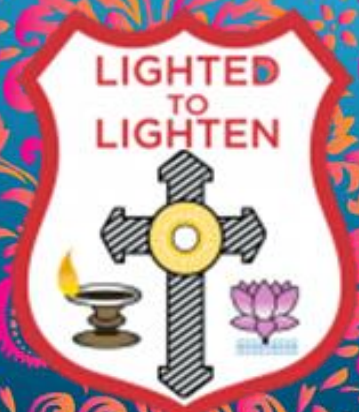


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NEWSLETTER

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From the Desk of Vicar...

Dearly beloved in Christ

Lot of people wants to know God's will in their lives. But God's not going to reveal this. So we need to believe that everything you have is a gift from God so be grateful for all of it. The Bible says to give thanks in all circumstances. Notice it does not say to give thanks *for* all circumstances. There is a big difference. There are a lot of things in life you should not be thankful for. You should never be thankful for evil, for example. It says to give thanks *in* every circumstance, not *for*, because God can bring good even out of bad things. There is a lot of bad in the world, and these days, you may see more of it than you think you can bear. You shouldn't be grateful for those things. God is bigger than sin. He can bring promises out of pain, blessings out of suffering. He turns crucifixions into resurrections. God transforms the bad things in your life into good things and uses them for good. You can be grateful in everything for several reasons: God has a plan for your life. He can use everything in your life for good. The pain is not going to last forever. If you know Jesus as Savior, you're going to heaven. And he's going to use even the hard things in life to build your character. Do you know what will help you be thankful in all things? When bad things happen, don't ask, "Why is this happening to me?" Instead, ask, "God, what do you want me to learn from this?" When you learn from God, then you grow more like Christ. Then you'll be able to better see how he is working in your life and give him thanks in all circumstances.

In the month of October, we are organizing our Parish Convention from 22nd to 24th. Rev. Aju Abraham will be the main speaker. Join in the fellowship of our Convention and be renewed. Let's pray for the blessings of the convention.

Yours Johnson Achen.

Youth Chaplain.

Dearly beloved in Christ,

October is a month in our liturgical year in which we think and understand our priorities as well as maintain the relationships God has bestowed upon us. October is the time of the year in which we as a church commemorate and meditate on the importance of the family unit. Family is an important relationship that God places us. God chose imperfect people to be placed in a family to learn many skills, especially the skills of love, commitment, tolerance, and unity. This is not possible with us as we understand we are imperfect. This is only possible when we look unto the One who is perfect, our unconditionally loving God. The family is the first institution God ordained in this world, followed by the Church and then the community. Therefore, Christian nurture should begin in the home itself. Being part of a Christian family is indeed a great blessing, a privilege, as well as a responsibility, and a challenge. The family should influence one another in faith. As a family, the aim should be to please God and not the world around us. Looking at the life of Noah and his family, we can see that they lived in a world that disregarded God. But Noah was different from the worldly standards, and his children were fortunate to be in a godly home. Our lives within the family unit should be a family that stands firm on God, and along with that, positively have our obedience to God influence the world around us.

As a reminder, on Tuesdays at 8 PM, Men's Bible Studies are held and on Wednesdays at 8 PM, women's Bible Studies are held on a weekly basis. I encourage our youths to find time and attend it. Let us pray that the 10th month of this year be a blessing to us and that we can guide ourselves to bless the world around us.

Much Love,

Rev. Jess M. George

BIRTHDAYS

Oct-1	Miss. Evelyn John	26 Sherman Boulevard
Oct-1	Miss. Rebecca Philip	223 Morning Glory Drive
Oct-1	Miss. Divya Rachel Dinesh	52 Dorothy Street
Oct-2	Miss. Jamie George	13 Area Place
Oct-3	Dr. Prince Varghese	199 Suffolk Avenue
Oct-3	Mr. Anthony Mathai	240 Suffolk Avenue
Oct-5	Miss. Sanjana Abraham	1091 Willowbrook Road
Oct-5	Miss. Nicole Wilsant	190 Melba Street
Oct-6	Mr. Anish Chacko	57 Livermore Avenue
Oct-6	Mr. Arun Thomas	1309 Vincenzo Dr
Oct-8	Mrs. Mollykutty Thomas	1091 Willowbrook Road
Oct-10	Mr. Jose Joseph	79 Ash Street
Oct-10	Mr. Joykutty George	23 Area Place
Oct-10	Mr. Thomas Varughese	1086 Manor Road
Oct-10	Mrs. Lekha Reji	231 Merrill Avenue
Oct-10	Mr. Joshua Mathai Joseph	188 Walcott Avenue
Oct-11	Mrs. Tiji Raju	29 Arnold Drive
Oct-13	Mr. Shibin Varughese	171 Willard Ave
Oct-13	Mrs. Jency Raju	11 Allison Way
Oct-14	Mrs. Saramma John	135 Byrne Avenue
Oct-15	Master Ruben Jisho Thomas	140 Vineyard Road
Oct-15	Mr. Sen Stanly John	24 Steers Street
Oct-16	Mrs. Dona Abraham	8 Dorothy Street
Oct-16	Mr. Senu S. Varghese	183 Queen St
Oct-17	Mr. Jacob Cheriyan	42 Deppe Place
Oct-18	Mr. Sujit Francis	203 Wellbrook Avenue
Oct-20	Mr. Mathew Abraham	74 Roosevelt Avenue
Oct-20	Mr. Mathew P. George	39 Poland Place
Oct-22	Mr. Shino John	20 Deerfield Road
Oct-23	Mr. Aju Raju	11 Allison Way
Oct-23	Mrs. Aleyamma Itty	323 Mountainview Avenue
Oct-23	Mr Joel Alex	274 Ardmore Avenue
Oct-24	Master. Jayden John	47 Ketcham Road
Oct-26	Mrs. Mini Mathew	147 Brandon Court
Oct-26	Mr. Jacob Chacko	66 Birchard Avenue
Oct-28	Mrs. Liziamma Abraham	56 Ronald Avenue
Oct-28	Mr. Thomaskutty Joseph	142 Mann Avenue
Oct-29	Miss. Alisha Eapen	346 Buchanan Avenue

