Touch-me-not.’ Socrates said, “The unexamined life is not worth living.” No life is appreciated without being criticized. When we criticize others, we should also allow ourselves to criticize our own lives. Don’t try to be a slave to the opinions of others to the point that it destroys our personality. For this, as Apostle Paul says, it is necessary to strengthen the “inner being” in us. Life is lived from the inside out. The very core of our personality is our values. Everything we do on the outside is dictated and determined by our values on the inside, whether clear or fuzzy. Matthew 16:26 says, “What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?” The happiest people in this world today are those who are living in harmony with their innermost convictions and values.

God has given us all an opportunity to enter a new year. Let’s all strive in the new year to lead a life with convictions and values. Instead of focusing only on ourselves and our own success, let us try to shape our thoughts and actions that make room for social connection and community feelings. No one should seek their own good, but the good of others (1Cori. 10:24). The Christian culture is a culture that concerns others. Let us dedicate our lives to lead a fruitful Christian life in the new year.

Wishing you all a blessed and happy New Year 2024.

God bless you all.

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	DATE	WORSHIP SERVICES: January 2024	TIME
Sun	Jan 07	Holy communion service in English	10:15 AM
Sun	Jan 14	Holy communion service in Malayalam	10:15 AM
Sun	Jan 21	Holy communion service in English	10:15 AM
Sun	Jan 28	Holy communion service in Malayalam	10:15 AM

LECTIONARY- January 2024					
Day	Date	Lesson: 1	Lesson: 2	Epistles	Gospels
Sun	Jan 07	Evangelism: Church's primary commission (Bahya Kerala Mission);			
		Isa 61:1-11	Acts 20:17-24	Col 1:24-29	Matt 9:35-38
Sun	Jan 14	Life: for the glory of God (Temperance Day);			
		Prov 23:19-35	1Thess 5:1-11	Eph 5:15-20	Matt 5:13-16
Sun	Jan 21	Love: the Foundation of Unity (Ecumenical Sunday);			
		Num 11:23-30	1Cor 3:1-9	Eph 4:1-17	John 15:8-16
Sun	Jan 28	Participation in nation building: a Christian responsibility			
		Neh 2:11-18	1Pet 2:1-12	Rom 12:9-21	Matt 13:31-34



Wedding Anniversary – January

Date	Name	Town
Jan 2	Aleyamma & Babu Mathew	Nanuet, NY
Jan 5	Susan & John K. Alexander	Nanuet, NY
Jan 7	Blessy & Binu Mathew	New City, NY
Jan13	Mariamamma & Joseph P. David	Spring Valley, NY
Jan16	Elizabeth & Dey P. Neduvelil	Orangeburgh, NY
Jan16	Jolly & Gigi Tom	Congers, NY
Jan24	Rachel & Jacob George	Tappan, NY
Jan26	Valsamma & Jose P. Mathunny	Bardonia, NY



Birthday – January

Dates	Name	Town
Jan 3	Rachel G. karakal	Nanuet, NY
Jan 6	Jonathan Abraham	Montevale, NJ
Jan 6	Binu Thomas	Nanuet, NY
Jan 7	Jolly Abraham	Garnerville, NY
Jan 8	Ankit Verghese	Ramsey, NJ
Jan 8	Jibin C. George	New City. NY
Jan 12	Maya J. David	New City, NY
Jan 12	Kuruvilla Cherian	Orangeburgh, NY
Jan 13	Joel P. Dey	Orangeburgh, NY
Jan 14	John P. Koshy	Spring Valley, NY
Jan 14	Alice Mathew	Nanuet, NY
Jan 15	Robin Chacko	New City, NY
Jan 15	Mary Thomas	Avenel, NJ
Jan 16	Jeremy Job	Congers, NY
Jan 16	Leena Shaju	Garnerville, NY
Jan 18	Rency Joshua	Montevale, NJ
Jan 20	Rachel David	New City. NY
Jan 22	Sneha Sara kurian	Congers, NY
Jan 23	Subin Alexander	Nanuet, NY
Jan 25	Dalia Ann Mathew	Bardonia, NY
Jan 28	Navita Mariam John	Nanuet, NY
Jan 28	Jerry John	Spring Valley, NY
Jan 28	Annamma Daniel	Wappingers Falls, NY
Jan 28	Shaina Mathews	Glenmont, NY

Prayer Meetings.

Fasting prayer meeting every first and third Friday's at 10:30 AM via zoom.

SUNDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS		
First Sunday	Sunday School	
Second Sunday	Edavaka Mission / Sevika Sanghom	
Third Sunday	Youth Fellowship	
Fourth Sunday	Carmel Prayer Group	(January/April/July/October)
Fourth Sunday	Hebron Prayer Group	(February/May/August/November)
Fourth Sunday	Sinai Prayer Group	(March/June/September/December)
Fifth Sunday	Lay Leaders.	
Special Services	Lay Leaders	
Assignments must inform the Lay Leaders by previous Sunday, 5 PM.		
Service and assignments subject to change.		

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Isaiah 43:18-19

Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.