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Monthly Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2023

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VICAR'S MESSAGE

Greetings in the name of Lord Jesus Christ.

Beloved in Christ,

We all are secure in the mighty hand of God. We are entering the second month of the year. God Almighty guides us, leads us and shows the way of eternal life. The great Lent season starts on 19th February. It is a most important fasting season of the Church. The purpose of the Lent is the preparation of the believer for Easter through prayer, mortifying the flesh, repentance of sins, alms giving, simple Living and self-denial. This season the Church gives us almost a slogan—Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving, Meditation of the word of God. Lent is connected with the 40 day fast that Jesus undergoes (Mark 1:13, Mathew 4:1-11, Luke 4 :1–13) Mark tells us that Jesus was tempted by satan, but it is in Mathew and Luke that the details of the temptation are fleshed out. All three accounts say that Jesus went without food for the 40 days. Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebration of Easter. By observing the 40 days Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. Lent is a time of repentance and spiritual renewal, preparation for commemorating the death and resurrection of Christ at Easter. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday until its conclusion on Easter Sunday. Lent is to fully recognize our brokenness as humans and the need for a saviour. So we surrender our life into the mighty hand of Christ. We live and witness for Christ and for the glory of God. May the God bless us until he comes.

Yours in His service.

Rev.T.S.Jose

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Let us thank God for His providence shown to us thus far as we enter the second month of 2023. January was a month that sadly brought forth the sudden passing of a few loved ones in the parishes of the region, let us pray for comfort and strength for the bereaved families. As we look at human life, the life we live in this earthly body is fragile. We are vulnerable people timed in the timelessness of God. Let us remember that as we walk into this new month to care for God and the people around us God placed in this world.

This month we are also recognizing Medical Mission Sunday. Let us understand the blessings of medicine and those in the medical field. We should recognize this as a ministry, quite specifically the healing ministry. Let us thank God for all our own who are working in this field in various avenues either as a physician, nurses, or many other ways that are recognized as being healthcare workers. This ministry is the hands and feet of Jesus' earthly ministry, we should first depend on God who is the greatest physician, and rely on Him as we pray for the human hands depending on the divine work that comes through it. Let us also pray for the healing of this land throughout this pandemic period.

This month we are entering into two fasting periods, first, is the three days of lent, which is followed by the great Lenten period of 50 days as we journey together to understand the passion of Christ. Let us use this time to pray, repent and humble ourselves.

The North-East Regional Youth Fellowship is pleased to welcome the new committee members for the next three years. I would like to give my appreciation to the past committee for their time and dedication and pray for the new team to work together well for God's glory. Men's Bible Studies is on Wednesdays in person at 8 PM. Women's Bible Studies is on Saturday at 8 PM via zoom.

Wishing everyone a blessed February 2023!

Much love,

Jess M. George Achen

BIRTHDAYS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
02/03	Ma. Aden Abraham	02/20	Ma. Joshua Jacob
02/05	Mr. Mathew Abraham	02/22	Mrs. Molly Thankachen
02/06	Mrs. Mytri Yohannan	02/22	Dr. Jithin Yohannan
02/06	Ms. Sarah Peter	02/23	Ma. Joseph A. George
02/11	Mr. Koshy Prakash	02/23	Mr. Mathew Varghese
02/13	Mr. Jovy Jacob	02/23	Ms. Janiya Peter
02/16	Mrs. Ponnamma Thomas	02/28	Ms. Anitha Koshy
02/20	Mr. Benson Mathew	02/28	Mrs. Elizabeth Mathews

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
02/05	Mrs. & Mr. Dynu John
02/07	Mrs. & Mr. Sibi Thomas
02/12	Mrs. & Mr. Thomas Nellikalayil

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Time</u>
02/05	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)	10:30 am
02/12	Holy Communion Service (English)	10:30 am
02/19	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)	10:30 am
02/26	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)	10:00 am

LECTIONARY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Epistle/Gospel</u>
02/05	Isa. 53: 1-12 1 Peter 2: 18-25	Acts 3: 11-16 Matt. 8: 5-17
02/12	1 Sam. 21:1-9 Heb. 4: 1-11	Col. 2: 13-19 Luke 6: 1-10
02/19	Hos. 14: 1-9 2 Pet 1: 1-11	Rom 12: 1-2 John 2: 1-11
02/26	Jer. 33: 6-11 1 John 1: 5-10	Jas 4: 7-10 Mark 1: 40-45

CHURCH MEETINGS / PROGRAMMES

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Fasting Prayer	Every Friday 10:30 am	St. Andrews MTC
Youth Fellowship Prayer Meeting	Friday Feb. 3 7:30 pm	Roshen & Riya Varghese 157 Orient St. Yonkers, NY 10704 (914) 423-0450
Sevika Sangham Prayer Meeting	Tuesday Feb. 7 10:30 am	Susamma Jacob 216 St. Johns Ave. Yonkers, NY 10704 (914) 376-9433
Sunday School Anniversary	Sunday Feb. 12	St. Andrews MTC
General Body Meeting	Sunday Feb. 19	St. Andrews MTC
Sevika Sangham Prayer Meeting	Wed. Feb. 22 10:30 am	Mrs. Molly Thankachen 789 Mile Square Rd. Yonkers, NY 10704 (914) 610-8622

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<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Edavaka Mission/ Senior Citizen Fellowship Prayer Meeting	Saturday Feb. 25 10:30 am	St. Andrews MTC (sponsored by): Mrs. & Mr. Chacko Varghese Orangeburg, NY
Episcopal Visit	Sunday Feb. 26	St. Andrews MTC

REGIONAL MEETINGS

Sevika Sangham Center B General Body Meeting	Saturday Feb. 11 9:30 am	St. Thomas MTC 34 Morris St. Yonkers, NY 10705
MTVEA NE Region Center B One Day Conference General Body Meeting Elections	Sat. Feb. 18 9:30 am	St. James MTC 42 Fourth St. Hillburn, NY 10931

CONDOLENCES

Mr. Joy C. Mathew (77), brother of our Parish member Mrs. Omana Mathew passed away in Kerala on Thursday January 5. On behalf of our Parish we extend our heartfelt condolences to Omana Aunty and family. We pray that our Good Lord gives them the strength to find the peace and comfort knowing that their loved one is now in eternal peace with our Father in Heaven.

Our Parish member Mr. Raju V. Zacharia (69) passed away on Monday January 9. On behalf of our Parish we extend our heartfelt condolences to Lizy aunty, children and their families as well as the bereaving family members and relatives. Let us pray to our Lord that they may find the strength to cope with the loss of their loved one and give them the comfort during this sad time.





Lent

This is the time of fulfillment.
The Kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent and believe in the Gospel.

MARK 1:15

I Love My Family So Much.

To be a part of a family like mine
is so divine
where love is shown
hurt is shared
our love for each other is never impaired

we talk
we laugh
we cry
but we are a family
and we do it all together
for as a family
we do it all as one

you hurt one
you hurt all
and as a family unit
we will all stand tall
for we are family
a family full of strength
a family full of love
a family no one can touch
that's why I love my family so much.

Mahfooz Ali