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Jubilee Voice

Jubilee Malayalam Church (CNI)



Thought for the month

"I will do more good to you than ever before." Eze. 36:11

Jubilee Malayalam Church

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Programmes

February 03: Prayer meeting at the residence of Mr. John Isaac, Panvel at 7.30pm.

February 04: HC service at Sanpada at 7.30am and Matins service at Panvel at 11am.

Management committee meeting will be held at 9.30am at Jubilee Church Sanpada.

February 04: Area prayer meeting at the residence of Mr. K.O. John, Sanpada at 7pm.

February 06: Atmaya Meeting at 7.30 pm at Jubilee Church

February 10: Women's Fellowship meeting at 4.30pm at Jubilee Church, Sanpada.

February 11: Combined Holy Communion service and Panvel Church Anniversary at
Panvel Worship Center at 10.30am.

February 11: Area prayer meeting at the residence of Mr. Sajjan J. George, Nerul at 6pm.

February 13: Atmaya Meeting at 7.30 pm at Jubilee Church

February 14: Ash Wednesday- Holy Communion service at 8pm.

February 18: Matins Service at Sanpada at 7.30am and at 11am at Panvel Worship
Center.

February 19: Women's fellowship Special program and competitions at Jubilee Church,
Sanpada at 9am.

February 20: Atmaya Meeting at 7.30 pm at Jubilee Church

February 23: Lenten prayers at Jubilee Church, Sanpada at 8pm.

February 24: Area prayer meeting at the residence of Mr. Anoop John Cherian, B-503,
Vrundavan Park, Sec.34, Plot-9,Kamothe, Navi Mumbai, at 7pm

February 25: Holy Communion Service in English at Jubilee Church, Sanpada at 7.30am
and at Panvel Worship Center at 11am

February 27: Atmaya Meeting at 7.30 pm at Jubilee Church

Motto for the year 2018

“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

(Mathew 28:20)

Message from the Presbyter

Dear Beloved- in- Christ,

“Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ”

“Then the devil left Him, and angels came and attended Him.” Matthew.4:11

This month we are going to start with the Lent season. Lent is a six-week period from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday (the day between Good Friday and Easter). 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. Lent is a period of spiritual preparation for Easter. In Some church denominations, the first day of Lent is Ash Wednesday, the name coming from ashes placed on the foreheads of parishioners as a sign of their mortality (the ashes, traditionally, come from burning branches used in the previous year’s Palm Sunday service).The 40 days Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which falls 47 days before the Easter (The six Sundays in this period are not counted because each one represents a “mini-Easter,” a celebration of Jesus’ victory over sin and death).

Lent: Meaning and definition

- The word Lent comes from the Old English word Lencten, meaning “spring”. In the Northern hemisphere day is longer than night during spring season.
- In Latin, Lent derives from the word meaning ‘forty’. (The forty days of observance.)
- In German Lent derives from the word ‘fasting period’
- Lent, Lentil has similarities. Lentil is much used with other pulses in Roman Catholic countries during Lent; and some are of the opinion that, from this usage the season derives its name. Daniel and his friends used lentils (Dan. 1:8-15).

Forty days –Biblical references.

1. The forty days and nights God sent rain in the great flood of Noah (Gen. 7:17).
2. The forty days Moses spent on Mount Sinai with God (Exodus 24:18).
3. The Forty days and nights Elijah spent walking to Mount Horeb (1 kings 19:8)

4. Forty years Israelites wandered in the desert while traveling to the Promised Land (Number 14:33).
5. The forty days Jonah in his prophecy of judgment gave the city of Nineveh in which to repent (Jonah 3:4)
6. 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)

The Desert Experience involves a withdrawal

Before Jesus began His ministry, He went into the desert. He withdrew from His normal life and spent time alone. An occasional retreat from business or from chores is always healthy. It should be a time of prayer, a time for recollection. Constant working without a break, either in life or in business, is always disastrous. We all need to have a break; we all need to withdraw periodically.

The Desert Experience involves an examination of self.

Through the temptation in the desert, Jesus was able to clarify and arrange His priorities. He clarified His vision of life. When Satan proposed to Jesus to change the stones into bread, Jesus replied, "Man does not live by bread alone." Thus, He indicated that there are things above the material world; man's life does not stop with matter, there is the spirit, there is a God above. Through our desert experience, we need to analyze our weaknesses and our blunders in life. When we examine them, we will notice that there is a pattern to them. Through our desert experience, we need to identify our weak points and plug them.

The Desert experience involves trust in God's providence.

