

# ST. ANDREWS MAR THOMA CHURCH

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Monthly Newsletter

**AUGUST 2017**

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## VICAR'S MESSAGE

### CROSSING THE BOUNDARY OF COMFORT ZONE TO DANGER ZONE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF GOD'S PEOPLE : NEHEMIAH THE GREAT LEADER

Nehemiah was a cup bearer to a foreign king in his palace . Nehemiah's position shows that he is a person with faithfulness and integrity. King appoints only somebody who can be trusted and who is faithful to him. So Nehemiah was in a comfortable position enjoying all the comforts in the palace and he doesn't have to think what happens to his brothers and sisters and to his home land. But he used his position and his relationship with the king for the deliverance of his own brothers and sisters and the reconstruction of his own city.

Nehemiah was a true patriot whose dreams for the future were motivated by the values of the past. Nehemiah is a good example who shows how to use our power and authority for the betterment of our brothers and sisters. He could have easily enjoyed the privileges and used it for the improvement of his own wealth and positions. But he wanted to go from a comfort zone to problem zone. When we read further we understand that hi job was not very easy and he had to struggle to accomplish it .

Today many of us don't want to break the comfort zone we are in and to go to a danger zone that requires our attention and intervention. We are all carried away by the comfort we enjoy today and don't want to break it. But here is a person who broke the comfort zone and went to the problem zone. to move from this comfort zone we need a strong faith and trust in the Almighty. Nehemiah's life is an example in front of us about how God has been wonderful and faithful when he moved from the comfort zone to danger zone. Our comforts and blessings are to be used for the wellbeing of broken people. If we have faith in God and want to move from our comfort zone , our God is with us we can transform the danger zone too. This month we have one day trip ,family night, new academic year dedication etc; Pray and participate in every program for the Glorification of the Almighty. May God Almighty bless each one of us.

With love and prayer,

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## **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS TO:**

**Date**   **Name**

8/01   Mrs. Angel Thomas  
8/06   Mr. Jimmy George  
8/06   Mr. Abraham Thomas  
8/06   Mr. Rajesh Mathew  
8/07   Mr. Renil P. David  
8/08   Ms. Priya Tharakan  
8/09   Mrs. Reena Mary Chalunkal  
8/09   Mrs. Shiny Varghese  
8/11   Mr. Thomas Varghese  
8/11   Ma. Abiah Thomas

**Date**   **Name**

8/15   Mrs. Kunjamma Mathew  
8/18   Ms. Alshu Varughese  
8/20   Mr. V.T. Koshy  
8/21   Mrs. Ashley Ann Chalunkal  
8/24   Ms. Shoba Koshy  
8/26   Mr. Siby Varghese  
8/28   Mrs. Mariamma Koshy

## **HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES TO:**

**Date**   **Name**

8/01   Dr. & Mr. George K. George  
8/09   Mrs. & Mr. Raju Zacharia  
8/10   Mrs. & Mr. Sujith John  
8/18   Mrs. & Mr. Koshy Prakash  
8/23   Mrs. & Mr. Binu Jacob  
8/25   Mrs. & Mr. Aby K. Varughese  
8/26   Mrs. & Mr. K.A. Abraham  
8/30   Mrs. & Mr. Prasad Koshy  
8/30   Mrs. & Mr. Bilgin Varghese

## YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil;  
live as God's slaves. -1 Peter 2:16 NIV

After a long and hard struggle, India achieved independence from the British on August 15, 1947. Gandhi through his life and writings (The India of My Dreams) spoke of India as, "the land of duty not the land of enjoyment." His dream was an India that was "free and strong so that for the betterment of the world at large, she may offer herself a willing and voluntary sacrifice." We all know that Gandhi was greatly influenced by the teachings of Jesus Christ. Just like Christ, he saw freedom not as the right to do whatever a person wanted but the obligation to do what was needed for others.

True freedom is when we chose to worship and praise God for all that God has done for us. When Moses went to Pharaoh he was told by God to say, "Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the Lord; Israel is my firstborn son. I said to you, 'Let my son go that he may worship me. (Exodus 4:22-23a)'" The Israelites were led out of the land of slavery and into the Promise Land not just for the material benefits but to have the right relationship with God and with other people. In a similar manner we have to view our freedom as an opportunity to have the right relationship with God and with others.

True freedom includes spiritual freedom. The spiritual freedom sees an individual as a slave of God and a servant to others.

God Bless.

Rev. Shibi Abraham

## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2017**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Service</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>
8/06	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)	10:30 am
8/13	Holy Communion Service (English)	10:30 am
8/20	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)	10:30 am
8/27	Holy Communion Service (English)	10:30 am

## **LECTIONARY FOR AUGUST 2017**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Lessons</u></b>	<b><u>Epistle/Gospel</u></b>
8/06	Exod. 24: 12-18 Heb. 12: 18-29	2 Pet. 1: 16-19 Luke 9: 28-36
8/13	Gen. 2: 18-25 Heb. 13: 1-6	Eph. 5: 21-32 Matt. 19: 1-12
8/20	2 Kings 23: 1-9 Rev. 1: 1-9	1 Pet. 1: 13-25 Matt. 9: 35-38
8/27	Exod. 16: 1-16 1Cor. 11: 23-30	1 Cor. 10: 15-17 John 6: 47-58

## Program & Meetings

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Venue/Residence</u>
Area 2 and Edavaka Mission Prayer Meeting (combined)	Saturday Aug 26 7:00 pm	Mrs. & Mr. Jain Alexander 7 Robin Drive Carmel, NY 10512 (845) 225-3564
Sevika Sangham Prayer Meeting	Friday Aug. 25 10:30 am	Mrs. Sosamma Varghese 61 Davenport Road Yonkers, NY 10710 (914) 961-8621
Youth Fellowship Prayer Meeting	Friday Aug 25 7:00 pm	TBA
Family Night Program	Saturday Aug 19 5:30 pm	Saffron Indian Cuisine 97 S. Route 303 Congers, NY 10920

our family is  
a circle of strength  
and love...

**Our Family**  
with every birth and every union  
the circle grows,  
our family is a circle of strength  
every crisis faced together  
makes the circle stronger