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Thought for the month

Remember: "For you will spread out to the right and to the left." *Isaiah 54:3*

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Programmes

February 2: Atmaya Meeting at 7.30 pm in Sanpada Church

February 6: Cottage prayer meeting at the residence of Mr. Mathews Philip at 7.30pm at Kharghar.

February 7: Common Worship(Holy Communion service) at Panvel Worship Center' at 10am followed by fellowship lunch.

February 9: HC service in Sanpada at 7.30 am and in Panvel at 11 am respectively.

February 10: Ash Wednesday-Holy Communion service at Jubilee church Sanpada at 8.00pm

February 13: Women's fellowship meeting at 4.30.pm at Sanpada Church

February 14: HC service in Sanpada at 7.30am and in Panvel at 11 am respectively.

February 16: Atmaya Meeting at 7.30 pm at Sanpada Church

February 19: Women's fellowship special programme and competitions: 9am-3pm

February 19: Lenten prayer service in the Church at 8.30pm

February 21: HC service in Sanpada at 7.30am and in Panvel at 11 am respectively.

February 23: Atmaya Meeting at 7.30pm in Sanpada Church

February 26: Lenten prayer service in the church at 8.30pm

February 28: HC service in English in Sanpada at 7.30am and Panvel at 11 am respectively.

March 6: Combined HC service in Sanpada at 3pm (Women's Sunday)

Motto for the year 2016

"Let us love one another, for Love comes from God."

I John 4:7

Message from the Presbyter

Dear Beloved- in- Christ,

"Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ".

"When he was reviled, he did not revile in return, when he suffered, he did not threaten."

I Peter 2:23

We are entering into yet another Lenten season. Lent is a six-week period from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday (the day between Good Friday and Easter). The word Lent comes from the old English word 'lencten', meaning 'spring'. The forty days of Lent-six days each week (Monday through Saturday) plus the four days from Ash Wednesday to the first Saturday-recall Jesus' forty days in the wilderness.

Why Forty days.....?

The number forty has many Biblical references: the forty days Moses spent on Mount Sinai with God (Exodus 24:18); the forty days and nights Elijah spent, walking to Mount Horeb (I Kings 19:8); the forty days and nights, God sent rain in the great flood of Noah (Genesis 7:4); the forty years the Hebrew people wandered in the desert while travelling to the promised land (Numbers 14:33); the forty days Jonah in his prophecy of judgment gave the city of Nineveh in which to repent (Jonah 3:4); and most importantly, the forty days that Jesus spent in wilderness, where he fasted (Mathew 4:1-2, Mark 1:12-13, Luke 4:1-2), following to the Satan. So the forty days in the lent season should be a new covenant or relationship with God, have spiritual nourishment and mission undertaking, have a spiritual guidance and experience his great providence, be a renewing channel, and return to the very essence of the Kingdom of God, be an achiever of word of God to overcome all the evil powers of this world.

Why Jesus did not do this....?

After 40 days and 40 nights, Jesus was tempted to make the stone into bread. However, he did not. He overcame it with the power of the Word of God. Jesus did not insist on, his will

to be done, in his prayer in Gethsemane; he did not call down the legion of angels to rescue him; he did not make an oral defense to prove his innocence; when the crowd mocked him saying that he saved others, but could not save himself, he did not come down from the cross to vindicate his stand. The fact that Jesus did not do these things only added to his agony and increased the temptation to use his divine powers for his advantage. The struggle, which started in Gethsemane, persisted all along until he breathed his last, the worst of all the struggles was not to revile in return on his tormentors. It is through his **silent endurance**, he became one, who can sympathise with our weakness (Hebrews 4:15).

Our concept of observing Lent is more legalistic and negative rather than positive and relaxing. Doing certain traditions and not doing certain duties. Doing boasting, mocking, judging, acting, trapping others but not loving, caring, sharing and encouraging. Enjoying all sorts of evil activities, but not spending time in worship services. Paul admonishes young Timothy to run away from evil desires, and to pursue righteousness and peace (II Timothy 2:22).

