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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
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VICAR'S MESSAGE

Greetings in the name of Lord Jesus Christ,

Beloved in Christ ,

I hope that after a wonderful summer vacation our kids are now ready to go back to their schools and colleges. May I take this opportunity to wish all our kids a very fruitful and meaningful academic year. We enter a new season in our life span. The significance of September is Teachers day ,International Literacy day, Engineer's day etc...This month is known as the harvest month , it's a great month to harvest in preparation for the coming winter season.

As per our liturgical calendar the Sunday meditations start with the importance of Education. The word of God says that fear of the Lord is the beginning of all wisdom. Education is based on divine teachings and truth. Second Sunday is set apart as Sevika Sanghom day. Women: Witnesses of the Gospel. Women are called to bear witness for Christ both Church and the community which we are living. On the third Sunday we think about Senior Citizen's Day- Model for the generations. The experiences and knowledge of senior citizens is a resource to the coming generations. Therefore, we have to take responsibility to care for and love them. We are conducting a one-day retreat for Edavaka mission and senior citizens on 14th September. Forth Sunday we meditate on Holy Qurbana- Foretaste of the Kingdom of God. Holy Qurbana is a dominical Sacrament. we remember the birth, Life, death, burial, and resurrection of Lord Jesus Christ. On fifth Sunday we meditate on Prayer- Constant communion with God. Prayer is the most precious communication of creature and the creator. prayer is an inevitable part of Christian life. May the Lord bless each one of us through the divine wisdom.

May God bless us all

Yours in Christ,
Jose Achen.

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Glory be to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - One True God!

"Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth" (Col. 3:2)

Dear Beloved in Christ,

How important is money to you? What would you do without it? Can you imagine living without money? When will you feel you have enough? Is a life without luxury worth living?

As I was speaking to a student the other day, these questions came to mind as they were preparing to pick the major. They firmly believed that money is crucial and that it is easier said than done to live without it. People often say money is not important, but in reality, many crave it. Without money, life can be full of difficulties. These thoughts led me to reflect deeply, and I want to share three insights that make me believe there are things far more important than money. Yes, money is a tool and can make life more comfortable, but it should never be at the centre of our lives.

The first thought that came to me was about health. Think about the athletes or celebrities we admire, people who seem to have it all. Yet what happens when their health fails due to addictions, stresses, etc.? Despite all their wealth and success, they would have given it all up to live a few more years in good health. For them, health became more important than anything money could buy.

The second thought is about relationships. Imagine someone who's the most popular person at school, the one everyone seems to envy. They've got the latest gadgets and the coolest clothes, but deep down, they feel lonely because they lack real, meaningful friendships. Wealth and popularity can never replace the love and support of true friends and family. So, between wealth and relationships, relationships hold greater value.

The third thought is about integrity. How far would you go to achieve success or earn money? In the pursuit of wealth, would you compromise your values or principles? Money can buy material things, but it can't buy a clear conscience or peace of mind. There was a young entrepreneur who, despite facing immense pressure to take shortcuts, chose to stick to his principles. He didn't achieve overnight success, but in the long run, his integrity earned him respect and success that lasted. Integrity and values are more important than any amount of money.

I recall seeing a quote that said, "The Value of a Leader Is Directly Proportional to That Leader's Values." This message struck me because what we value shapes our character and ultimately defines how we lead our lives.

When Paul wrote to the believers in Colosse, he said, "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth" (Col. 3:2). His point is that only when our values are motivated and shaped by the eternal, rather than the temporary, can we be effective ambassadors of Christ. Understanding that we are pilgrims in this world, not tourists, helps us keep a clear perspective and an undistracted heart, enabling us to serve our Savior more effectively.

It is often said that we live in a world that knows the cost of everything but the value of nothing. In this fast-paced world, we, as Christians, are called to build our values around what lasts forever. We are called to remember the life of Jesus Christ. To put it simply: The effectiveness of a believer is directly proportional to that believer's values. So, what is your priority?

