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The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him; he hears their cry and saves them.
Psalms 145: 18-19

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90-37 213 STREET, QUEENS VILLAGE, NY 11428



119 th Maramon Convention

Feb 9th - 16th

Sacramental Family

Worship — Sunday 9:00 am | Sunday School — After Worship

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YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Time

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin." — **Mother Teresa.**

Time is an arrow that travels every second without an end but we are somewhere in that arrow. We are living in a time frame and my question is we are living in whose time? In God's time or in our time? We are given a time in the timelessness of God .A time is given to us at our disposal. A time to be filled with or own choices. A time to be filled with the events of our days.

Luke 12: 16-22 talks about a parable of the rich fool. Jesus said this parable in the context of a question from a man. A certain man was asking Jesus to talk to his brother about the division of the property. Then Jesus said this parable about the rich fool. He speaks this on the basis of the human's greed towards wealth. He speaks on the choice of Life and wealth. He speaks on the question of what is life consists of ? Is he really a fool or wise? I think he is a wise person when we evaluate in terms of the following points. He cultivated his land properly and secured a good crop. He is having practical wisdom about the maintenance of wealth. He had farsightedness. He maintained everything efficiently. He secured his economic future. These things tell us that he is really a wise person and not a fool. He utilized his given time in a very very wise way that he thought about his life. But somehow Jesus called him a fool. Many of us use our time in a way this foolish man used his time. In the perspective of today's market economy what he did was the ultimate purpose of life.

But Jesus wanted to look at our given time in a different way. Some of us are thinking that wealth is the ultimate aim of our lives and if we have wealth then nothing to fear. This foolish man thought the ultimate aim of human life is to have pleasure by eating drinking and having merry. He thought he has the sole authority of his life. We have given a time that is definitely ours, when we think that, this time is also belong to God then the perspective to life will change. The foolish man did not have that perspective towards life that is why he thought he is the boss to his life.

God has given us a time and he wants us to use this for his glory. If we think our 'worth' comes from our wealth then we are definitely fools in the eyes of God. If we think we have security when we have enough wealth then we are fools in the eyes of God. If we think our life is only to have pleasure then we will be fools in this world. If we think we are the boss of our lives then we are fools in the eyes of God. Time is very precious and we should be careful in utilizing the given time. We are privileged to live in this world with a given time but this is God's time too So we should be faithful to Him in utilizing our time. Let us dedicate our given time for His glory.

V. M. Mathew Achen, Youth Chaplain
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MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

My Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you in the name of our God and Savior Jesus Christ.

As a Parish, this year we are planning to study a theme "The Sacramental Family." The basic unit of the Church is not individuals but the families. George Bernard Shaw says "**A happy family is but an earlier heaven.**" It needs strong bond of love to build Divine families. In Ephesians 5:22 -25, we read "**Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. Husbands love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her... In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies...**"

But now what happened to our families? Colin Powell, the famous general of the Gulf War who dedicated his entire career to defending America from external enemies – now believes the enemy is within. Powell cited staggering statistics: '**20 million young people wander the streets, take drugs, alcohol... and teen-age gangs**'. Powell suggested that "**the answer to these problems will not be found in economic or social reform. The answer lies in strengthening the American family. Our children have become violent because of a lack of family life...**"

According to the US Government Census Report only 50% of American families are intact. In the last 50 years we have seen a marked increase in juvenile delinquency, discipline problems, and abortions. Since 1980 divorce rates are up 65%. The number of unmarried couples is up 157%. Children living with two parents are down 20% while children living with one parent are up 41%. These statistics reveal a serious problem facing the American family today.

As a Church what is our responsibility? The sacramental nature of family is grounded in the reality of the mystery of God's love and the profound life-giving force of faithfulness which are potentially present in all marriages. Because marriage and family were originally created by God in order that His eternal love and faithfulness may become historically present and revealed fully in Christ. Understood in this fashion, every family is connected to the promise of God to create the Kingdom of God in its midst. For that we have to take extra efforts for strengthening the families. If we have healthy families, then we will have healthy Churches and then healthy society. Let us work hard to build strong relationships in our families with God.

God bless you all

Yours in Christ,

Joji K. Mathew Achen

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 2nd- Malayalam Holy Qurbana at 9:00 am

(Medical Mission Sunday)

Praise & Worship: Sermon: Albert Sanu; Prayer: Jeron Chacko
Lessons: **1st: 1 Sam.1:19-28** Mr. Bijoy Abraham
2nd: Heb.10:1-14 Mrs. Kunjuamma Mathew

Lay Assistant: Mr. Thomas Cherian
Epistle: **Rom.11:33-12:2** Gospel: **St.Luke 2:22-39**

FEBRUARY 09th — English Holy Qurbana at 9:00 am

Compassionate Love and Healing/ (Beginning of 119th Maramon Convention)

Praise & Worship: Sermon: Alvin S. Lukose ; Prayer: Christine Cherian

Lessons: **1st: Isa.42:1-9** Mr. Chrismal Bijoy Abraham.
2nd: Acts 3:1-10 Ms. Joann Johnson.