When the people of Israel were in the desert, God provided them with manna and water for forty years. When Jesus emerged from His desert experience, angels of God ministered unto Him. God does not abandon us during our trials.

The desert experience of Jesus enabled him to overcome the trials and temptations effectively. He could convey God's mission and message throughout his earthly ministry because of this experience. Let this lent season enable us to have different experiences and do his ministry differently.

May God bless you all in this New Year

I wish you a blessed and prosperous New Year.

With love and prayers

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News & Notes:

Previous Month's Highlights

Newly Married

1. Mr. George Kurien and Ms. Reenu Anna Mathew got married on 28th December 2017 at St. John the Baptist's CSI Church, Pallom.
2. Mr. Bobby Cherian and Ms. Jithela Yohannan got married on 5th January, 2018 at St. Andrew's CSI Church, Pannimattam.

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

New Members

1. Mr. Biju Mathew Thoppil, 3/503, Seawood Heritage CHS, Sector-4, Plot-50, Kharghar, Navi Mumbai. Mob. No. 9930996868
2. Mr. Jinesh M.V., P.B.No. 6/22, Taloja Ambarnath Road, Taloja Navi Mumbai. Mob. No. 940022206.
3. Mr. Jibin Abraham Gnanian, Mrs. Divya Jibin, Master. Jonah Jibin Abraham, Master. Fabio Jibin Abraham, Flat No. 705, Gurudev Heights, Plot No. 233, Sector 21, Kamothe, Khandeshwar(W), Navi Mumbai 410209, Mob. No. 9869806167

We welcome the new members to our fellowship.

Re-dedication

Mrs. Sara Oommen was rededicated as a Choir member in the worship service on 7th January, 2018. Congratulations.

Panvel Christmas Celebration

Combined Holy Communion service and Christmas carol was conducted on 7th January 2018 at 6.40pm at Panvel Worship Center. Apart from the Jubilee Church Choir, Panvel members and children also participated in the Carol singing. Thanks to Mr. Thomas R. George and all Choir members for their valuable support. Thanks to Panvel Worship team for organizing the programme and arranging dinner for all.

Union Carol Service

Union Carol Service of 8 CNI Churches in Mumbai and Pune was conducted on 14th January, 2018 at Borivali Living Hope Center which was hosted by St. James CNI Church, Borivali. Thanks to Mr. Thomas R. George and all Choir members for their participation and presentation. Thanks to all who participated in this event.

Present Month's Programmes

Atmaya Fellowship Meetings:

Atmaya fellowship meetings will be held on all Tuesdays at 7:30 pm at Jubilee Church. Bible study is based on Acts of Apostles.

Youth Meeting:

Youth meeting will be held on all Sundays soon after the service at 9 am. Variety programs and Bible study will be there. Parents are requested to encourage the youths to attend these meetings.

Women's fellowship: Meeting will be conducted at 4.30 p.m. on 10.02.2018 at Jubilee Church, Sanpada.

Panvel Worship Center Anniversary:

Panvel Worship Center anniversary will be held on Sunday February 11, after the Combined Holy Communion Service at St. Francis CNI Church, Panvel, which will start at 10.30am. Lunch will be provided. There will be no service in Sanpada on that day. All are requested to attend this and encourage our worship center members.

Women's Fellowship special program and competitions:

The program will be conducted on Monday, 19th February 2018 at 9am at Jubilee Church, Sanpada. Various games and competitions will be there. The members will be divided into different groups. Language : English or Malayalam

1. Bible Quiz: 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon. Individual marks will be added to the group.
2. Solo Singing: Hymn 231 (Atma dehi dehathe)
3. Memory Game: Write the names of the things displayed on the table within 1 minute after viewing for 1 minute.
4. Dumb Charades: based on personalities or events from the Bible.
5. Group Song: select a convention song, after forming the group, based on the theme given then.
6. Collage competition (try to make any object creatively with the waste materials within the limited time given by the judges.)

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 in the WF meeting and during church announcements.

Harvest Festival & Monthly Subscription

Those who have dues in Harvest festival amount, Monthly subscription or any other collections are requested to pay as early as possible at least, before 31st March, 2018.

Parsonage Project

We have paid Rs. 73,50,000 as of now. Remaining amount of Rupees 10 lakhs to be paid to Gami Trixie Builders for the occupation and another 10 lakhs for furnishing. Therefore, I request all those who have promised the amount, to pay as early as possible.

