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Monthly Newsletter

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REFORMATION, WITNESS AND HERITAGE

"Love the Lord your God and keep His requirements, His decrees, His laws and His commands always."
-(Deut; 11: 1)

Dear believers in Christ,

This Bible portion is an address by Moses to Israelites. Heritage is passed on from generation to generation, witness is the authentic expression of heritage; reformation means making an effectual witness at a particular time and context.

HERITAGE:- is based on God's covenant with Israel; their election and liberation history are part of their heritage. Living out this heritage is their witness. God's covenant with them included divine promises as well as their obligations, they were a covenant community; it was God's on covenant and based on God's gracious initiative. The Abrahamic covenant is an unconditional promissory covenant, but the Mosaic covenant on Mount Horeb is a covenant of obligations, subject to blessings and curses, in case of obedience or disobedience. This second type of covenant and the laws, which were given to help people, were renewed or reformed on the basis of God's forgiving Grace. When we move from Mount Horeb to Calvary hill we see a new covenant signed by The Blood of Jesus Christ.

WITNESS:- Both the Israelites and Christians are heirs to these covenants; we are witnesses to this heritage and have responsibility to pass it on to others by living out or doing the Gospel. Our whole way of life should be a testimony to the Grace and Mercy of God. We are supposed to be mirrors reflecting the image of God.

REFORMATION:- We see three unifying factors in this text, which are one people, one God and one worship. To make sense of their long history and their covenant relationship with God it is an ongoing reformation necessary and it so now in our continued existence as the new Israel through the new covenant. Reformations over the centuries of the Mosaic laws. Instructions and rituals were primarily for preserving for the purity of worship. Reformation of our church were also for preserving the purity of worship through the liturgical revision and scripture based living. Reformation is not a static event, it is an ongoing sacred movement under the guidance of the Holy Spirit for the God given mission and witness of the Church. This month we have our important program church retreat. We need your prayer participation and whole heartedly support for the success of Church retreat. Please note all the upcoming Church events and deliberately find time in your busy schedule for God's glory. May Almighty Lord bless each one of us by His Grace and love.

With love and Prayer,
Sony Achen

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS TO:

Date Name

6/03 Mrs. Susamma Jacob
6/04 Mr. Lukose Yohannan
6/05 Mrs. Annamma Abraham
6/05 Mr. Reji Mathew
6/05 Dr. George Samuel
6/07 Mrs. Annamma Geevarghese
6/10 Mr. Roshen Varghese
6/11 Dr. Priji Joseph
6/11 Mr. Ron Chalunkal
6/13 Mr. Chacko P. Thomas
6/14 Ma. Aaron Mathew
6/14 Ma. Josh Jacob
6/15 Ms. Rachel Varughese
6/15 Mrs. Rincy Geevarghese
6/15 Mr. Sathish Thomas
6/17 Mr. Blessen Thomas
6/18 Mr. Jogi Peter

Date Name

6/19 Mrs. Ammini Varghese
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6/21 Mr. Libymon Abraham
6/21 Ms. Isabella Prasad
6/22 Ms. Janice Peter
6/22 Mr. Bivin Sunny
6/22 Mr. Herry Alex
6/22 Mr. Jerry Thomas
6/23 Mr. Jacob C. Koshy
6/24 Ms. Shilu Abraham
6/25 Ms. Michelle Prakash
6/26 Mrs. Raji Varghese
6/27 Mr. Nijin T. Mathew
6/28 Ms. Sindhu Mathew
6/28 Ms. Elizabeth Zacharia
6/28 Ma. Stanley Abraham
6/29 Mrs. Sosamma Chacko
6/30 Ma. Emmanuel A. George

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES TO:

Date Name

6/04 Mrs. & Mr. Philip E. Samuel
6/06 Mrs. & Mr. Jacob Mathew Sr.
6/07 Mrs. & Mr. Geevarghese Joseph
6/07 Mrs. & Dr. Brite J. Chalunkal
6/11 Mrs. & Mr. Benny Mathew
6/11 Mrs. & Mr. Thomas P. Varughese
6/15 Mrs. & Mr. George Varghese
6/30 Mrs. & Mr. Mathews Koshy

Isaiah 66:13a – As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you;

On May 14th we will be celebrating Mother's Day. Throughout the bible, God often uses the relationship between a mother and her child, to illustrate the way He loves His children. In this passage, God speaks of comforting the Israelites the way a mother comforts her child.

