



St. James Marthoma Church Newsletter October 2024

Message

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Beloved St. James family members

A hotel chain's commercial featured one little building standing amidst a dark night. Nothing else was around. The only light in the scene came from a small lamp near the door on the porch of the building. The bulb casts enough illumination for visitors to walk up the steps and enter the building. The commercial ended with the phrase, "We'll leave the light On for you." Aside from its low prices, this hotel chain may be best known for its series of commercials with National Public Radio personality Tom Bodett, who closed every ad with the line "We'll Leave the Light On for You." A porch light is akin to a welcome sign, reminding weary travelers that there is a comfortable place still open where they can stop and rest. The light invites those passing by to come on in and escape from the dark, weary journey. This is the story of Motel 6. Motel 6 is a motel franchise with over a thousand locations that was started in 1962 in Santa Barbara, California as a lower-cost alternative.

Jesus says the lives of those who believe in Him should resemble that of a welcoming light. He told His followers, "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden" (Matthew 5:14). As believers, we are to illuminate a dark world. As Jesus directs and empowers us, "[others] may see [our] good deeds and glorify [our] Father in heaven" (v. 16). And as we leave our lights on, they will feel welcomed to come to us to learn more about the one true Light of the World - Jesus (John 8:12). In a weary and dark world, Jesus' light always remains on. Jesus reminds us that our life should be a radiating and illuminating presence to the generations.

October first Sunday is the Edavaka mission Sunday. I thank God for all who are dedicated and participate in the parish's spiritual nurturing with good spiritual and moral charisma. I Praise God for our parish members who live a good Christian life, love the Church, and set good examples of actions and responses for generations to follow in that path. The third Sunday is the Youth Sunday. A young generation with a good spiritual life and moral qualities is an asset to every parish. The fourth Sunday is the Family Sunday. Family is the nursery where all values are cultivated and family is the paradise on earth. It is in families that personalities are moulded and shaped and a sense of values is cultivated and nourished. It is through the relationships within the family that we learn cooperation, respect for others, honesty, punctuality, and responsibility.

God bless you all.

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	DATE	WORSHIP SERVICES: October, 2024	TIME
Sun	Oct 06	Holy communion service in English	10:15 AM
Sun	Oct 13	Holy communion service in Malayalam	10:15 AM
Sun	Oct 20	Holy communion service in English	10:15 AM
Sun	Oct 27	Holy communion service in Malayalam	10:15 AM

LECTIONARY- October 2024					
Day	Date	Lesson: 1	Lesson: 2	Epistles	Gospels
Sun	Oct 06	Evangelists' Sunday: Every Marthomite is a witness to the Kingdom of God			
		2Kgs 7:3-11	1Thess 2:1-12	2Tim 2:1-13	Luke 9:1-6
Sun	Oct 13	Day of the Differently abled: All are created in the image of God			
		Gen 1:24-31	2Cor 12:1-10	Phil 2:25-30	Mark 3:1-5
Sun	Oct 20	Youth Sunday, Youth: Period of Life with meaningful vision			
		Dan 1:1-21	Eph 6:10-18	Phil 3:7-14	Luke 19:1-10
Sun	Oct 27	Christian Family Dedication Day, Family: Celebration of Relationships			
		Gen 45:1-15	Acts 16:19-34	Col 3:18-25	Luke 2:41-52



Birthdays – October

Dates	Name	Town
Oct 02	Ashley Ajay	Airmont, NY
Ocr 02	Emilia Alexander	Nanuet, NY
Oct 05	Jijo Oommen	Pomona, NY
Oct 05	Philip Mathew	Nanuet, NY
Oct 05	Mariamamma David	Spring Valley, NY
Oct 06	Mathew Ninan	New City, NY
Oct 10	John Samuel	Spring Valley, NY
Oct 10	Saumya Daniel	Florida, NY
Oct 10	Varghese Thomas	Orangeburg, NY
Oct 12	Thomas Samuel	Valley Cottage, NY
Oct 14	John Job	Congers, NY
Oct 14	Roshni David	New City, NY
Oct 16	Marlene Tom	Congers, NY
Oct 17	Jenny Sarah Thomas	Spring Valley, NY
Oct 20	Gilsy Saji	Avenel, NJ

Oct 21	Joshua Cherian	New Windsor, NY
Oct 27	Moncy Kurian	Congers, NY
Oct 29	Aiden Suraj	Nanuet, NY
Oct 31	Jovita Sara Jijo	Pomona, NY



Wedding Anniversary – October

Date	Name	Town
Oct 09	Dency and Robin Chacko	New City, NY
Oct 10	Mariamamma and Abraham Varghese	Congers, NY
Oct 10	Alison and Nithin John	Spring Valley, NY
Oct 13	Doly and Varghese Thomas	Orangeburg, NY
Oct 25	Mary and George Kurian	Orangeburg, NY
Oct 27	Jincy and Binu Thomas	Nanuet, NY
Oct 29	Annamma and Thomas Samuel	Valley Cottage, NY

Upcoming Events – 2024

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

Obituary:

Our Church member Mr. Zachariah Abraham was called to eternity on Sunday (09/29/24) in India. On behalf of St. James MarThoma Church, express our deepest sorrow and condolences to the grieving family. May the All Mighty Lord comfort and give peace to the family members.

Prayer Meetings.

Edavaka mission prayer meeting on October 11th Friday at 7:00PM at the residence of Mr. Binu Thomas, 64 Lake Nanuet Dr., Nanuet, NY 10954.

Senior citizen prayer meeting on fourth week Wednesday at 7:30 PM via Zoom.
Fasting prayer meeting on first and third Friday at 10:30AM via Zoom.

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Psalm 37:23-24

“The LORD makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand.”