A little boy named Jeff was trying his best to save money to buy a present for his mother on Mother's Day. It was a terrible struggle for him because he gave in so easily to buying goodies from the ice-cream van whenever the brightly colored van came through the neighbourhood. One night, after his mother had tucked him in bed, and as she was coming out of the room, she overheard him praying- "please God, help me run away when the ice cream man comes tomorrow."

Let us turn this lent season to the Lord, not only to restrict this as the only time to abstain certain things, fasting, praying and worshipping but also to flee from all sorts of negative things. However, spending time with God give our lives a new spiritual discipline and spiritual behaviour in the entire life.

Let us pray for our children those who are writing board exams, especially in 10th and 12th standards.

May God Bless you.

With love and prayers,

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You are fearfully and wonderfully made!

Psalms 139:14 tells us that we are fearfully and wonderfully made. God's character goes into the creation of every person. When you feel worthless or even begin to hate yourself, remember God's Spirit is ready and willing to work within you. We should have much respect for ourselves as our Maker has for us. God made us the way we are and for a specific purpose. When we understand this, we acquire peace that makes us realize that whatever ailments or perceived problems we have in life are there because God ordained them. Always remember God has created you the way you are for a reason. You should not compare yourselves with others because God didn't make you like other people. The Bible says God formed you (Isaiah 44:24) and created you as His own masterpiece for a purpose (Ephesians 2:10). You are fearfully made means to have respect and reverence for God. You should be thankful and honour God for the body and life He has given you. God does not randomly drop people into the world, He has a specific reason behind the creation of every single person. You are wonderfully made means to be distinct or unique. God made you one of a kind. God has indeed a very special plan for you. Take comfort in knowing God has created you. You are his MASTERPIECE! When you begin to understand this you can be liberated from so many negative things that keep you from serving God.

Regards,

Bijitta

News & Notes**Previous Month Highlight**

Newly Married

1. Feba and Divin got married on 28th December 2015 at St. Thomas CSI Church, Thidanadu, Kerala.
2. Taniya and Ajil got married on 2nd January 2016 at Chembur Orthodox Church.

We congratulate the newly wedded and wish them all blessings in the new phase of their life.

New member

Sanjeeth Edwin, Mob.No. 9930055409

Heartly welcome to our Church. May God help you to enjoy the greater fellowship.

Condolence

1. Mr. P.I. Chacko(80), B/o Mr. P. I. Mathew, Kharghar, passed away on 20th December, 2015, and his funeral was held on 23rd December, at C.S.I. Christ Church, Mavelikara.
2. Mr. P.C. Yohannan(58) brother-in-law of Mr. John Joseph, KoparKhairane, passed away on 10th January 2016, due to heart attack. His funeral was held on Tuesday 12th January at Orthodox Church, Kundara.

Heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. Let us uphold them in our prayers.

Union and Ecumenical Carol Services

Our Church Choir had sung Christmas Carols outside the Church in 3 different stages. One was the Union Carol Service, which was conducted in St.Christopher C.N.I .Malayalam Church, Kalyan on 3rd January, 2016. The other two Carol Programmes that our Church Choir participated were the Carols conducted by the KCC at Marthoma Church, Santacruz on 10th January and by the MMCA at St.Mary's School ground , Vashi on 17th January, 2016. Heartfelt thanks to our Choir Master, Mr. Thomas.R.George, Chembur and our Organists Ms.Sharon John and Mr.SanjeethEdwin.Thanks to all the choir members who put great effort in participating in these events.The performance of our Choir was excellent.

