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Vicar's message:

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It gives me immense pleasure in addressing you all again through this newsletter as a vicar of the Church. Here I request your wholehearted prayer and support to us for a fruitful ministry in the Church. Once again, we express our love and thanks to all and submit ourselves in the mighty hands of God for an effective ministry that will be fruitful to all members of this parish.

In Luke 5: 1-11, we see Jesus calling His disciples. They pulled the boats on the beach, left everything, and followed Jesus (v.11). According to the Jewish custom, the Rabbis enroll educated disciples to teach them the Torah. However, the disciples chosen by Jesus were different from that of the Rabbis. The disciples of Jesus were illiterate, fishermen, tax collectors and so called sinners. The new community of disciples of Jesus reveals exemplary character of true discipleship. In this passage, it is clear that obedience and submission are the two main features of discipleship. God's word seems to be irrational to human intelligence. But if we obey, we can witness and experience God's power. Those experiences will lead us to follow Him closely. At the large number of fish they caught, the fishermen were able to grasp the depth of divine providence. The incident led Peter to the revelation, that the person he confronted is the Messiah. This helped him introspect and plead, "Go away from me, Lord I am a sinful man". We should pray, that the dear Lord makes us humble enough to see His mighty work in every minute of our life and help us in always following him sincerely.

We are called to live by the values of true discipleship, the greatest of which are 'be obedient' and 'be submissive'. Though Peter was initially a little hesitant to obey, he obeyed the command. The result was an amazing experience, 'the nets were about to break'. May the Almighty Lord be with us and bless our ways and our ministry in this faith journey.

With prayerful regards,

Rev. Jogy Thomas (Vicar/President.)

<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</u>			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Special Observance</u>
Sunday November 04	9:00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	World Sunday School Day
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
Sunday November 11	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (Malayalam)	
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (English)	
Sunday November 18	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
Sunday November 25	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (Malayalam)	Thanks Giving
	10:15AM	Holy Communion (English)	

LECTIONARY

<u>Date</u>	<u>1st Lesson</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Nov 04	Exod 2:1-10	John 1:1-15	Eph 6:1-9	Luke 18:15-17
Nov 11	Zech 4:1-14	Rev 1:12-20	1Cor 3:10-15	Matt. 5:14-16
Nov 18	1Chr 24:1-19	Rev 8:1-8	2Cor 2:12-17	Luke 1:5-23
Nov 25	Zech 2:8-13	Gal 4:1-7	Eph 1:3-10	Luke 1:26-38

ASSISTANCE & USHERING: 2018

<u>Month</u>	<u>Prayer Group</u>
November	Garden City Park
December	Long Island
January 2019	Astoria / Jackson Heights

Area Prayer Meetings		
Date	Area	Venue
Sunday Nov. 04 05:00 PM	Queens Village / Bellerose / Floral Park	Mr. Abraham K. George 43-Linden Ave Floral Park Tel 516-326-8270
Saturday Nov. 10 07:00 PM	Coney Island	Mr. Samuel Philipose 714 Manor Ct Brooklyn Tel 718-891-7395
Sunday Nov. 18 05:00 PM	Garden City Park	Mr. Thomas Mathew 71-Royalway Manhasset Hills 516-869-9007
Sunday Nov. 18 07:00 PM	New Hyde Park	Mr. Ansu Abraham 1740 Aladdin Ave New Hyde Park 718-915-6456
Sunday Nov. 24 07:00 PM	Elmont/Rosedale/Valley Stream	TBA
Sunday Nov. 25 07:00 PM	Long Island	TBA

SENIOR CITIZENS FELLOWSHIP

The monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov.13, 2018. The meeting is preceded by a Holy Communion Service which will start at 10.00 AM. There will be a short general body meeting when 2019 office bearers and committee members will be elected. All are cordially welcome.

