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Inner Voice



For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

1 Corinthians 1:25-30

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This issue features news and parish programs for March/April 2011. We welcome any suggestions and feedback..

Message from the Vicar



Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. As we pass two months of this New Year 2011, God has helped us to survive the big winter and we have almost passed the chilly days and eagerly waiting for the spring to come. It is His grace and providence that managed us to keep going in difficult circumstances. Let us praise the Lord and give thanks for His manifold blessings, protection and guidance. Let His name be glorified.

"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death." (Rom:8:1) As we proceed our pilgrimage of the year 2011, let this words be our strength and guiding principle. Let us walk with Christ and be filled with His spirit, so that our inner man may be strengthened to face any difficulties of coming days. We were created to be in relationship with God; and when we take that relationship to an intimate level, it bonds us not only to His presence but also to His strength. Prayers that express our hurts and emotions are most assuredly welcomed by

God, because they demonstrate our trust in Him.

"The troubles that we face each day
Reveal how much we need the Lord;
They test our faith and strength of will
And help us then to trust God's Word"

-D.De Haan

I really appreciate the service rendered to the parish by the office bearers and executive committee of the year 2010. Their sincerity, hard work, cooperation and prompt action changed the face of the parish activities and they will ever be remembered in the history of the church. The general body held on 27th February 2011 also witnessed the handing over of duties to the new office bearers of 2011 in record time. May God bless all of you to work diligently in His vineyard.

We begin the month of March with the Diocesan Sunday Celebration on 6th. Our Lord has blessed our Diocese in such way that it has grown in a fast pace and currently has 67 Parishes and 13 Congregations throughout the United State, Canada and Europe. We have 66 Achens, including the youth chaplains and retired Achens, serving in various regions. As per the 2010 census, we currently have 7400 families within the diocese. Our share to the Diocesan Sunday is only \$3620.00, and we are collecting that on our Parish day on 20th March. Special covers are distributed through our prayer group leaders. I request your wholehearted co-operation in this matter. During this day I am on a pulpit change to Toronto St. Mathews Mar Thoma Church.

Our Parish day is on Sunday the 20th March. God has helped us to be his

witness in this land for one more year.

We thank Him for both the spiritual and material blessings. The Sunday service will be in English at 9 am. Our Diocesan Bishop will be the chief guest. 12 of our kids are having their first communion. I congratulate them and their parents and welcome them to the full fellowship of the community of faith. We are also honouring for the first time in the history of the church, 25 of our senior members, who are above 70 years of age. Their prayers, commitment, and hard work contributed much for the growth of this parish.

We celebrate the big Lent during these two months of March & April. It is a time of retrospection. We must refresh our life with new spiritual experiences. Our body, mind and spirit must be disciplined during this time. Lent is a period of Confession, Transformation & Divine experience of Reconciliation. We remember the passion, death, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ and experience the new life of the Kingdom during this time. We celebrate the Palm Sunday on 17th, Good Friday on 22nd and Easter on 24th of April. We will have evening services every day at various houses from mid-Lent on 3rd April onwards and 40th Friday Holy Communion service on 15th April. During the Passion Week, we will have evening services at the church at 7pm. I urge everybody to attend these services with prayer and preparation so that we can have the experience of resurrection and hope. May God continually bless each one of us to be His witness of resurrection.

With Prayerful regards

Rev. Abraham Thomas (Vicar)

Please email meeting/prayer group information to dmtc.sec@gmail.com.

Deadline: April 22, 2011

March 6, 2011– Beginning of Great Lent - "Lent: Transformation and Renewal"

First Lesson: Isa. 58:1-10
Second Lesson: 2 Cor.5:11-21
Epistle: Col.3:1-11
Gospel: St.John 2:1-11

March 13, 2011– Cleansing Lord (2nd Sunday in Lent)

First Lesson: Isa.6:1-8
Second Lesson: Heb.10:1-10
Epistle: 1 John.1:5-10
Gospel: St.Mark.1:40-45

March 20, 2011– Illumination of Faith (3rd Sunday in Lent)

First Lesson: 1 Kings.17:17-24
Second Lesson: Acts. 9:26-35
Epistle: Col. 1:1-14
Gospel: St.Mark. 2:1-12

March 27, 2011–Lord who listen to the Cry (4th Sun in Lent)

First Lesson: Joel.2:12-20
Second Lesson: Acts.10:34-48
Epistle: Phil.4:4-9
Gospel: St.Mat.15:21-28