Youth Mission Tour:

Under the leadership of Youth fellowship, a mission tour was arranged on 26 January, 2016.Our team was consisting of 20 members. After the flag hoisting, we started from the church at 8am. It was a new experience to the youth as they were visiting a mission field for the first time. About 100kg used clothes and Christmas gift were given to our missionary Mr.ShyamGorath and family. The Christmas gift was collected from the 'paper of hope' project. Thanks to all who have contributed for this project and for the used clothes. I strongly believe that, this tour definitely paved new insights for our youths and great energy to our missionary and all the believers at Akloli village. Thanks to Adv. Chandy Kurien and Mr. George Joseph Manoor for accompanying with us. Thanks to Rev. Vasudev Deshmukh and Mr. George John (Mission coordinators) for guiding us. Special thanks to all the young energetic youth members for their co-ordination and participation and for making it a memorable one.

Present Month Programs

Atmaya Fellowship Meeting: Atmaya fellowship meetings will be held on all Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in Church. Bible study based on Romans.

Women's Fellowship Meeting:

Women's fellowship meeting will be conducted on 13th February, Saturday at 4.30pm at Sanpada Church.

Panvel Worshipping Center Anniversary:

PanvelCenter Anniversary will be held on February 7, Sunday, after the worship service. There will be no service in Sanpada on this day. Worship service will start in Panvel at 10am. Lunch will be provided after the anniversary programs. Panvel Marthoma Church Vicar, Rev. Jinu Eapen will be the chief guest for the anniversary. All are requested to attend this and encourage our worshipping center members.

Ash Wednesday and Lenten prayers:

Ash Wednesday service will be held on 10 February at 8.00pm at Jubilee Church, Sanpada. After that, from the next week onwards every Friday there will be Lenten prayer service at 8.30pm in Sanpada Church.

Women's fellowship Special Program and Competitions

The program will be conducted on Friday, 19 February 2016, at 9.00am. Various games & competitions will be there. The members will be divided into different groups.

Language: English or Malayalam

1. Bible Quiz: Galatians, Ephesians & Philippians. Individual marks will be added to the group.
2. Solo Singing: Hymn 224 (Shudhikkayi nee yesusamipe)
3. Treasure Hunt: Treasures will be portions of Bible Verses and you have to collect it from various places in the church premises and make it a complete verse

4. Memory Game: Write the names of the things displayed on the table within 1 minute after viewing for 1 minute
5. Dumb charades: based on personalities or events from the bible
6. Group Song: Select a convention song, after forming the group, based on the theme given then.

Lunch will be as Love feast, followed by games.

Request all the women's fellowship members to come and participate. Further details will be given by the secretary.

Women's Sunday

Women's Sunday will be observed on Sunday, 6th March, 2016, at 3pm at Sanpada Jubilee Malayalam Church. There will be no service at Panvel on 6th March 2016.

Harvest Festival & Monthly Subscription

Those who have dues in Harvest festival amount, Monthly Subscription or any other collections are requested to pay before 31st March, 2016.

Prayer Requests

1. Mr. John P. Mathew- 9820456808 (for good health)
2. Mr. John Thomas -9867886398 (for good health)
3. Mother of Mr. W. J. Mathai (022-27703681) for happy and peaceful old age.
4. Mother of Mr. Sudeep Philips (Mob: 8879640355). She is undergoing dialysis.
5. Pray for the wife of Bishop Joshua, staying in Borivalli. She is undergoing treatment for cancer.
6. Mrs. Mariam G. Thomas, (for good health)
7. Mr. Shyam Gorath & family, our missionary in Akhloli Village
8. Mrs. Suja Thomas (for good health)
9. Mother in law of Mr. Uday Ninan for speedy recovery after the surgery.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR FEBRUARY 2016

7th February: 7 Sunday before Easter: Healing Ministry

Theme: God has promised forgiveness to the penitent.