Secretary

Sevika Sanghom Bible Study		
Date	Area	Venue
Fri Nov. 02 10:00 AM	At Church	Combined with Edavaka Mission
Thursday Nov. 08 10:00 AM	Queens Village / Bellerose / Floral Park	Mrs. Saramma Raju Oommen 256-10 83rd Ave Floral Park, NY 11004 718-347-0573
Thursday Nov. 15 10:00 AM	Elmont/ Long Island	Mrs. Sosamma Kurian 701 Crans st Elmont, NY 11003 516-596-7514
Fri Nov. 16 10:00 AM	At Church	Combined with Edavaka Mission
TBA	Cony Island	Mrs. Mariamma Abraham 629 Ave Y, Brooklyn NY 11235 718-769-1015

SEVIKA SANGHOM NOTICE

*Regional Conference
On Saturday November 10th, 2018 at
Bethany Mar Thoma Church 90- Old Orangeburg Rd,
Orangeburg NY 10962
Registration begins at 08:30 AM*

<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>		
<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Nov. 2018	Every Sunday 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM	Sunday School Class

Yuvajana Sakhayam

Cottage Prayer meeting will be held on November 11th after service at parsonage

MALAYALAM CHOIR

Choir practices will be held on the following Sundays: Nov. 04th & 18th at 9:00AM and on Saturday Nov. 17th at 7:00 PM in the Church. All choir members are requested to attend these practices.

Condolences

Our member Mr. M. C. Abraham (83) passed away on Oct 17 2018. He was an active member of the church. His services to the parish are remembered with thanks at this time.

Mr. P.V Cherian (81) 685 Half hollow Rd, Dix hills passed away on Oct 31, 2018. Parish expresses heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. His services to the parish are remembered with thanks at this time.

Mrs. Achamma Joseph (68) sister in law of Mrs. Ruby Sajan 1717-Starr st, Ridgewood passed away in Kerala.

Mr. George P. Thomas (61), younger brother of our member Mrs. Aliyamma Mathai, 78-52, 269-st, floral park. He was a member of Philadelphia marthoma church.

Parish expresses heartfelt condolences to the bereaved . Please uphold this family in our prayers.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

Ritika Merai Noble	Randolph	1-Nov
Robin Philipose	Flushing	1-Nov
Cherian K. Thomas	Floral Park	1-Nov
Jeslin K Joy	New Hyde Park	1-Nov
Jacob Varghese	New Hyde Park	1-Nov
Mathew N. Varughese	Elmont	1-Nov
Beena Elizabeth Kurian	Merrick	2-Nov
Shinamol Jacob	East Meadow	2-Nov
Abigail Shaji Varghese	New Hyde Park	2-Nov
Biju Thomas	Valley Stream	2-Nov
Sandhya Thomas	Floral Park	3-Nov
Reena T. Varughese	New Hyde Park	3-Nov
Daniel Gregory Philip Mathew	Charlotte	3-Nov
Abraham Mammen	New Hyde Park	3-Nov
Kayla Sandhya Varghese	Syosset	4-Nov
Mathew Varughese	New Hyde Park	4-Nov
P. G. Varghese	Elmont	4-Nov
Aleyamma Saji	Queens Village	4-Nov
Thomas Eappen	Merrick	5-Nov
Mathew Vinson	East Meadow	5-Nov
Vadackedathu T. Thomas	Queens Village	5-Nov
Betty Chacko	Ridgewood	5-Nov
Christine Ann Jacob	West Hempstead	5-Nov
Sheena Susan John	Merrick	6-Nov
Dr. Robin Mathews	Ridgewood	6-Nov
Mathew Koshy	New Hyde Park	6-Nov
Mary Mathunny	New Hyde Park	6-Nov
Rajamma Thomas	Mineola	6-Nov
Sophia Grace Philipose	North Bellmore	6-Nov
Allen Mathew	Floral Park	7-Nov
Varghese Mathew	East Meadow	7-Nov
Bilji Varghese	Franklin Square	7-Nov

Suni M. Mathew	Charlotte	7-Nov
Chacko Varughese	East Meadow	7-Nov
Carlos Izhur Espejo	Ridgewood	7-Nov
Annamma John	Queens Village	8-Nov
Noel John	New Hyde Park	8-Nov
Lisa Ann Varghese	New City	8-Nov
Kyle Tommy Thomas	Weston	8-Nov
Krupa P. Thomas	Bellerose	8-Nov
Billy Thomas	Bellerose	9-Nov
Lisa Philipose	Flushing	9-Nov
George P. Thomas	Garden City Park	9-Nov
Aleyamma Mathew	Bellerose	10-Nov
Bijoy Daniel	Elmont	10-Nov
Sosamma Varughese	Richmond Hill	10-Nov
Sara Thomas	Albertson	11-Nov
K. K. Mathew	Bellerose	11-Nov
Rosamma Philip	Floral Park	11-Nov
Sara Thomas	Albertson	11-Nov
George Mathew	Floral Park	12-Nov
Joshua Mathew	New Hyde Park	12-Nov
Sudhin Ignatious	Mineola	12-Nov
Susamma Thomas	Elmont	12-Nov
Thomas Mathew	Williston Park	12-Nov
Mary P. Roy	New Hyde Park	13-Nov
Jensy Jacob	Glen Oaks	13-Nov
Tom Cherian	Floral Park	13-Nov
Davine Jobby Mathew	New Hyde Park	14-Nov
Sheela Varughese	New Hyde Park	14-Nov
Thundil Varughese	New Hyde Park	15-Nov
Saramma Mathai	East Meadow	15-Nov
Priya Rachel Jacob	Floral Park	15-Nov
Sosamma George	Merrick	15-Nov
Philipose Chacko	Queens Village	15-Nov
Regi Chacko Varghese	Syosset	15-Nov

