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Parish Messenger

Thought for the month

Remember: *“Do not be afraid; Do not be discouraged, the Lord will be with you”.*

2 Chronicles 20:17

JUBILEE MALAYALAM CHURCH

Register Number: E 8750

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Programmes

May 1: HC service in Sanpada at 7am and in Panvel at 11 am respectively.

May 3: Atmaya Meeting at 7.30pm in Sanpada Church

May 8: HC service in Sanpada at 7am and in Panvel at 11 am respectively.

Church Committee at Sanpada at 9.30 a.m

May 10: Atmaya Meeting at 7.30pm in Sanpada Church

May 15: Matins service in Sanpada at 7am and in Panvel at 11 am respectively

May 17: Atmaya Meeting at 7.30pm in Sanpada Church

May 22: HC service in English in Sanpada at 7am and in Panvel at 11 am respectively

May 24: Atmaya Meeting at 7.30pm in Sanpada Church

May 29: HC service in Sanpada at 7am and in Panvel at 11 am respectively.

May31: Atmaya Meeting at 7.30pm in Sanpada Church

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”.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts1:8.

This month we are observing Ascension Day, Day of Pentecost and Trinity. Let us think about Pentecost. ‘Pentecost; is the Greek word for ‘fiftieth’, because it occurred fifty days after Passover. Two main significances are there. (1) It had a historical significance. On the fiftieth day after Passover, the Jews celebrated their covenant relationship with God in connection with Moses receiving the Law on Mount Sinani. (2) It had an agricultural significance. At the Passover, the crop’s first omer of barley was offered to God; and at Pentecost two loaves were offered in gratitude for the ingathered harvest. For Jews, Pentecost is the name used for the feast of weeks (Lev. 23:15-21), feast of Harvest (Exodus 23:16) or the day of first fruits (Num. 28:26-31). Acts chapter 2 presents a significant incident where Pentecost acquired a new meaning, just as Passover Meal acquired a new meaning at the Last supper. It is also called as the birthday of the Church.

In order to witness Jesus Christ in different parts of the world, one should have certain gifts that the Day of Pentecost gives us:

The Gift of Power: - Audible Manifestation. They received the mighty power from above. There was a sound ‘as of a rushing mighty wind.’ Wind is one of the biblical symbols for the Holy Spirit and it symbolizes power. Have we really received the gift of power from above or the power, which the humans have taught and trained?

The Gift of Vision:-Visual Manifestation. There also appeared visibly ‘cloven tongues like as of fire’ that rested on each of the disciples as a prophetic symbol that the Holy Spirit was coming to empower them. The tongues of fire portray the presence of God. Several times in the Old Testament, God displayed Himself in the form of flames. Are we personally empowered by the Holy Spirit and have prophetic vision about the church and its ministry?

The Gift of Communication:- Speech Manifestation. The disciples were filled with the Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the spirit gave them the utterance (ability). ‘Other

tongues' were undoubtedly spoken living languages; the word used in Acts 2:6,8 is 'dialekto', which means 'language' and not ecstatic utterance. Some of us misinterpret it and misunderstand it by the teachings of some cult groups. The people who had gathered in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost, coming from different languages and cultural backgrounds, were able to understand what St.Peter preached. More than a miracle of speaking in several languages, it was a miracle of 'communication'. Today are we able to convey the gospel to different linguistic and ethnic groups by receiving the same spirit? May Almighty help each one of us to receive the same gifts to hear, see and speak according to the will of God.

May God Bless you.

With love and prayers,

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News & Notes

Previous Month Highlight

Condolence: The Rt.Rev.Dr.Sam Mathew

We deeply mourn the sad demise of the Rt.Rev.Dr.Sam Mathew, the 10th Bishop of C.S.I. Madhya Kerala Diocese who served the Diocese from 1993-2001. He was born on October 8, 1936 and was called to eternal rest on 16th April, 2016. Graduated from the Serampur Bible College and was ordained as a priest in 1965, he was ordained as Bishop on 1 Sep 1993 at the Kottayam Cathedral. He worked for the spiritual renewal of the Church and is an orator, a thinker and a writer. As the former president of the Kerala Council of Churches, he was one of the shepherds of the ecumenical movement. During his period, the Diocese has grown very well in the field of missionary activities. Please remember the bereaved family in your prayers.

Women's Fellowship Meeting:

Women's fellowship general body meeting and election for the year 2016-17 was held on Sunday, 17th April, at 9am at Sanpada Church. The following persons were elected as the officials.

President: Dr.Mrs.Grace Nisha Ninan

Secretary: Mrs.Bindu Alex

Treasurer: Mrs.Betsy Mathews

Area Co ordinators: Sanpada, Vashi- Mrs. Nirmala John, Airoli, Koperkhairne - Mrs. Annamma Thomas, Nerul, Ulwae - Mrs. Stivy Philip, Kharghar- Mrs. Aleyamma Joseph

Panvel Worship center co-ordinator: Mrs. Solly Johnson

Congratulations to newly elected members.