Ezekiel 18:25-32

Ps.6

Acts 26:12-20

Luke 15:11-32

10th February: Ash Wednesday

Theme: The spirit of Christian discipline

Isaiah 58:1-10

Ps.32

I Cor. 9:24-27

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

14th February: 6 Sunday before Easter (Lent 1)

Theme: The victory of Jesus when tempted helps us when we are tempted

Deut. 6:10-17

Ps.95

Hebrews 4:14-5:4

Luke4:1-13

19th February: 2nd Friday in Lent

Genesis 32:22-32

Ps.119:65-72

Romans 4:1-12

John 3:22-36

21st February: 5 Sunday before Easter (Lent 2)

Theme: The compassionate love of God gives confidence to his children.

Hosea 14:1-8

Ps. 57

Romans8:31-39

Luke7:36-50

26th February: 3rd Friday in Lent

Genesis 44:30-34

Ps.137

Romans 7:1-6

John 5:30-47

28th February: 4 Sunday before Easter (Lent 3)

Theme: True glory of God is manifested in the humanity of Jesus

Exodus 33:12-23

Ps.99

II Corinthians 4:1-6

Luke9:28-36

6th March: 3 Sunday before Easter (Lent 4)- Women's Sunday

Theme: Remembering and Celebrating Women's Ministry

Judges 4:4-16

Ps.132

Philippians.4:1-7

Luke 8:1-3

SCRIPTURE READING NAMES- SANPADA

Date	1 st Lesson	Psalms	2 nd Lesson
07.02.16	Adv.Chandy Kurien	Mrs. Sheena Johnson	Mrs. Marykutty George
10.02.16	Mr. George Joseph	Mrs. Asha Sajan	Mr. John Issac
14.02.16	Mr. Philip John K	Mrs. Sherly Varghese	Mr. Mithun C. Roy
21.02.16	Mr. Thomas George	Mrs. Susha John	Mr. Susheil Mani Alex
28.02.16	Mr. Biju George	Mrs. Sera Bibi Cherian	Mrs. Bindu Mary Stephens

DATE	PEACE	ELEMENTS
07.02.16	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas George	Mr. & Mrs. T C Isaac
10.02.16	Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Paulose	Mr. & Mrs. John Samuel
14.02.16	Mr. & Mrs. Varghese Itty K	Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Mathew Ninan
21.02.16	Mr.& Mrs. Sajan J. George	Mr. & Mrs. P.K. Abraham
28.02.16	Mr. & Mrs. Roshin James	Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Paulose

OFFERTORY

14.02.16	Mr. ReubenKurien; & Ms. Grace Abraham
21.02.16	Mr. Reuben Kurien; & Ms. Nimitha Liz Alex
28.02.16	Mr. Reuben Kurien;& Ms. Anjana Paul

SCRIPTURE READING NAMES – PANVEL

Date	1 st Lesson	Psalms	2 nd Lesson
14.02.16	Mr. A C Jacob	Mrs. Bindulssac	Mrs.Flory Doras David
21.02.16	Mr. John Thomas	Mrs. Shiney Sam	Ms. Soffy John
28.02.16	Mr. Ashok Abraham	Mrs. ShineySabu	Mrs.Sinu Ashok

DATE	PEACE
14.02.16	Mr. & Mrs. Sam Thomas
21.02.16	Mr. & Mrs. Simon Philip
28.02.16	Mr. & Mrs. Solomon Samuel Samuel

BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY

4-Feb	Mrs. Marykutty George
7-Feb	Mrs. Sheena Johnson
8-Feb	Mr. Mithun C. Roy
8-Feb	Mr. Susheil Mani Alex
9-Feb	Mr. Philip John K
9-Feb	Mr. Sherin Mathews
10-Feb	Mr. John Issac
14-Feb	Mast. Aman Shaji
15-Feb	Mr. Biju George
15-Feb	Ms. Soffy John
16-Feb	Ms. Hebzy Jacob
17-Feb	Mr. Thomas George
21-Feb	Mr. P. I. Mathew
22-Feb	Mrs. Susha John
23-Feb	Mrs. Ashish E. George
24-Feb	Mrs. Sera Bibi Cherian