Celina Philip	Elmont	16-Nov
Rinu Philipose	North Bellmore	16-Nov
Skaria Varughese	Richmond Hill	17-Nov
Julia Ann Iype	Melville	17-Nov
Ryan T. Johnson	Glen Cove	17-Nov
Ansu Abraham	Ridgewood	17-Nov
John K. Samuel	New Hyde Park	17-Nov
Jacob Mammen	Floral Park	18-Nov
Philip Chacko	New Hyde Park	18-Nov
Lijo H. Thomas	Bellerose	19-Nov
Sandy Thomas Mathew	Williston Park	19-Nov
Jacob C. Koruthu	Jackson Heights	19-Nov
Aarvin Varghese	Deer Park	19-Nov
John Varghese	Commack	19-Nov
Mariamamma Mathai	Bellerose	19-Nov
Jonah Itty Phillips	Westbury	19-Nov
Dr. Cherian Alexander	New Hyde Park	19-Nov
Justin John	East Meadow	19-Nov
Jasmin J. Chacko	Elmont	19-Nov
Abraham Varghese	Hicksville	20-Nov
Alex Daniel	Garden City Park	20-Nov
Daisy John	Garden City Park	20-Nov
Thomas M. Mathew	Elmont	20-Nov
Varughese Mathai	New Hyde Park	22-Nov
Sean Unni	Little Neck	22-Nov
Hendrix James Cherian	Floral Park	23-Nov
Jerry George	Albertson	24-Nov
Rakesh Mathew	East Meadow	24-Nov
Naveen Thomas	West Hempstead	24-Nov
Saji George	Merrick	24-Nov
Rachel Kurian	Merrick	24-Nov
Abraham V. Thomas	Merrick	25-Nov
Vincy Philipose	Flushing	25-Nov
George C. Abraham	New Hyde Park	25-Nov

Gigi Mathew	East Meadow	25-Nov
Aleyamma Philipose	Brooklyn	25-Nov
Alexander Chacko	Queens Village	25-Nov
Axl John Cherian	Floral Park	27-Nov
Simon Samuel	Bellerose	27-Nov
Anson Mathew Saji	Queens Village	27-Nov
Shermil Daniel	Elmont	27-Nov
Cherian Baby Thomas	Fresh Meadows	27-Nov
Mincy Aji	Brooklyn	27-Nov
Arpitha Mariam Jogy	Ozone Park	27-Nov
Joseph P. Oommen	Franklin Square	27-Nov
Christine Samuel	Manhasset Hills	27-Nov
Georgey John	Franklin Square	28-Nov
Rev. Jogy Thomas	Ozone Park	28-Nov
Chinnamma George	Garden City Park	28-Nov
Sophia Abraham	Ridgewood	28-Nov
Jerel Chacko	East Meadow	28-Nov
Thomas Varghese	Elmont	28-Nov
Mariamamma Kurian	Floral Park	29-Nov
Jacob P. Jacob	New Hyde Park	29-Nov
Abraham George	New Hyde Park	30-Nov
Justin J. Easow	East Meadow	30-Nov
Alex Daniel	Garden City Park	20-Nov
Daisy John	Garden City Park	20-Nov
Thomas M. Mathew	Elmont	20-Nov
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Saji George	Merrick	24-Nov
Rachel Kurian	Merrick	24-Nov
Abraham V. Thomas	Merrick	25-Nov