April 3, 2011– "Jesus who values the Human Person"

First Lesson: Isa.51:1-6
Second Lesson: Gal.5.13-24
Epistle: Rom.8:31-39
Gospel: St.Luke.13:10-17

April 10, 2011- Faith Proclamation which transcends barriers"

First Lesson: Isa.42:1-9
Second Lesson: Acts.11.19-26
Epistle: 2 Cor.4:1-12
Gospel: St.Mark.10:46-52

April 17, 2011–"Coming of the Saviour" Hosana (Palm Sunday)

First Lesson: Zec.9:9-12
Second Lesson: Heb.5.1-10
Epistle: Eph.1:3-10
Gospel: St.Mark.11:1-11

April 24, 2011– Resurrection : Celebration of Life (Easter Sunday)

First Lesson: 2 Kings.4:27-37
Second Lesson: 1 Cor.15:12-20
Epistle: 1 Cor.15:42-58
Gospel: St.John.20:1-18

Church Calendar– Mar/April 2011

Sunday, March 6th	Holy Communion Service- (Malayalam) Diocesan Sunday
Sunday, March 13th	Holy Communion Service– (English) World day of prayer / Sevika-sangham mtg
Fri-Sun March 18-20	Episcopal Visit
Sunday, March 20th	Holy Communion Service- (English) - starts 9:00 am (No Sunday school) Parish Day
Sunday, March 27th	Holy Communion Service– (English) Senior citizens meeting
Sunday, April 3th	Holy Communion Service- (Malayalam) Lent Prayer starts
Sunday, April 10th	Holy Communion Service– (English)
Friday, April 15th	40th Friday Service -10 am
Sunday, April 17th	Holy Communion Service- (Malayalam) Palm Sunday
Mon-Wed April 18-20	Sandhya Namaskaram - 7 pm
Thursday, April 21st	Maundy Thursday - 7 pm
Friday, April 22nd	Good Friday - 9 am
Sunday, April 24th	Holy Communion Service– (English) Easter

Meetings		
Day	Time	Meeting Details
Every Tuesday	5:30 PM	Intercessory Prayer
Every Friday	10 AM	Fasting Prayer
Every Saturday	1:30 pm	Youth Meeting
1st Saturday and 2nd Sunday		Sevika-sangham
April 16 (Sun)		Edavaka Mission
Mar 27 (Sun)		Senior Citizen

Yuvajanasakhyam: March 12th Saturday at 5.30pm

Mr & Mrs Lal P. Thomas 7462 Anne Ct. West Bloomfield, MI

Birthday

March 2011

Koshy, Arun Sam	Mar 1
Thomas, Joshua Vinod	Mar 1
Thomas, Tobin	Mar 1
Varughese, Leelamma	Mar 2
Abraham, Ancy	Mar 3
Chacko, Thankamma	Mar 3
Easow, Mathew	Mar 3
Shaji, Jessica Susan	Mar 3
Varghese, Sunil Joseph	Mar 3
George, Sam	Mar 4
Jacob, Reena Alice	Mar 5
Mathew, Benjamin Abraham	Mar 5
Mathew, Brendan Joseph	Mar 5
Chacko, Robin	Mar 6
Varghese, John C.	Mar 6
John, Rhea Grace	Mar 7
John, Annamma	Mar 8
Thomas, Sophi	Mar 8
Varghese, Thomas	Mar 9
George, Vidya Elsie	Mar 10
Mani, Sheela	Mar 10
Mathew, Philipose	Mar 10
Mathew, Susan	Mar 10
Thomas, Marissa Susan	Mar 10
Cherian, Mathew	Mar 11
Thomas, Dr. Abraham	Mar 11
Tom, Tibi	Mar 12
George, Jessica	Mar 13
Mathai, Idicula E.	Mar 13
Shinoj, Abigail Mariam	Mar 13
Chacko, Philip	Mar 14
Varghese, Thomas	Mar 14
Chacko, Runcie M.	Mar 15
Abraham, Bachu	Mar 16
Reji, Julian George	Mar 16
Kurian, Benjamin	Mar 17
Mathai, Jossy	Mar 18
Thomas, Manoj	Mar 19
Thomas, Samuel N.	Mar 19
Mathews, Sheena	Mar 20
Ottathengil, Jacob I.	Mar 20
Simon, Jiji	Mar 20
Abraham, George	Mar 21
Chacko, Grace	Mar 21
George, Dr. V. K.	Mar 21