Thanks to all the outgoing officials who did their responsibility in utmost dedication. Special thanks to Mrs. Sera Bibi Cherian, Mrs. Shobha Shaji, Mrs.Mariam Simon and Mrs. Shyni Sam for their wonderful leadership.

Passion week

All the services during Passion Week went on well. Special thanks to the speakers,

Rev. Joseph Samuel and Kochamma Mrs. Nisha Elizabeth, who gave us thought provoking and challenging messages.

Baptism and Confirmation

Ishani Dave received baptism on 3rd April 2016 and confirmation on 10th April 2016. We welcome her to the Family of Jubilee Malayalam Church.

Farewell- Union Malayalam Churches

Farewell meeting for the outgoing Presbyters of the Malayalam Churches, the Rev.Sam Mathew.K.(Parel),the Rev.Reni Philip (Vakola), the Rev.Levin Koshy (Kalyan), was organized by the Union Malayalam Churches, CNI at Borivali Malayalam Congregation on 17 April, 2016. Mr.Biju Alex, Mr.K.O. John and the Vicar attended the meeting representing our Pastorate.

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.

Dhwani:

Due to some unavoidable reasons, the Dhwani quartet competition has been postponed to another date.

Notice:

Presbyter-in-charge will be going to Kerala from 25th April to May 6th and May 23rd to May 31st. Two Sundays, 1-05-2016 and 29-05-2016 will be looked after by Rev. N. C. David.

Prayer Requests

1. Mr. Ashok Abraham-9892386920 (for good health)
2. Mrs. Suja Thomas -9820866250(for good health)
3. Mr. Abrham Mathan (for good health)
4. Mr. John P. Mathew- 9820456808 (for good health)
5. Mr. John Thomas -9867886398 (for good health)
6. Mother of Mr. W. J. Mathai (022-27703681) for happy and peaceful old age.
7. Mother of Mr. Sudeep Philips (Mob: 8879640355). She is undergoing dialysis.
8. Pray for the wife of Bishop Joshua, staying in Borivalli. She is undergoing treatment for cancer.
9. Mrs. Mariam G. Thomas-9820582184 (for good health)

10. Mr. Shyam Gorath & family, our missionary in Akhloli Village

11. Mrs. Shibi George (for good health)

Amazing Favor

Bible says in Psalm 5:12, For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous; With favour You will surround him as with a shield. So true! God's Children are indeed surrounded by an amazing favour of God which makes them stand out from others.

Many a times we come across situations which makes us think, Oh! How did this happen to me? I was not expecting this promotion, I was not expecting this breakthrough in my business, I was not expecting such a great life partner, I was not expecting a child after so many years of marriage. All these questions lead to one answer; God's amazing favour is working on you.

We can see in Bible, how God immensely blessed David, Joseph and Daniel. David was an ordinary shepherd, did anyone would have ever thought, that this shepherd will rule his nation one day! But God's favour was on him, God took him by his hand, enthroned him as a King of his nation. God delivered him mightily despite of rebellious attacks from Saul and his son Absalom. This is God's favour.

Let's see Joseph's life; Joseph was thrown in a pit, sold to Egyptians as a slave. He went through great trials and tribulations, yet never lost his faith on God. God's favour was on him, God made him overcome his difficult times. He gained favour in the sight of Potiphar, became the most trustworthy person of Potiphar and was one of the prominent persons in Egypt. This is how the favour of God works in his chosen people.

Similarly we can see in Daniel's life. He was a captive brought to Babylon. Even in the situation of being a captive, God's favour worked on him in such a way that he became one of the most wise and efficient in the king's palace. He was highly favoured by the king.

So when God's favour surrounds us, we have the ability to surpass many hurdles. We come out victorious. When we hold on to God, God's favour leads us in every aspect of life, whether its workplace or personal life. We don't achieve anything by our own; whatever good things happen comes from God. God's favour makes us achieve things we never dreamed of, we come out from a difficult time easily, and His favour makes us stand out from others. Let us always be thankful for His love and favour which He sheds on us unconditionally.

Article by Ms. Bijitta Gloriet David.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR MAY 2016

1st May: 5th Sunday after Easter

Theme: Thanksgiving for Joseph, the craftsman of Nazareth and spouse of Mary.

II Chronicles 11:6-10

Ps.112

Col. 3:12-17

Mathew 13: 53-58

8th May: Ascension Day

Theme: The Son of man is exalted to the right hand of God.