Comfort is one of the main concepts in Isaiah 40-66. Isaiah 40 begins with "Comfort, O comfort my people." The people were in need of comfort. They had sinned and God had punished them. But now was the time of restoration and transformation. They people had to be comforted in order to encourage them to see that things were going to be different. They had to be comforted to know that things were going to change, and God was the one who was going to change things.

The picture of a mother comforting her child, creates an image of a very deep and personal love. A love that is demonstrated in big and small actions. A constant love that is constantly demonstrated.

As we reflect on this verse and God's love for us, let us also reflect on our mother's love for us. How she has comforted us and prayed for us. Abraham Lincoln once said, "I always remember my mother's prayers, and they have always followed me. They cling to me all my life."

Another person once said, "A Mother holds her child's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever." Let us always thank God for our mothers. For their love, prayers, and comfort.

Yours in Christ's Service,

Rev. Shibi Abraham

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Time</u>
06/04	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam) <i>(Choir Sunday)</i>	10:30 am
06/11	Holy Communion Service (English)	10:30 am
06/18	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam) <i>(Father's Day)</i>	10:30 am
06/25	Holy Communion Service (English)	10:30 am

LECTIONARY FOR JUNE 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Epistle/Gospel</u>
06/04	Ezek. 36: 24-36 Acts 2: 1-13	Acts 11: 19-26 John 20: 19-23
06/11	Ezek. 1: 4-28 Romans 7: 12-25	2 Cor. 13: 11-14 Matt. 28: 16-20
06/18	Isa. 6: 1-8 Rev. 4: 1-11	1 Thess. 5: 12-22 John 4: 16-26
06/25	2 Kings 2: 1-15 Acts 2: 37-47	Titus 2: 1-15 John 3: 22-30

Program & Meetings

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Venue/Residence</u>
Senior Citizen Fellowship Meeting	Saturday June 3 6:30 pm	Mrs. & Mr. V.T. Koshy 19 Intervale Avenue N. White Plains, NY 10603 (914) 468-1693
Area 1 Prayer Meeting	Sunday June 11 6:30 pm	Mrs. & Mr. Abraham Varkey 34 Bennett Avenue Yonkers, NY 10701 (914) 423-7247
Area 2 and Edavaka Mission Prayer Meeting <i>Combined</i>	Sunday June 25 6:30 pm	St. Andrews MTC Sponsored by: Mrs. & Mr. A.V. Varghese (914) 937-6519
Edavaka Mission and Yuvajana Sakhyam Prayer Meeting <i>Combined</i>	Saturday June 17 6:30 pm	Mrs. & Mr. Mathews Koshy 24 Buena Vista Avenue Peekskill, NY 10566 (914) 434-1552
Sevika Sangham Prayer Meeting	Wednesday June 14 10:30 am	Mrs. Mercy Yohannan 17 Norge Avenue Nanuet, NY 10954 (845) 623-5646
Sevika Sangham Prayer Meeting	Friday June 23 10:30 am	St. Andrews MTC Yonkers, NY
Youth Fellowship Prayer Meeting	Friday June 23 7:00 pm	Mrs. & Mr. Gracious John 66 Mallory Road Spring Valley, NY (845) 269-8963
Church Camp Retreat	June 29 - July 2	Montrose Bible Conference Montrose, PA
Sevika Sangham and Edavaka Mission Center B Conference	Saturday June 10 10:00 am	St. James MTC Hillburn, NY

