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CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA

MALAYALAM CONGREGATION OF GREATER NEW YORK



Motto: Year of Service

Sunday School: 9:30 AM

Sunday Worship Service: 10:45 AM



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Agape love to those Born from Above,

This month is known as a “Month of love”! And we can see that this love gets its definition from the red hearts, pink cards and impractical wishes. Well, there’s nothing wrong with it.

But we Christians are *united together with something far superior* than what this world markets as “love.” And that is the “love of Christ” shown to us on the Cross and on every Sundays when that love is handed to us in the form of Lord’s Supper.

The real Valentine for a child of God, starts on the last Wednesday in February this year, which is Ash Wednesday. During this time, we will notice a theme keeps coming up; *the heart*. Our heart is a fascinating thing. I am not talking about the physical heart which pushes blood through the body, but the spiritual organ that pumps our desires throughout our soul.

Our heart can be frozen and unforgiving or can be compassionate and merciful. They would remain hard, frozen and unforgiving our whole lives. By our own powers, our hearts would never transform. So, in such a condition, the question that comes to my mind is, “*How can we transform our heart?*”. The scripture reminds us that only God can take out your unmoving heart and can give you Christ’s heart. In Christ, you really are a new person with new hearts.

As we prepare to enter this season of Lent, I pray that it will be a time for me and you to look honestly into the depths of our hearts and yearn more to be transformed by Christ’s love!

In love with Christ,

Robin achen

NEWS & EVENTS

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT

The Youth Winter Retreat was held from January 3 to 5, 2020 at the Spruce Lake Retreat Center, PA. About 30 youths attended this program.

DEDICATION SERVICE

Dedication Service of the Board of Trustees of 2020 was held on January 1st during the watch-night worship service.

ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The St. Thomas Ecumenical Christmas Program was held at the Merrick Marthoma Church on Saturday, January 4th at 5:00 PM. Our Christmas Carol Rounds choir represented our church and presented two songs.

CONVENERS

The Board of Trustees elected the following members to serve as Conveners of various programs in 2020:

<i>Volleyball Tournament:</i>	Mrs. Lincy Philip
<i>Picnic:</i>	Mr. John M. David
<i>Family Retreat:</i>	Mr. Shabu Jacob Itty
<i>Convention:</i>	Mr. Thomas Daniel
<i>Harvest Festival:</i>	Mr. Gikku W. Jacob
<i>Family Night:</i>	Mr. Chris Oommen
<i>Christmas Carol Rounds:</i>	Mr. Alexander Chandy

Assignments:

The Board of Trustees entrusted its members with the following assignments in 2020:

<i>Property Caretakers:</i>	Mr. Alexander Chandy Mr. Thomas J. Paickattu Mr. George David Mr. Shabu Jacob Itty
<i>Service Arrangements:</i>	Mrs. Rosie Thomas Mrs. Lincy Philip Mr. Shabu Jacob Itty

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<i>Women's Fellowship Rep.:</i>	Mrs. Susan Ninan
<i>Youth Fellowship Rep.:</i>	Mr. Chris Oommen
<i>Sunday School Rep.:</i>	Mrs. Lincy Philip

AUXILIARY FELLOWSHIPS OFFICIALS

The following persons were elected as Office Bearers of Youth Fellowship and Choir in 2020:

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

<i>Vice President:</i>	Mr. Kevin Varghese
<i>Secretary:</i>	Ms. Jaime Mathew
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Mr. Sanjay Jacob
<i>Committee Members:</i>	Ms. Betsy Daniel Mr. Binoy Daniel Mr. Sachin Jacob Mr. Shane Jacob Ms. Jacey Mathew

CHOIR

<i>Secretary:</i>	Ms. Riana Kurien
<i>Joint Secretary:</i>	Mrs. Smitha Mathew
<i>Committee Members:</i>	Mr. Jayan Kurian Mrs. Jancy Vengal Mr. Shawn Paul

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

The Annual General Body meeting of our Congregation will be held at the church on Sunday, February 16th immediately after the worship service. Agenda include: Minutes of previous General Body Meetings, Annual Report 2019, Audited Accounts 2019, Budget 2020 and other matters if any.

ELECTED OFFICIALS RETREAT

The Elected Officials Retreat will be held on Saturday, Feb 8th. All elected officials (Board of Trustees, Council Members, Auditors, St. Thomas Ecumenical Reps, Joint Conveners, Auxiliary Fellowship committees) are requested to attend this retreat. The 2020 Church Calendar will be planned after lunch on that day.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

Women's Fellowship Sunday will be observed on March 1st. Members of the Women's Fellowship will take active part in the worship service on that day.

ASH WEDNESDAY

As the Lent season begins, there will be a special worship service at the church on Ash Wednesday (February 26) at 7:30 p.m.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS

Almaya Fellowship is organizing a Defensive Driving class at the Church for our members on Sunday, March 1st. The fee for this class will be \$40. Please contact Mr. Koruthu C. Kinatukara if you are interested in attending this class.

