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Monthly Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2017

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VICAR'S MESSAGE

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Dear believers in Christ,

Many Americans are going away from its roots. Bible centered spiritual roots of our nation are neglected by secularization. In the early stage do you know what Americans had done? The first public building they erected was a Church building. The first public exercise was the worship of Almighty God. When sorrow comes they gathered at the Church to appeal to God for help. When the bountiful harvest fill their barns they gathered at the Church for thanksgiving to God.

Our Fathers had strong desires to please God and do His will. `Around 150 years passed by from the time of the early settlers, we are not very proud of some of the things that happened during these years. The spiritual atmosphere is different, youths are going away from Church, some Churches are in a dying stage. In World lot of people have dream and temptation to enjoy American life i.e.; to enjoy the fruits of citizenship of America without any sacrifice to this nation.

As the poet says *"We eat from orchards
we didn't plant.
We drink from the wells
we didn't dig
We reap from the field
we didn't sow"*

When we experience more facilities of this nation we should have more commitment and sacrifice for good tradition of America.

PARADOX OF OUR TIME

"We have taller buildings but shorter tempers. Wider freeways but narrow viewpoints. We spent more but we have less. We buy more but we enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families. We have more convenience but less time. We have more degrees but less sense. We have more medicine but less wellness. We have multiplied our possessions but reduced our values. We talk too much do little. We have learned how to make a living not a life. We have been all the way to the moon and back but the trouble in crossing the street to meet the neighbor.

For the blessing of America we must pray unceasingly for America. We must live righteously; we must be the Gospel to evangelize this country. It is our privilege to be here in this nation, and to use its facilities as stewards of God. May God Almighty bless all of us to be faithful witness in America?

With love and Prayer
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2017

<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 (English)	10:30 am

LECTIONARY FOR FEBRUARY 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Epistle/Gospel</u>
02/05	Isa 42:1-9 Acts 8:1-13	James 5:13-18 Mark 7:31-37
02/12	Isa 65:17-25 Heb 4: 1-13	Col 1: 15-24 Mark 2:23-28
02/19	Gen 6:1-13 Rom 5:12-21	Rom 7:14-25 Matt 7:15-23
02/26	Isa 44:21-28 1 Tim 1:12-17	Rom 11:13-24 John 2:1-11

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, saying, "I called to the Lord out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice". Jonah 2:1-2

From Monday, February 6th to Thursday, February 9th, is the 'Nineveh Fast' to commemorate the fast of Jonah. The book of Jonah is unique in the Bible. We all know the story of Jonah. Instead of portraying a prophet who is an obedient servant of the Lord, calling his people to repentance, it features a 'disobedient' prophet who flees from his mission and sulks when his hearers repent. But just as God was merciful to the inhabitants of Nineveh, God also showed mercy to Jonah and was willing to forgive him and give him another chance to fulfill his mission. It was while Jonah was in the belly of the large fish for three days and nights that Jonah prayed for God to save him.

Jonah prayed for God's compassion and mercy and he received it. Afterwards he was willing to perform the mission that God had entrusted to him. Because of this the great city of Nineveh was able to repent, receive God's mercy and was saved. This is the theme of Jonah, "it calls Israel to repentance and reminds it of its mission to preach to all the nations God's mercy and forgiveness."

This fast is to be a time when we realize just how we have sinned and failed in the mission that God has entrusted to us. We are to go and preach about the love and justice of God. We need to truly repent and be willing to go and do the mission that God has given us. To work for justice in the world, to share what we have with those in need, and to reconcile ourselves with those around us.

Like Jonah, we pray to God to help us. We pray for God's salvation. We pray for God's mercies. But we also need to pray that God gives us the strength to faithfully complete the mission that he has given us.

Yours in Christ's Service,

Rev. Shibi Abraham

BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
02/03	Ma. Aden Abraham	02/20	Mr. Benson Mathew
02/05	Mr. Mathew Abraham	02/20	Ma. Joshua Jacob
02/06	Ms. Sara Peter	02/22	Mr. Jithin Yohannan
02/06	Mrs. Mytri Yohannan	02/22	Mrs. Molly Thankachen
02/11	Mr. Koshy Prakash	02/23	Mrs. Suma Reny
02/13	Mr. Jovy Jacob	02/23	Ms. Janiya Peter
02/14	Mr. Abylash T. Chacko	02/23	Mr. V.V.Mathew
02/16	Mrs. Ponnamma Thomas	02/28	Ms. Anitha Koshy
		02/28	Mrs. Elizabeth Mathews

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR FEBRUARY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
2/07	Mrs. & Mr. Sibi Thomas
2/12	Mrs. & Mr. Thomas Nellikalayil

CONDOLENCE

1. Mr. Thomas K Thomas (72 yrs) of Kuttapuzha Kochuparampil (Chicago, IL), uncle of Mr. Jacob Philip was called to his heavenly abode on December 21, 2016.
2. Mrs. Mariyamma Raju (61 yrs), mother of Mrs. Raji Varghese and sister of Mr. John Skaria was called to her heavenly abode on January 19, 2017 .
3. Mr. John Daniel (75yrs) of Pandalam (Yonkers, NY), uncle of Mr. Benny Mathew was called to his heavenly abode on January 28, 2017.

On behalf of St. Andrews MTC, we extend our deepest condolences to the bereaving family members and relatives. May God give them peace which passeth all understanding and comfort them.

CHURCH PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS

<u>Events</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Venue/Residence</u>
Sevika Sanghom Prayer Meeting	Fri. Feb 3 10:30 am	Mrs. Mariamma Varughese 20 Edgewood Drive Orangeburg, NY 10962 (845) 680-6537
Youth Fellowship Cottage Prayer	Fri. Feb 24 6:30pm	Mr. Josh & Mr. Jovy Jacob 152 Newport Road Yonkers, NY 10710 (914) 961-3167
Edavaka Mission/Area 1 Prayer Meeting	Sat. Feb 25 6:30pm	Mrs. & Mr. Jogi Peter 7 Mayflower Drive Yonkers, NY 10710 (914) 771-5367
Maramon Convention	Feb 12 – Feb 19	
Great Lent	Feb 26 – Apr 16	