BIRTHDAYS

Nerul
Kharghar
Nerul
Nerul
Nerul
Kamothe
Vashi
Vashi
Koparkhairne
Panvel
Vashi
Airoli
Kharghar
Koparkhairne
Nerul
Nerul

25-Feb	Mrs. Bindu Mary Stephens	Koparkhairne
26-Feb	Mrs. Sherly Varghese	Nerul
26-Feb	Mr. Paul Joseph	Kharghar

FEBRUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

2-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph George	Nerul
6-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Varghese Itty K.	Nerul
11-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Mathew Ninan	Sanpada
12-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. P.K. Abraham	Vashi
14-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Sajjan J. George	Nerul
14-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Sam Thomas	Kamothe
16-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Paulose	Sanpada
23-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Roshin James	CBD Belapur

Children's Corner

The Test of your Bible Knowledge (Below 15 years shall participate)

1. Who was the third son, Eve say God gave her in place of the murdered Abel?
2. Who was the Old Testament prophet once had his name changed to Belteshazzar?
3. Who was the father of Benjamin?
4. Who was the shepherd, prophet from Tekoa in the Old Testament days?
5. Who was the cousin of King Saul who served as commander of his army?
6. Who gave orders to place the Book of Law beside the ark shortly before his death?
7. Who was the man with his wife Priscilla, moved to Corinth from Italy when ordered to leave Rome?
8. Who rolled back the stone that sealed Jesus' tomb?
9. Who was the woman that lay at the feet of Boaz in the threshing floor?
10. Who was the father of James and John?

The first sent answers to the above questions will get the prize. The answers shall be given with references and email it to the presbyter by mentioning your name and age. On the other hand, you can give it personally in writing. The email id is given below:

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Congratulations.....

Last month's winners: Miss. SanayaShaji, Vashiand Miss. Aksa Susan Ashok, Panvel

Last month's Answers

1. Gnat (Mathew 23:23-24)
2. Rubies (proverbs 8:11, 31:10)
3. Pearls (Mathew 7:6)
4. The foundations (Revelation 21:1-21)
5. Jonathan (1 Samuel 18:1)
6. Little Children (Mathew 19:14)
7. Paul (Acts 25:13-26:28)
8. Darius (Daniel 6:1-16)
9. Judas Iscariot (Mark 14:43-45, John 6:6:70-71)
10. The Potter's Field (Mathew 27:3-7)

Important events in Christian History

	Year	Event
61.	A.D. 1559	John Knox returns to Scotland to lead Reformation
62.	A.D. 1572	Saint Bartholomew's Day Massacre
63.	A.D. 1608-09	John Smyth Baptizes the first Baptists
64.	A.D. 1611	Publication of the King James Bible
65.	A.D. 1620	Pilgrims sign the Mayflower compact
66.	A.D. 1628	Comenius driven from his homeland
67.	A.D. 1646	The Westminster Confession of faith
68.	A.D. 1648	George Fox founds the Society of Friends
69.	A.D. 1653	Coonan Cross Agreement- Mattancherry
70.	A.D. 1662	Rembrandt completes the Return of the Prodigal Son
71.	A.D. 1675	Philip Jacob Spener Publishes pia Desideria
72.	A.D. 1678	John Bunyan's The Pilgrim's Progress Published
73.	A.D. 1685	The Births of Johann Sebastian Bach and George Frederic Handel
74.	A.D. 1703	Birth of John Wesley, founder of Methodist Church
75.	A.D. 1706	First protestant mission started at Tranquabar at Tamilnadu,
76.	A.D. 1707	Publication of Isaac Watt's Hymns and Spiritual Songs
77.	A.D. 1727	Awakening at Herrnhut Launches Moravian Brethren

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| 78. | A.D. 1735 | Great Awakening under Jonathan Edwards |
| 79. | A.D. 1738 | John Wesley's Conversion |
| 80. | A.D. 1780 | Robert Raikes begins Sunday Schools |

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