Lay Assistant: Mr. Denson George.
Epistle **James 5: 13-18** Gospel **St. Mark 7:31-37**

FEBRUARY 16th — Malayalam Holy Communion at 9:00 am

Sabbath as the Culmination of Creation/End of Maramon Convention

Praise & Worship: Sermon: Ryan Jacob; Prayer: Riya Varghese
Lessons: **1st: Gen.1:31-2:3** Mr. Abraham C. Abraham
2nd: Heb.4:2-13 Mrs. Roshini Cherian

Lay Assistant: Mr. John Thomas
Epistle **Col.1: 15-24** Gospel **St: Mark 2: 23-28**

FEBRUARY 23rd — English Holy Qurbana at 9:00 am

Fall as the Violation of the purpose of Creation

Praise & Worship: Sermon: Safia Thomas ; Prayer: Justin Manoj
Lessons: **1st: Gen.6:1-13** Mr. Goldie Thomas.
2nd: Rom.5:12-21 Ms. Neethu Ann Joseph.

Lay Assistant: Mr. Steven Thomas.
Epistle: **Rom.7:14-25** Gospel: **St. Mathew 7:15-23**

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

BASED ON THE BOOK OF THE ACTS OF APOSTLES CHAPTER 11-21 (NIV)

D J A E M L J E W K L M N J D A N P Q E D O R E H O P Q R X
C A C D E F O P L A S T U A C D N Y I A P O L L O S D E J K
F K T M Y H T O M I T A F S D T Y J K M L N C A P Q U F A T
V D C R H O D A I D Y L O P I W K W S U I R T E M E D T O M
X Q U T M P S A E V M N O P H Y Q A Q U I L A G A B U S A T
Z N E L Y M A S E M R E H O T A C G T I M D E M A G A U S Y
B S U H C Y T U E B Z E U S R K S E R G I U S P A U L U S H
J A N O P M E N C G K L N O J D J L M J M A L T A T A R O D

- 1.A prophet predicted that a severe famine was about to come over all the earth—
2. Peter knocked at the outside door and she came to answer it—
3. Worms ate him—
4. He was an intelligent man—
5. A sorcerer—
6. People gave this name to Barnabas
7. People gave this name to Paul—
8. His mother was Jewish, but his father was Greek
9. The Lord opened her mind to pay attention to what Paul was saying—
10. He was a Jew, born in Pontus, Paul stayed and worked with him
11. An eloquent speaker and had a through knowledge of the scripture
12. A silversmith—
13. He was sitting in the window , fell asleep and fell from the third story to the ground and died—
14. Paul was ———from Tarsus

BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

Jennifer Susan Jacob	24	Lincy George	28
Justin George	25	John Poovappa George	28
Naomi G. Issac	25	Steven G. Thomas	28
Christina Susan Thomas	25	Romy T. Rajan	28
Jolly John	25	Susan Philip	28
Merilyn S. Varghese	26	Offer prayer and thanksgiving on	
Saramma Thomas	27	March 2nd, 2014	
Saramma Mathunni	27		
Rahelamma Thomas	27		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR FEBRUARY

A Very Happy Wedding Anniversary to all.

Shiji & Vinu Abraham	4
Podiamma & Baby Philipose	4
Susan & Joseph P. John	6
Mary & James Kutty	7

Offer prayer and thanksgiving on FEBRUARY 9th, 2014

Raji & Binu Thomas	10
Susamma & K. G. Alexander	11
Annamma & John Mathews	12
Leelamma & T. T. Koshy	13
Soma & Thomas George	14
Elizabeth & George Mathew	15
Anitha & Thomas M. Thomas	16
Sosamma & Jacob Varghese	16

Offer prayer and thanksgiving on FEBRUARY 16th, 2014

Mariamamma & T. Varghese John	17
Valsa & Abraham T. Abraham	19
Lizamma & Abraham Thomas	19
Elsamma & Abraham Thomas	21
Mini & Anil T. Andrews	22
Suja & Varghese Chacko	22
Leyamma & Philip Thomas	22

Offer prayer and thanksgiving on FEBRUARY 23rd, 2014

Kitty & Alexander Achenkutty	24
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Offer prayer and thanksgiving on MARCH 2nd, 2014

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Eastern Long Island

February 9th Sunday 6.00 PM
Mr. George Samuel
1478 Eric Lane, East Meadow, NY 11554
Tel # 516-385-3854

Elmont & West Hempstead

February 15th Saturday 7:30 PM
Mr. Daniel Varghese
13 John Ave, Elmont
Tel# 516-488-7831

Floral Park & Glen Oaks

February 16th Sunday 7.30 pm
Mr. Bob M. Ninan
80-12 268st, Floral Park, NY11004
Tel# 718-285-9932

Garden City Park

(To Be Announced)

New Hyde Park East

February 8th Saturday 7:30 PM
Mr. Thomas Cherian
189 Bergman Ave, New Hyde Pk
Tel # 516-305-5013

New Hyde Park West

February 22nd Saturday 7 PM
John C. Jacob
705 N. 5th st, New Hyde Pk
Tel # 516-358-5038

Palli Bhagom

February 2nd Sunday 7.30pm
Mr. Rogy Sam Koshy
214-59 Whitehall Terrace, Q. Village
Tel# 718-736-0758

SEVIKA SANGHOM PRAYER MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 1st, 10:00 AM Saturday	St. John's MTC Queens Village Center & Regional General body	
FEBRUARY 6th, 10:30am (Thursday)	Mrs. Aleyamma John 127 South Dr, Manhasset Hills,	516-233-1128
FEBRUARY 12th, 10:30am (Wednesday)	Mrs. Susan David 65 Fourth St, Garden City Pk	516-747-7033
FEBRUARY 20th, 10:30am (Thursday)	Mrs. Jolly Mathew 1043 N Fourth st, New Hyde Pk	516-616-9446
FEBRUARY 27th, 10:30am (Thursday)	Mrs. Valsa David 246-13 91 st Ave, Bellerose	718-962-1006