Oct-29	Mrs. Smrithi Ann Mathew	6 Deppe Place
Oct-30	Master. Naveen Wilsant	190 Melba Street
Oct-30	Mr. Skaria Mathai	188 Walcott Avenue
Oct-31	Mr. Thomas Jacob	64 Galloway Avenue

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Oct-1	Sheena & Jaison John	26 Sherman Boulevard
Oct-18	Mary & Jojy K. Alex	62 Birchard Avenue
Oct-20	Anney & Thomas Lal	196 Quinlan Avenue
Oct-22	Alicia & Shino John	20 Deerfield Road
Oct-22	Saramma & K.J. Ninan	436 Buchanan Avenue
Oct-23	Annie & Thomas K. Jose	212 Hales Avenue
Oct-23	Ruby & Geevarughese Panicker	461 North Gannon Avenue
Oct-23	Preethi & Raji C. Jacob	66 Birchard Avenue
Oct-24	Sibi & Bibin George	203 Westwood Avenue
Oct-24	Sosamma & Thomas John	472 Livermore Avenue
Oct-29	Anitha & John Samuel	216 Hawthorne Avenue
Oct-31	Jessy & Jose Varughese	191 Queen Street

Worship Services:

Oct 03	H.C Service – Malayalam	10:30 am (Edavaka Mission Sunday)
Oct 10	H.C Service – English	10:30 am (Youth Sunday)
Oct 17	H.C Service – Malayalam	10:30 am (Yuvajana Sakhyam Sunday)
Oct 24	H.C Service – English	10:30 am
Oct 31	Public Worship - Malayalam	10:30 am

Lectionary.

Date:	Lesson 1:	Lesson 2:	Epistle:	Gospels:
10/03/21	Gen. 12: 1-9	Rom. 1: 8-16	2 Tim. 4: 1-6	St. Matt. 28: 16-20
10/10/21	2 Sam. 9: 1-12	Acts. 3: 1-10	2 Cor. 12: 1-10	St. Matt. 15: 29-31
10/17/21	Dan. 1: 1-17	Eph. 6: 10-18	1 Tim. 4: 12-16	St. Mark. 10: 17-22
10/24/21	1 Sam. 1: 21-28	Col. 3: 18-25	Eph. 3: 14-21	St. Luke. 2: 41-52
10/31/21	Jonah. 3: 1-10	Heb. 9: 11-23	1 Pet. 1: 13-19	St. Matt. 21: 12-17

PRAYER MEETINGS:

Fasting Prayer:

Every Friday @ 10:00am @ church, 134 Faber Street.

Area Prayer Meetings:

A combined prayer meeting of all 4-area prayer group will be held on Saturday October 09, 06:00 pm at the Church. (Election of prayer group representative -2022 will be held in this prayer meeting).

Organizations Prayer Meeting:

<u>Senior Fellowship:</u>	Wednesday	October 20 10:00 am	Church
<u>Sevika Sanghom:</u>	Tuesday	October 05 10:00 am	Church
	Tuesday	October 19 07:00 pm	Church
<u>Edavaka Mission:</u>	Friday	October 01 07:30 pm	Church
	Friday	October 08 07:30 pm	Church
<u>Yuvajana Sakhyam:</u>	Thursday	October 28 08:00 pm	Zoom
<u>Young Family Fellowship:</u>	Sunday	October 17 06:30 pm	Zoom

Convention: Our Church convention will be held on October 22-24.

Friday October 22: 07:00 pm
Saturday October 23: 07:00 pm
Sunday October 24: Immediately after the Holy Communion Service
Convention Speaker: **Rev. Aji Abraham**
(Bishop / Diocesan Secretary)
Diocese of North America & Europe



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Lay Leader (Malayalam)	Mr. Mani Varughese	718 698 7463	917 439 6153
Lay Leader (English)	Mr. Tim Joseph	718 494 2031	347 552 1154

Area Prayer Group Representatives

Bradley:	Mrs. Marykutty Varughese	718 761 6847	917 940 7042
Hylan Blvd. /New Jersey	Mr. Varughese Raju	718 727 4026	718 902 7806
North Shore:	Mr. Reji T. George	718 761 3265	347 753 7119
Willowbrook:	Mr. Rajee V. Thomas	718 698 9330	646 404 3846

Organizations Representatives

Choir:	Dr. Shyla Roshin	718 698 6101	646 262 8105
Edavaka Mission:	Mr. Philip Jacob	718 370 2318	646 206 1537
Senior Citizen:	Mrs. Molly Mathews	718 761 2395	917 238 7523
Sevika Sanghom:	Mrs. Annie Jose	718 317 2263	646 991 6460
Sunday School:	Mr. Vivin Varughese	718 370 7588	917 753 0572
Youth Fellowship:	Mr. Rogin Mathew	732 650 1373	917 795 5343
Yuvajana Sakhyam:	Mr. Sony Ninan	718 477 7562	347 840 3708
Young Family Fellow.	Mr. Shibu P. Thomas	718 698 3798	917 304 5505

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	Mrs. Susan Varughese	718 727 4148	718 744 4198

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