Abraham, Jenny	Mar 23
Thomas, Noel Varghese	Mar 23
Abraham, Omana	Mar 24
George, P. M.	Mar 24
John, Jacob	Mar 24
Thomas, Naina Susan	Mar 24
Abraham, John	Mar 26
John, Anju	Mar 26
Philip, Ashwin George	Mar 26
Varghese, Leena	Mar 26
Abraham, Ashley Ruth	Mar 27
Varughese, Elianna Elsa	Mar 27
Abraham, Jeena	Mar 28
George, Daniel Titus	Mar 28
Philip, Joshua Samuel	Mar 28
Daniel, Anne	Mar 29
Daniel, Annie	Mar 29
Mathew, Ellis C.	Mar 30
Mathew, Dr. Thomas	Mar 31

April 2011

George, Tom	Apr 1
Samuel, Lily Mariamma	Apr 1
Easow, Sherin	Apr 2
Mathew, Abraham	Apr 2
Reji, Tom	Apr 2
Thomas, George K.	Apr 2
Eitzman, Sara Ashlee	Apr 3
Shaji, Saramma	Apr 3
Varghese, Simi	Apr 3
Jones, Jannet	Apr 4
Thomas, Jaden Philip	Apr 4
Jacob, Jonah Thomas	Apr 5
Mathew, Rinu S.	Apr 5
George, Aaron	Apr 6
Mathew, Aleyamma	Apr 6
Varghese, Reebea	Apr 6
Abraham, Reba	Apr 7
Chacko, Rev. Philipose	Apr 7
John, Alexis	Apr 7
Cherian, Mary	Apr 8
Thomas, C. P.	Apr 9
Varghese, Mary	Apr 9
Scaria, Thomson	Apr 10
Thomas, Kunjamma	Apr 10
Joseph, Shine	Apr 11
Mathews, Sunita Mary	Apr 11

Chacko, Christopher George	Apr 12
Mathews, Mollykutty	Apr 13
Abraham, Gracy	Apr 14
Abraham, Susamma	Apr 14
Chacko, Philip Soni	Apr 14
Chacko, Chacko P.	Apr 15
Jacob, Wilson	Apr 16
Sajeev, Jolly	Apr 16
Cherian, K. M.	Apr 17
Samuel, C. V.	Apr 18
Varghese, Eric George	Apr 18
Mathews, Jyothi M.	Apr 19
Santosh, Sharon Sara	Apr 19

Mathew, Siby	Apr 22
Philip, Samuel	Apr 22
Thimotheose, Mariamma	Apr 22
Thomas, Alayna	Apr 22
Varghese, Ajith	Apr 22
Chacko, Sherine	Apr 24
John, Bindhu	Apr 24
Abraham, Manaloor E.	Apr 25
Varghese, K. V.	Apr 25
Abraham, Thankamma	Apr 27
Cherian, Dr. Leela	Apr 28
Varughese, Nathan John	Apr 29
John, Jibu	Apr 30
Mathew, Gracy	Apr 30

Wedding Anniversaries

March 2011

Thomas, Samuel N & Samuel, Annamma	Mar 6
Chacko, Robin & Chacko, Manju	Mar 11

April 2011

Thomas, Philips & Philips, Sherly	Apr 8
Abraham, Thampy & Abraham, Omana	Apr 10
Koshy, Sam & Sam, Saramma	Apr 12
Samuel, C. V. & Samuel, Lily Mariamma	Apr 15
Cherian, Sujeev & Cherian, Susan John	Apr 16
Thomas, Samuel V. & Samuel, Aleyamma	Apr 16
Varghese, Kurian & Varghese, Bindu Elsy	Apr 25

Prayer Meetings

Prayer Group 1: March 26th Saturday 5 pm

Mr. & Mrs. Sujeev Cherian

18972 Vander Haven Ln, Livonia, MI. Tel: 248-888-9806

Prayer Group 1: April 17th Sunday 5 pm

Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Philip

4208 Pardee, Dearborn Heights, MI. Tel: 313-563-0280

Prayer Group 3: March 27th Sunday 5 pm

Mr. & Mrs. George K Thomas

4447 Whisper Way, Troy, MI. Tel: 248-641-8773

Prayer Group 5: April 24th Sunday 5 pm:

Mr. & Mrs. K.C.Chacko

2846 Burningbush Sterling Hgts, MI. Tel: 586-731-6418