Daniel 7:9-14

Ps.21

Acts.1:1-11

Matt. 28:16-20

15th May: Pentecost

Theme: The Gif of the Holy Spirit

Isaiah 44:1-5

Ps.139

Acts 2:1-11

John 20:19-23

22nd May: Sunday after Pentecost- Trinity Sunday

Theme: God is the Holy Trinity

I Kings 8:22-29

Ps.93

Romans.8:1-11

John 14:8-17

29th May: 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: The difference between what the world values and what God values

Amos:6:1-8

Ps.107:35-43

Romans:11:33-12:2

Luke:6:17-26

SCRIPTURE READING NAMES- SANPADA

Date	1 st Lesson	Psalms	2 nd Lesson
01.05.16	Mr. Bose K. Thomas	Mrs. Teena Josey	Mrs. Beena Hans Thomas
08.05.16	Mr. John Samuel	Mrs. Lini Paul	Mrs. Annamma Mathew, CBD
15.05.16	Mr.Abraham Paulose	Mrs. Anila W.S	Ms. Sarah B. George
22.05.16	Mr. Biju Abraham Varghese	Ms. Reeba Kurian	Ms. Bijitta Gloriet
29.05.16	Mr. David James	Mrs. Nirmala John	Mr. Roshin James

DATE	PEACE	ELEMENTS
01.05.16	Dr. & Mrs. Varghese Cherian	Mr & Mrs John Samuel
08.05.16	Mr & Mrs. Jacob William	Mr. & Mrs. Mannoor George Joseph
22.05.16	Mr. & Mrs. John P. Mathew	Mr. & Mrs. Uday Ninan

29.05.16	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Joseph	Mr. & Mrs. Josey Oommen
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OFFERTORY

01.05.16	Mr. Reuben Kurien; Ms. Grace Abraham
08.05.16	Mr. Reuben Kurien; Ms. Aneeta Ann John
15.05.16	Mr. Reuben Kurien; Mr. Joel John
22.05.16	Mr. Reuben Kurien; Ms. Anjana Paul
29.05.16	Mr. Reuben Kurien; Ms. Jisby Ann Bose

SCRIPTURE READING NAMES – PANVEL

Date	1 st Lesson	Psalms	2 nd Lesson
01.05.16	Mr. Ashok Abraham	Mrs.Persis Jacob	Mrs. Saramma Isaac
08.05.16	Mr. Gabriel Johnson	Mrs. Bindhu Isaac	Ms. Dinsey Jacob
15.05.16	Mr. Babu K.	Mrs. Solly Johnson	Mrs. Sinu Ashok
22.05.16	Mast. Elvin Isaac Jacob	Miss. Anaina Babu	Mast. Reyan Paul Simon
29.05.16	Mr. Simon Philip	Mrs. Shiney Sabu	Ms. Joanna Sarah john

DATE	PEACE	ELEMENTS
01.05.16	Mr. & Mrs. Sabu Varghese	Mr. & Mrs .John Thomas
08.05.16	Mr. & Mrs. Solomon Samuel Samuel	Mr. & Mrs. Sam Thomas
22.05.16	Mr. & Mrs. A.C. Jacob	Mr. & Mrs. Ashok Abraham
29.05.16	Mr. & Mrs.Isacc T.C.	Mr. & Mrs. K.K. Johnson

BIRTHDAY

MAY	Name	Area
2-May	Mrs. Teena Josey	Kopar Khairne
3-May	Ms. Sarah B. George	Kopar Khairne
4-May	Mrs. Elizabeth Cherian	Vashi
6-May	Mrs. Beena Hans Thomas	Airoli
7-May	Mr.Nebu Kory Kurian	CBD Belapur
8-May	Mr. John Samuel	Kopar Khairne
9-May	Mr. Biju Abraham Varghese	Nerul
10-May	Mrs. Anila W.S	Vashi
11-May	Mrs. Lini Paul	Kharghar
11-May	Ms. Bijitta Gloriet	Khamothe
11-May	Mast. Elvin Isaac Jacob	Panvel
11-May	Mast. Jeremiah Kurian Nebu	CBD Belapur
15-May	Mr. Babu K.	Old Panvel
17-May	Mrs. Sinu Ashok	Panvel
18-May	Mrs. Nirmala John	Kopar Khairne

23-May Mast. Reyan Paul Simon
24-May Mr. Roshin James
26-May Miss. Anaina Babu
27-May Ms. Reeba Kurian
30-May Mr. David James

Panvel
CBD Belapur
Old Panvel
Nerul
Kharghar

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

MAY

	Name	Area
2-May	Mr & Mrs John Samuel	Kopar Khairne
7-May	Mr & Mrs. Jacob William	Vashi
10-May	Mr. & Mrs. Solomon Samuel Samuel	Kharghar
10-May	Mr. & Mrs. Mannoor George Joseph	Nerul
12-May	Mr. & Mrs. C G Thomas	Vashi
15-May	Mr. & Mrs. John Joseph	Kopar Khairne
20-May	Mr. & Mrs. Ashok Abraham	Panvel
23-May	Mr. & Mrs. Uday Ninan	Kopar Khairne
24-May	Mr. & Mrs. John P. Mathew	CBD
27-May	Mr. & Mrs. Kurian Joseph	Thane
31-May	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Joseph	Kharghar
31-May	Mr. & Mrs. Josey Oommen	Ulwae

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