Prayer Requests

1. Father-in-law of Mr. Vinod Oommen Ninan (good health)
2. Mrs. Lillian Stephens, M/o Mr. Malcolm Stephen (for good health)
3. Mrs. Suja Thomas (good health)
4. Mother of Mr. Sudeep Philips who is undergoing dialysis.
5. The wife of Bishop Joshua, recovering from treatment of cancer.
6. Mr. Shyam Gorath & family, our missionary in Akhloli Village
7. Pray for our Parsonage Project.

Sunday Scripture Lessons for February 2018

4th February: 8th Sunday before Easter

Theme: Strife and violence are the result of human sinfulness, from which Christ came to save us.

Judges 9:1-6

Ps. 55:1-14

Ephesians 2:14-18

Mathew 26:47-56

11th February: 7th Sunday before Easter (Healing Sunday)

Theme: God has sent his Son to give us healing, both in body and soul

Isaiah 57:15-21

Ps. 30:1-12

I Timothy 1:12-17

Mark 2:13-17

14th February: Ash Wednesday

Theme: God calls everyone urgently to repent.

Joel 2:12-17

Ps. 130

2 Cor. 5:17-6:2

Luke 13:1-9

18th February: 6th Sunday before Easter (Lent 1)

Theme: The contrast between the failure of Adam and the obedience of Jesus, whose victory we are called to share.

Genesis 3:1-19

Ps.143

James 1: 12-18

Mark 1:9-13

23rd February: Lenten Prayers

Genesis 33

Romans 4:1-12

Ps.126

John 3:22-36

25th February: 5th Sunday before Easter(Lent 2)

Theme: Jesus the Messiah accepted suffering according to his father's will, and calls his disciples to follow him.

Exodus. 3:1-12

2 Cor. 11:21-31

Ps.109:21-31

Mark 8:27-35

Scripture Reading, peace, Elements & Offertory – Sanpada

Date	1 st Lesson	Psalms	2 nd Lesson
04.02.18	Mr. John Issac, Vashi	Aleyamma Joseph, Kharghar	Mrs. Marykutty George
18.02.18	Mr. Thomas George	Mrs. Ashish E. George	Mrs. Susha John
25.02.18	Mr. Sajan J. George	Mr. Rijo Cherian	Mrs. Sherly Varghese

Date	Peace	Elements
04.02.18	Mr. & Mrs. Philip John K.	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Joseph
25.02.18	Mr. & Mrs. Roshin James	Mr. & Mrs. P.K. Abraham

Scripture Reading, Peace & Elements – Panvel

Date	1 st Lesson	Psalms	2 nd Lesson
04.02.18	Mr. Anoop cherian	Mrs. Sinu Ashok	Mrs. Sheena Johnson
11.02.18	Mr. Susheil Mani Alex	Mrs. Deepthi Sera Anish	Mrs. Annamma John
18.02.18	Mr. Ashok Abraham	Mrs. Saramma Isaac	Ms. Soffy John
25.02.18	Mr. K.K. Johnson	Mrs. Sherly Anoop	Mrs. Liji Babu

Date	Peace	Elements
11.01.18	Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Mathew Ninan	Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Paulose
18.01.18	Mr. & Mrs. Simon Philip	Mr & Mrs. Sam Thomas
25.01.18	Mr. & Mrs. Binil Mathai	Mr. & Mrs. Gnanian Abraham Paulose

Birthdays

4-Feb	Mrs. Marykutty George	Nerul
6-Feb	Master. Nathan Rijo Cherian	New Panvel
7-Feb	Mrs. Sheena Johnson	Kharghar
8-Feb	Mr. Mithun C. Roy	Nerul
8-Feb	Mr. Susheil Mani Alex	Nerul
9-Feb	Mr. Philip John K	Nerul
9-Feb	Mr. Sherin Mathews	Kamothe
10-Feb	Mr. John Issac	Vashi
14-Feb	Mast. Aman Shaji	Vashi
15-Feb	Mr. Biju George	Kopar Khairne
15-Feb	Ms. Soffy John	Panvel
17-Feb	Mr. Thomas George	Airoli
21-Feb	Mr. P. I. Mathew	Kharghar
22-Feb	Mrs. Susha John	Kopar Khairne
23-Feb	Mrs. Ashish E. George	Nerul
24-Feb	Mrs. Sera Bibi Cherian	Nerul
24-Feb	Mr. Binil Mathai	Ulwae
25-Feb	Mrs. Bindu Mary Stephens	Kopar Khairne
26-Feb	Mrs. Sherly Varghese	Nerul
26-Feb	Mr. Paul Joseph	Kharghar

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
12-Feb	Mr.& Mrs. Binil Mathai	Ulwae
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

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