Yours in prayers,

JVarghese Achen

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Youth Fellowship HouseKeeping

- 1. I am excited to announce our Twice-a-Month Youth Fellowship Bible Study sessions at the North East Regional Youth Chaplain's Parsonage! This is a wonderful opportunity for us to dive deeper into God's Word, connect, and strengthen our faith journey together. Our first sessions will be on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, and Wednesday, September 25, 2024, starting at 7:00 pm and concluding by 8:30 pm. We will also have light snacks to keep us fueled and ready for meaningful discussions. I encourage you to join us and be a part of this enriching experience!**
- 2. Additionally, do not forget that your Parish Youth Fellowship Meetings are happening every month. For more details, please reach out to your Parish Youth Fellowship Secretary, who will have all the information you need.**
- 3. NERYF Fifth Sunday Combined Holy Qurbana and Fellowship: Join us on September 29, 2024, at Jerusalem Mar Thoma Church in Connecticut. Let us make this a special time of worship and fellowship. We encourage everyone to carpool and make this event a blessing for all involved. More details to follow**
- 4. NERYF Fall One-Day Retreat: Mark your calendars for November 30, 2024, at Long Island Mar Thoma Church. It is going to be a day full of spiritual renewal and fellowship—more details to follow.**

I look forward to seeing you at these events and growing together in faith!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
September 1	Malayalam Holy Communion Service	10:00a.m.
September 8	English Holy Communion Service	10: 30 a.m.
September 15	Malayalam Holy Communion Service	10:30 a.m.
September 22	English Holy Communion Service	10:30a.m.
September 29	Malayalam Holy Communion Service	10:30 a.m.

LECTIONARY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Epistle/Gospel</u>
September 1	Prov 4:1-11 1Cor 1:18-25	Rom 11:33-36 John 14:5-14
September 8	Ruth 4:1-12 Acts 16:11-15	Gal 3:26-29 Luke 8:1-3
September 15	Gen 48:1-22 Phil 2:12-18	2Tim 4:1-8 Luke 2:25-38
September 22	Exod 12:21-28 Acts 2:42-47	1Cor 11:23-30 Matt 26:26-29
September 29	Prov 30:4-9 Acts 12:1-12	Eph 3:14-21 Matt 6:5-15

BIRTHDAYS

DATE	NAME	DATE	NAME
09/01	Mr. Alvin Reny	09/11	Dr. Jenny Mathews
09/02	Mrs. Mariamma Varghese	09/12	Ms. Faryn George
09/02	Mr. Eapen Joseph	09/17	Mrs. Honey Shon
09/03	Mr. Jaise John	09/22	Ms. Percious Thomas
09/08	Dr. Jean Jacob	09/27	Mrs. Princy Eapen
09/08	Dr. Shiney Varghese	09/28	Mr. K. A. Abraham

Wedding Anniversary

09/01	Mrs. & Mr. Mathew Abraham	09/15	Mrs. & Mr. V.T. Koshy
09/08	Mrs. & Mr. Thomas K. Daniel	09/16	Mrs. & Mr. Sunny Varghese
09/09	Mrs. & Mr. Philipose Thomas	09/24	Dr. & Ginu Abraham

PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Venue/Residence</u>
Sevika Sangham Day	September 8, 2024	St. Andrews MTC
Sevika Sangham Prayer	September 11, 2024 @ 10:30 a.m.	At the residence of: Mrs. Shirley Yohannan 17 Norge Avenue Nanuet, NY 10954
Senior Citizen/ Edavaka Mission Retreat	September 14, 2024 @ 10:00 am	St. Andrews MTC
Senior Citizen Day	September 15, 2024	St. Andrews MTC
Family Night	September 21, 2024 @ 5:00 pm	614 Western Hwy S, Blauvelt, NY 10913
Youth Fellowship Meeting	September 27, 2024 @ 7:00 pm	At the residence of : Hannah & Reuben Shaun 9 Contemporary Dr. Danbury, CT
Talent Fest	September 28, 2024	Epiphany MTC

Year Plan for 2024

- **Sevikha Sangham day** **September 8, 2024**
- **Student dedication day** **September 1, 2024**
- **Special Offertory** **September 15, 2024**
- **Senior Citizen & Edavaka Mission
One Day Retreat** **September 14, 2024**
- **Senior Citizen Day** **September 15, 2024**

- **Family Night** **September 21, 2024**
- **Edavaka Mission Sunday** **October 6, 2024**
- **Church Convention** **October 18-20, 2024**
- **Youth Sunday** **October 20, 2024**
- **Family Sunday (One Day Income)** **October 27, 2024**
- **World Sunday School Day** **November 3, 2024**
- **Parish Day** **November 10, 2024**
- **Thanksgiving** **December 1, 2024**
- **Carol Rounds** **December 7th, 8th, 14th & 15th**
- **Christmas Carol Service** **December 21, 2024**
- **Christmas Service @ 9:00 a.m.** **December 25, 2024**
- **Watch Night Service @ 9: 30 p.m.** **December 31, 2024**
- **Family Retreat 2025**

Have a great summer with your family!