



Message from the Vicar

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Beloved St. James Family Members

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

“The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the crowning proof of Christianity. If the resurrection did not take place, then Christianity is a false religion. If it did take place, then Christ is God and the Christian faith is absolute truth.” Henry Morris. This month of March is a time for us believers to continue our journey through Great Lent. Great Lent is not only about the suffering of Christ. It is also filled with the hope of the resurrection beyond. The sufferings of Lent lead us to the joy of the resurrection. May God strengthen us to participate meaningfully as a family in the Lenten services of these days. Death in sin and fear of death gave humans many thoughts, but the resurrection of Christ provided a new perspective on death. Max Lucado, in his book, “Six Hours One Friday,” tells the story of a missionary in Brazil who discovered a tribe of Indians in a remote part of the jungle. They lived near a large river. The tribe needed medical attention. A contagious disease was ravaging the population. People were dying daily. A hospital was not too terribly far away — across the river, but the Indians would not cross it because they believed the river was inhabited by evil spirits. And to enter its water would mean certain death. The missionary explained how he had crossed the river and was unharmed. But they were not impressed. He then took them to the bank and placed his hand in the water. They still would not go in. He walked into the water up to his waist and splashed water on his face. It did not matter. They were still afraid to enter the river. Finally, he dove into the river and swam beneath the surface until he emerged on the other side. He raised a triumphant fist into the air. He had entered the water and escaped. It was then that the Indians broke into a cheer and followed him across. What does Christ’s suffering remind us of? He entered the river of death and came out on the other side so that we might no longer fear death, but find eternal life in Him.

Great Lent is a time to remind us that suffering and challenges are relevant in the Christian Life. Staying positive in Christian life and participating in Christian ministry is challenging. The first two Scottish missionaries sent to the New Hebrides Islands were killed and eaten by cannibals on the day they arrived. After that, it proved difficult to find missionary volunteers. But even when John G. Paton agreed to go, well-meaning people in the church tried to dissuade him. One elderly man warned that he would be eaten by cannibals. Paton replied, “I confess to you, that if I can but live and die serving and honoring the Lord Jesus, it will make no difference to me whether I am eaten by cannibals or by worms; and in the Great Day my resurrection body will arise as fair as yours in the likeness of our risen Redeemer.” After fifteen years of fruitful ministry, almost everyone on the island of Aniwa where Paton ministered was converted. Serving God is not a guarantee of an easy life. But we are called to a life of service, even if it means giving up everything. “Then said Jesus unto his disciples, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me” (Matthew 16:24). According to St. Paul, to know Christ and the power of His resurrection is possible only through fellowship in his suffering (Philip 3:10). May God strengthen us to bear the real witness to the resurrection through our lives.

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	DATE	WORSHIP SERVICES: MARCH, 2024	TIME
Sun	3-Mar	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)	10:15 AM
Sun	10-Mar	Holy Communion Service (English)	10:15 AM
Sun	17-Mar	Holy Communion Service (English)	10:15 AM
Sun	24-Mar	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)	10:15 AM
40 th Fri	22-Mar	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)	7:00 PM
Sun	31-Mar	Holy Communion Service (English)	8:30AM

Passion week services.

March 22 nd Friday	40 th Friday - Holy communion service in Malayalam at 7:00PM.
March 24 th Sunday	Palm Sunday – Holy communion service in Malayalam at 10:15AM.
March 25, 26, 27	Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Evening service in Malayalam at 7:00PM
March 28 th Thursday	Maundy Thursday – Holy communion service in Malayalam at 7:00PM.
March 29 th Friday	Good Friday service at 9:30 AM - 1 st part in English, 2 nd and 3 rd part in Malayalam.
March 31 st Sunday	Easter Sunday – Holy communion service in English at 8:30 AM.

LECTIONARY-MARCH, 2024

Day	Date	Lesson: 1	Lesson: 2	Epistles	Gospels
Sun	3-Mar	Jesus Christ who redeems all			
		Gen 12:1-9	Acts 8:26-40	Rom 15:14-21	Mark 7:24-30
Sun	10-Mar	Jesus Christ who liberates			
		Exod 3:1-15	Acts 27:9-25	Phil 1:12-20	Luke 13:10-17
Sun	17-Mar	Jesus Christ who stops at human cries			
		Gen 21:9-19	Acts 12:5-16	Rom 8:26-30	Mark 10:46-52
40 th Fri	22-Mar	Jesus Christ who overcomes temptations			
		Jer 7:3-17	1Pet 1:13-22	Rom 8:35-39	Luke 4:1-13
Sun	24-Mar	Hosanna: Jesus Christ, the Lord of peace; Theological Seminary Sunday;			
		Zech 9:9-17	Eph 2:11-22	Phil 4:4-9	Luke 19:29-40
Sun	31-Mar	Easter; Christ who defeated death and resurrected			
		Isa 60:12-21	1Cor 15:42-58	1Cor 15:20-28	John 20:1-18

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: MARCH**

Dates	Name	Town
3-Mar	Jessie & Anoop Cherian	Orangeburg, NY
15-Mar	Saramma & Chacko P. George	New City, NY



BIRTHDAYS - MARCH		
Dates	Name	Town
2-Mar	Saramma C. Koshy	Congers, NY
5-Mar	Jaiden Abe Thomas	Nanuet, NY
5-Mar	Jerome Matt Thomas	Nanuet, NY
4-Mar	Chinnamma Mathews	Nanuet, NY
5-Mar	Reena J. Abraham	Poughkeepsie, NY
10-Mar	Jolly Tom	Congers, NY
11-Mar	Allen Ajay	Suffern, NY
11-Mar	Beena P. John	Spring Valley, NY
12-Mar	Steven V. Babu	Nanuet, NY
12-Mar	Josh Job	Flemington, NJ
12-Mar	Nikil K. Shoji	New City, NY
14-Mar	Daniel Thomas	Avenel, NJ
15-Mar	Hannah Binu	New City, NY
15-Mar	Eappen M. S.	Palisades, NY
16-Mar	Selwyn Alexander Jacob	Nanuet, NY
16-Mar	Timmy Yohannan	Valley Cottage, NY
20-Mar	Aju Mathew	New York
20-Mar	Mariamamma Philip	Spring Valley, NY
23-Mar	Nia Joseph	New City, NY
23-Mar	Isaiah Zachary Abraham	Poughkeepsie, NY
25- Mar	Benjamin Samuel	New City, NY
26-Mar	Allen Oommen George	Staten Island, NY
27-Mar	Susan John	Spring Valley, NY

28-Mar	Shaimi Jacob	New City, NY
29-Mar	Sherin Elsa Jacob	Nanuet, NY

Prayer Meeting.

Sinai area prayer group prayer meeting on March 2nd Saturday at 7:00PM at the residence of Mrs. Chinnamma Mathews. 40 New Holland Village, Nanuet, 10954



Sunday, Mar 10, 2024

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Isaiah 58:6-7.

Is this not the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house.