



St. James Marthoma Church Newsletter May 2024

Message from the Vicar

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Beloved St. James Family Members

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. After the death and resurrection of Jesus, the most important aspect of Christ's life is the Ascension. This is the moment that marks the culmination of the earthly ministry of Jesus. Forty days after the resurrection, Jesus and His disciples went to Mount Olivet, near Jerusalem. Jesus blessed them and He began to ascend into heaven. The Ascension of Jesus Christ is meaningful for several reasons: It signaled the end of His earthly ministry. It signified success in His earthly work. It marked the return of His heavenly glory. It symbolized His exaltation by the Father. It allowed Him to prepare a place for us and it set the pattern for His return.

The Pentecost event was a unique manifestation of the outpouring of the Spirit. We believe that the Holy Spirit is co-equal with God the Father and God the Son and is of the same essence. Christians can observe the events connected with Jesus Christ on earth in real earnest, but not the Pentecost or the festival of the Holy Spirit. This is because we know very little about the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit today plays a major role in the application of salvation to the individual. The Holy Spirit unites the believer with Christ and places him in the body of Christ, the church. He also unites the believer with Christ in His death, enabling him to live victoriously over sin. Only in Jesus Christ, the spirit of God came to be understood in concrete and personal terms. After the death of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit came to take the place of Christ and to continue Christ's ministry. Thus, the Holy Spirit is a continuation of Christ.

We celebrate Sacred Music Sunday on this fourth Sunday. Throughout its history, the Christian church has used music to proclaim the gospel and to return thanks and praise to God. Christianity inherited its liturgy and music from Judaism. The Psalms are the sacred songs of the Hebrews. Our songs are the reflections of our faith. It should be a transformative force for those who lead the song and those who join in the song. A song without conviction and faith can be a disaster.

Our parish family retreat is arranged on August 15 Thursday to 18 Sunday at Joy El Retreat Center in Pennsylvania. Our parish's family retreat is coming up after a short break. All families make every effort to participate. May it prepare us to spend more time with each other and strengthen our relationship. God bless you all.

In His Ministry

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	DATE	WORSHIP SERVICES: APRIL, 2024	TIME
Sun	May - 05	Holy Communion Service (English)	10:15 AM
Sun	May - 12	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)	10:15 AM
Sun	May - 19	Holy Communion Service (English)	10:15 AM
Sun	May - 26	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)	10:15 AM

LECTIONARY-May, 2024					
Day	Date	Lesson: 1	Lesson: 2	Epistles	Gospels
Sun	May - 05	Bhoo-bhavana danam: Remember the Poor			
		Lev 19:9-16	Gal 2:1-10	2Cor 8:1-9	Matt 25:31-40
Sun	May - 12	Holy Spirit, one among the Trinity			
		Ezek 37:1-14	Acts 1:6-11	Gal 5:16-26	John 14:14-21
Sun	May - 19	Pentecost: the Holy Spirit who renews the whole creation			
		Joel 2:28-32	Acts 2:1-13	1Cor 12:1-11	John 16:1-15
Sun	May - 26	Trinity Sunday; Sing to the Lord: Sacred Music Sunday			
		Exod 19:17-25	Gal 4:1-7	2Cor 13:11-14	Matt 28:16-20



Birthday – May

Dates	Name	Town
1	Anju Thomas	Orangeburg
1	Lally Johnson	Bergenfield
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
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
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	Mariamamma and Ned P. Idiculla	Bergenfield
11	Shreya and Dias Mathew Samuel	New City
17	Rosamma and Chacko Yohannan	New City
26	Ann and Philip N. Philip	Westwood
28	Nancy and John Job	Congers
30	Gilsy and Daniel Thomas	Avenel, NJ

Upcoming Events – 2024

Date	Events
Open	Church spring cleanup.
June 29 th Saturday	Church picnic. (Tentative date).
August 11 th Sunday	College going student's dedication during Holy communion service.
August 15 th – 18 th	Church Family retreat.
September 1 st Sunday	School going student's dedication during Holy communion service.
September 20,21 & 22	Church convention. (Tentative date)
November 24 th Sunday	Thanks Giving Service after Church Service follows auction and lunch.
December 1 st Sunday	Parish day.
December 6,7,8,13,14 & 15	House caroling
December 22 nd Sunday	Church Christmas carol service in the evening.
December 25 th Wednesday	Christmas day service – Holy communion in English at 8:30AM.
December 31 st Tuesday	Watch night service – Holy communion service in Malayalam at 10:00PM

Prayer Meetings.

Edavaka mission prayer meeting on May 3rd Friday at 7:00PM at the residence of Mr.Samuel Mathew, 64 Dustman Ln., Bardonia, NY 10954.

Sevika sanghom prayer meeting on May 17th Friday at 7:00 PM at the residence of Mrs. Achamma Alexander, 1 East Palisade Ave, Nanuet, NY 10954 .

Fasting prayer meeting first and third week Friday at 10:30 AM via zoom.

Senior citizen prayer meeting on forth week Wednesday at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

Carmel area group prayer meeting on May 24th Friday at 7:00PM at the residence of Mr. Gigi Tom, 1 Hazen Lane, Congers, New York 10920.

Sinai area group prayer meeting on May 25th Saturday at 7:00PM at the residence of Mr. M.S. Eappen, 416 White Oak Rd., Palisades, New York 10964.

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Isaiah 66:13

"As a mother
comforts her
child, so I will
comfort you."

Mother's Day May 12th Sunday

