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Monthly Newsletter

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VICAR'S MESSAGE

READY FOR A CHANGE, FOR A MEANINGFUL LEADERSHIP

" I am just a spark make me a flame

I am just a guitar string, make me a guitar

I am just an ant , make me a hill

I am just a drop , make me a source of water

I am just a feather , make me a wing” (A Mexican Prayer)

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Change is the law of nature. We have seen the uprooting of those people, families and cultures that were not ready change and continue in same old ways. Each of us has an obligation to raise ourselves step by step from the current situation for a meaningful leadership. We need a healthy leadership but today most of the leaders create infectious impact on the society. So we need a noble standard in leadership. Let us evaluate some disease of leadership.

- a. The disease of thinking I am perfect ,immortal, immune and indispensable
- b. The disease of not self critical or self evaluation
- c. The disease of excessive busyness. So the leaders need time with family and time for recharging.
- d. Leaders without sensitivity. They cannot weep with those who weep or rejoice with those who rejoice
- e. The leadership without humility and selfishness .
- f. Leadership without proper planning and vision.

- g. The disease of poor co-ordination. It will affect the function and equilibrium of an organization
- h. Leadership Alzheimer's disease. They are forgetting those who are nurtured , mentored and supported them in their victorious journey.
- i. The disease of creating walls around them by nepotism and parochialism
- j. The disease of vested interest. They are not interested in God's will or common people's will .
- k. The disease of double life or hypocrisy. This disease is schizophrenia
- l. The disease of gossip and backbiting
- m. The disease of idolizing themselves .

The above mentioned types of leaders think of only what they can get from an organization and not of what they should give for the growth of organization. We need a desire for a change in our life through good leadership qualities, blaming our situations shows a lack of interest in taking up opportunities. Every person have two kinds of abilities one set is given by God others that are acquired through training and learning . We must take extra care to develop our abilities by training and dependency on God to become a successful leader for God's Kingdom.

This month we have church retreat , Junior -Senior camp , V B S, Picnic and other regional meetings. Let this summer be a beautiful and meaningful experience for each one of us . May all our program be create fellowship of love . May Almighty God Bless each one of us by His abundant Mercy.

With Love and Prayer,

Sony Achen

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS TO:

Date Name

7/01 Mr. Reny Samuel
7/02 Ms. Daniela Mary George
7/03 Mrs. Elsey Rajesh
7/05 Mr. Sweetin Cherian
7/05 Mrs. Bindhu Peter
7/14 Ms. Merin Sunny
7/15 Ma. Jason Jain
7/16 Ms. Ansu Varghese
7/16 Ms. Leena Varghese
7/17 Ma. Ryan Varghese
7/17 Mrs. Sherly Yohannan
7/18 Mrs. Leelamma Prakash
7/22 Ms. Silpa Thomas

Date Name

7/22 Mr. Raju Zacharia
7/24 Dr. Robin Koshy
7/26 Ms. Alia Grace Varghese
7/26 Mrs. Ancy Jacob
7/27 Mrs. Suja Abraham
7/27 Mrs. Sheeba Manoj
7/28 Mr. Abraham Tharakan
7/29 Ms. Jeslyn Jacob
7/30 Ms. Sara Abraham
7/31 Mr. Benny Mathew
7/31 Mr. Jesse Samuel
7/31 Mr. Akshay Oommen

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES TO:

Date Name

7/02 Mrs. & Mr. Koshy P. Thomas
7/02 Mrs. & Mr. Cherian Tharakan
7/07 Mrs. & Mr. George K. Joseph
7/12 Mrs. & Mr. Chacko P. Thomas
7/18 Mrs. & Mr. Thomas Chacko
7/21 Mrs. & Mr. A.V. George
7/26 Mrs. & Mr. Manoj Pazhookudi
7/30 Mrs. & Mr. Regi Peter

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Deuteronomy 10:17-18 : For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing.

"Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!" – from "The New Colossus" by Emma Lazarus

Edouard de Laboulaye is known as the "Father of the Statue of Liberty," because he first proposed the idea of a monument for the United States. He believed that every person was born with a right to freedom, and spent most of his life striving for France to return to a democracy. The Union victory in the Civil War and the passage of the 13th Amendment (abolishing slavery in the U.S., 1865) were milestones because they showed that justice and liberty for all was possible. Laboulaye hoped that honoring the United States with the Statue of Liberty would commemorate the alliance between France and the U.S. and ultimately inspire the French people to call for democracy. The Statue of Liberty soon became a symbol that represented more than just democracy, it also represents that this country not only has the resources to provide for those in need, but also the responsibility to help those in need.

As we celebrate the 4th of July here in America let us always remember that we are blessed because of all the freedoms and advantages that we enjoy here. We also need to remember that not everyone in this country and in other countries are as blessed as we are. In the book of Deuteronomy, God is described as the God who executes justice for those in need. Being the children of God, we need to continue the work of God, and also execute justice for those in need. Justice according to God is not just giving a hand out to a person from our excess, but it is providing for a person to become self-sufficient. It is sharing our God given resources with those who have less, so they can experience the Love of God through us. We are “the Light” and the “salt” of the world. We are to help others see and experience God through our lives. May God enable all of us to work for the freedom and up-liftment of those in need.

Rev. Shibi Abraham

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JULY 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Time</u>
7/02	Holy Communion Service (Mal) (<i>Retreat</i>)	7:30 am
	Divine Service (Mal) (<i>Church</i>)	10:30 am
7/09	Holy Communion Service (English)	10:30 am
7/16	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)	10:30 am
7/23	Holy Communion Service (English)	10:30 am
7/30	Divine Service (English)	10:30 am

LECTIONARY FOR JULY 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Epistle/Gospel</u>
7/02	Exo. 18: 13-27 1 Tim. 6: 17-21	2 Cor. 8: 1-15 Mat. 25: 14-30
7/09	Ezek. 33: 1-9 1 Tim. 3: 1-13	Eph. 4: 7-16 Mat. 3: 13-19
7/16	Joshua. 1: 1-9 Phil 1: 12-21	2 Cor. 5: 16-21 Mat. 6: 7-13
7/23	Deut. 6: 1-17 2 Tim. 2: 1-13	Eph. 3: 1-13 John 12: 20-26
7/30	Isa. 55: 1-5 Acts. 10: 34-43	Eph. 3: 1-13 Luke. 4: 16-22

Program & Meetings

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Venue/Residence</u>
Sevika Sangham Prayer Meeting	Friday July 7 10:30 am	Parsonage (914) 207-0011
Area 1 <i>and</i> Edavaka Mission Prayer Meeting <i>Combined</i>	Saturday July 8 7:00 pm	Mrs. & Mr. George K. Joseph 50 Leroy Ave. Yonkers, NY 10705 (914) 963-7210
V.B.S.	Wed July 12 – Sat July 15	St. Andrews MTC
Picnic	Saturday July 22 9:00 am	Five Islands Park New Rochelle, NY
Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelist Association North East Region Edavaka Mission Meeting	Saturday July 8 9:30 am	Epiphany MTC Queens, NY
North East Regional Sevika Sangham Couples Conference	Saturday July 15 8:30 am	Carmel MTC Hudson, MA

Upcoming Events *****

Yuvajana Sakhyam 1 Day Trip	Saturday Aug 5	Lake George, NY
Family Night	Saturday August 19	Saffron Indian Cuisine Congers, NY