TELE PRAYER MEETINGS

Tuesdays at 9:00 p.m. -February 4, 11, 18 & 25

Tele-Conference Number: 605-468-8025 Access Code: 918802#

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday Fellowship Bible Study will be held at the Church on February 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 9:30 a.m.

OTHER NEWS

VISITOR

The Rev. Sajeev Sugu Jacob (Vicar, Jubilee Memorial C.S.I. Church) visited our congregation on Sunday, January 5th. Achen conducted the Holy Communion Service for us and delivered the sermon on that day in the absence of our vicar who was attending our Youth Retreat.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday!



February

10	Mark Thomas	Syosset
10	Minila N. Koshy	Glen Oaks
10	Christopher Abraham	Englewood, NJ
11	Tim Kinatukara	Commack
11	Sachin Joseph Roy	East Meadow
12	Rev. Robin E. Mathew	Seaford
13	Rensy Mariam Daniel	New Hyde Park
14	Ajay Abraham	Mineola
15	Alexander Chandy	Roslyn Heights
15	Jaison Kuruvilla	Flushing
19	Joelle Grace Philip	New Hyde Park
20	Abraham Mathew David	New Hyde Park
20	Dr. Zehra Mathew	Manhattan
20	Sophia Ann Tharian	East Manhasset
21	Nevin Itty Jacob	Floral Park
26	Betsy Abraham	Westbury
26	Sindhu George	New Hyde Park
27	Sophia Ann Jacob	Hicksville
27	Stacy Paickattu	East Meadow
27	Dillon Mathew Thomas	Syosset
28	Illan Kurian Saji	Glen Oaks

March

01	Sheela P. Jacob	New Hyde Park
01	Mathew David	New Hyde Park
01	Koshy M. Kunjummen	New Hyde Park
02	Pushpa Philip	Williston Park

02	Shelin S. Thomas	New Hyde Park
04	Binchu John	New Hyde Park
07	Allen M. Koshy	New Hyde Park
07	Marina John	New Hyde Park
08	Marykutty Jacob	Floral Park
08	P.C. Abraham	Bellerose

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Happy Anniversary!



February

10	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas J. Paickattu	East Meadow
12	Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Itty	Floral Park
22	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Abraham	Williston Park

March

02	Mr. & Mrs. Rosen Philip	Flushing
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February 9
(English)

Ninth Sunday before Easter
Sabbath as the Culmination of Creation

Isaiah 65: 17-25
Psalm 8
Hebrews 4: 2-13
Mark 2: 23-28

Mr. George Joshua
Mr. Joel M. Thomas
Mrs. Mini Philip

Bible Bearer:
Offertory:
Elements:

Mr. Joel George
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas T. Oommen
Mr. Thomas M. Kunjummen
Mr. Thomas Daniel

February 16**Eighth Sunday before Easter****(Malayalam)****Fall as the Violation of the Purpose of Creation**

Genesis 6: 1-13

Mr. Sachin Joseph Roy

Psalm 32

Mr. Mark Thomas

Romans 7: 4-25

Mrs. Minila N. Koshy

Matthew 7: 15-23

Bible Bearer:

Mr. Christopher Abraham

Offertory:

Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Itty

Elements:

Mr. Thomas J. Paickattu

Mr. Alexander Chandy

February 23**Seventh Sunday before Easter****(English)****Lent: A time of Transformation**

Isaiah 44: 21-28

Mr. Ajay Abraham

Psalm 6

Mr. Jayden Mathew

Romans 11: 13-24

Ms. Rensy Daniel

John 2: 1-11

Bible Bearer:

Mr. Tim Kinatukara

Offertory:

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Abraham

Elements:

Mr. George David

Mr. John M. David

February 26**ASH WEDNESDAY****(Malayalam)****Cross: A Call to Repentance**

Isaiah 1: 16-20

Psalm 51

2Corinthians 7: 8-16

Mark 1: 12-15

Bible Bearer:

Offertory:

Elements:

Mr. Chris Oommen

Mr. Thomas Daniel

March 1
(Malayalam)

Sixth Sunday before Easter
Women as Change Makers
WOMEN'S SUNDAY

Daniel 3: 12-30
Psalm 119: 57-64
Acts 16: 11-15
Luke 1: 46-55

Bible Bearer:

Offertory:

Elements: Mrs. Susan Ninan
Mrs. Rosie Thomas

March 8
(English)

Fifth Sunday before Easter
The Forgiving Christ

Genesis 4: 8-16
Psalm 25
Romans 5: 6-11
Mark 2: 1-12

Mr. Koshy M. Kunjummen
Ms. Marina John
Ms. Shelin S. Thomas

Bible Bearer:

Offertory:

Elements: Mr. Mathew David
Mr. & Mrs. Rosen Philip
Mr. Gikku W. Jacob
Mr. Shabu Jacob Itty



2020 Calendar

January 01
January 03-05
February 8
February 16
March 1

New Year's Day Service
Youth Winter Retreat
Elected Officials Retreat
Annual General Body Meeting
Women's Sunday

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