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Gigi Mathew	East Meadow	25-Nov
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Anson Mathew Saji	Queens Village	27-Nov
Shermil Daniel	Elmont	27-Nov
Cherian Baby Thomas	Fresh Meadows	27-Nov
Mincy Aji	Brooklyn	27-Nov
Arpitha Mariam Jogy	Ozone Park	27-Nov
Joseph P. Oommen	Franklin Square	27-Nov
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Rev. Jogy Thomas	Ozone Park	28-Nov
Chinnamma George	Garden City Park	28-Nov
Sophia Abraham	Ridgewood	28-Nov
Jerel Chacko	East Meadow	28-Nov
Thomas Varghese	Elmont	28-Nov
Mariamamma Kurian	Floral Park	29-Nov
Jacob P. Jacob	New Hyde Park	29-Nov
Abraham George	New Hyde Park	30-Nov
Justin J. Easow	East Meadow	30-Nov

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

M. C. Varughese	ELMONT	3-Nov
Varughese George	ALBERTSON	3-Nov
Dickey Varghese	RIDGEWOOD	6-Nov
Mathew John	HICKSVILLE	7-Nov
Oommen George	GARDEN CITY PARK	8-Nov
Koshy Johnkutty	JAMAICA ESTATES	11-Nov
Thomas Mathew	CONEY ISLAND	11-Nov
Mathew Varghese	MARYLAND	13-Nov
Bency P Varghese	FLORAL PARK (QUEENS)	14-Nov
P. V. Abraham	RIDGEWOOD	20-Nov
Bijumon Varghese	NEW HYDE PARK	22-Nov
Thomas P. John	NORTH WOODMERE	22-Nov
Shibu K. Cheriyan	EAST MEADOW	22-Nov
Jacob C. Koruthu	JACKSON HEIGHTS	24-Nov
Wilson T. Oommen	FLORAL PARK (QUEENS)	25-Nov
Thomas Philip	CONNECTICUT	26-Nov
Shibu Varughese	EAST MEADOW	26-Nov
Varghese Mathew	ALBERTSON	27-Nov
Roy P. Varghese	NEW HYDE PARK	30-Nov
Samuel Alexander	ELMONT	30-Nov
Sony Joseph	BELLEROSE	30-Nov

CHURCH YEAR PLAN - 2018

Date	Program
Aug. 12	Parish Day
Aug. 18	Picnic
Aug. 12, 26	New Academic year service
Sep. 2	Harvest Festival
Sep. 28, 29, 30	Parish Convention
Nov. 25	Thanksgiving Service
Dec. 24	X' Mas Carol Service
Dec. 31	Watchnight & New Year Service

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S CORNER.

Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me; to those who go the right way I will show the salvation of God." Psalm 50:23 (NRSV)

Examining Psalms 50 as a whole shows the characteristics of a worshiper that brings joy to the heart of God: gratitude to God, obedience, prayer, and a desire to glorify God.

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. John 4:23 (NRSV)

This is the type of worshiper that will see the salvation of God.

This November as we are celebrating Thanksgiving, let us examine our hearts and see how truly grateful to God we are. The Israelites were freed from slavery and were being taken to the Promise Land, but throughout their journey they were grumbling and complaining.

Being grateful is a choice. The Pilgrims did not allow their feelings or circumstances to determine whether or not they would exercise gratitude and thanksgiving. Even in the hard times they continued to believe and worship God. They knew God was in control. Even though the first few months here in America were brutal, when they experienced blessings – their first thoughts were to give thanks to God. It is easy to worship God when things are going well but the Pilgrims give us an example of trusting God and worshipping God – even in difficult times. They did not know if they would survive, but they kept their faith. They faced great challenges, but they knew that God was with them.

May God enable all of us to have a similar faith and to worship God with true thanksgiving in spirit and truth.

Rev. Shibi

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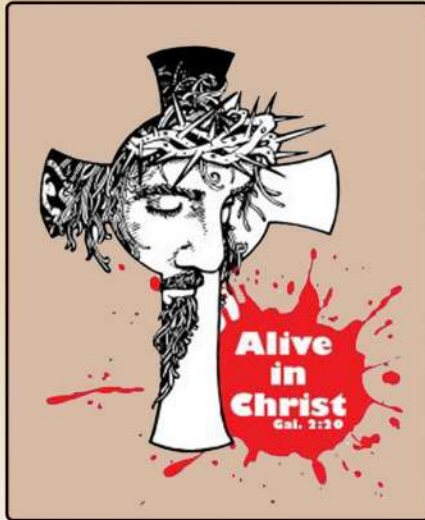
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