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From the Vicar's Desk

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

As we are in the second quarter of the year, it is an important period for our student folk as they face annual and semester exams and other eligibility tests these days. I wish them all the very best for their exams and wishing a very successful and fruitful life.

Here I would like to meditate upon the message of Prophet Joel. The name Joel meaning "The Lord is God." Joel was the son of Pethuel who ministered to the people of Israel during the reign of King Joash. He ministered during a time of a severe plague of locusts and the Prophet sees it as a judgment from God on Israel's disobedience and injustice. Joel, Isaiah, Ezekiel and Zachariah (Joel 2:28-32; Isa. 32:15; 44:3; Eze. 36:26-27; 37:14; Zech12:10-13:1) all speaks of the Holy Spirit upon all flesh. The message of Prophet Joel is very clear that one should sanctify oneself.

1. Sanctify Fasting (1:14; 2:15)
2. Sanctify the Congregation (2:16)

The word 'sanctify' here mentions a meaning, to set something apart for a sacred use. In other words, giving up the old meaningless deeds and words aside and becoming a new creation is a prophetic call always.

What Should I give up? Is a common question most of us ask!

Non-veg? Chocolates? Ice creams? Beverages? Alcohol? Of course, all these! At the same time, we should also give up:

1. Give Up Complaining- But Focus on Gratitude (Phi. 2:14-15; 1Thess. 5:18)
2. Give Up Bitterness- But hold on forgiveness (Eph. 4:31,32)
3. Give Up Worry- But hold on Trust in God (Math. 6:25&33)
4. Give Up Discouragement – Be full of Hope (Deut. 31:8; Is. 40:31)
5. Give Up Hatred – return Good for Evil (1John 2:9; Lk. 6:27)
6. Give Up Anger – Be More Patient (Math. 5:22; Pro.15:18)
7. Give Up Gossiping – Control our Tongues (Ps. 34:13; Pro. 21:23)

Prophet Joel rightly invoked the people of Israel that "Tear your hearts and not your Clothes." (Joel 2:13). Therefore, let these Lenten Days be a time of renewal of hearts and thoughts to do justice in our God given opportunities and vocations. May the Almighty Lord bless all!

With prayer and love

Skaria Mathew Achen & Family

(Vicar)

Area Prayer Meetings

Saturday, April 6th @ 6:30 PM

Geevarghese Samuel & Kunjumol
20034 Bluff Oaks Blvd Tampa FL 33647
813.929.6126

Saturday, May 4th @ 6:30 PM

Sathiyam Natarajan & Indu
8515 Avon Lady Pl, Plant City, FL 33567
813.753.7520

Saturday, May 18th @ 6:30 PM

Abraham Chacko (Babu & Betty)
7212 Bridgeview Dr. Wesley Chapel FL 33545
813.994.2826

Saturday, June 1st @ 6:30 PM

Abraham Chacko (Moni & Betsy)
2410 Fountain Grass, Valrico, FL 33594
813.409.3961

Saturday, June 15th @ 6:30 PM

Abraham Abraham (Joy & Mariamma)
20231 Stillwind Dr. Tampa, FL 33647
813.964.6033

Edavaka Mission Prayer Meeting

Saturday, April 27

Salomi Shaji
6521 Summer Cove Ln. Riverview, FL 33569
813.677.3735

Saturday, May 25

Open

Saturday, June 22

Shinu Sam
7226 Bridgeview Dr. Wesley Chapel, FL 33545
954.793.9565

Passion Week Worship Schedule

Apr 14th

Hosanna (Palm Sunday) Service at 6:30 PM

Apr 15th - Apr 17th

Passion Week Evening Service at 7:00 PM

Apr 18th

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Service at 7PM

Apr 19th

Good Friday Service at 9:00 AM

Apr 21th

Easter Sunday Service at 8:30 AM

Important Dates to Remember

Sunday, April 14th @ 5:00 PM

Annual Sunday School Exam

Sunday, April 27th @ 4:30 PM

Youth Cottage Prayer @ Sankeerth & Angela's

Sunday, April 28th

Diocesan Sunday School Exam @ 12 pm
Choir Audition after worship service

Saturday, May 4th @ 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Sunday School Retreat

Sunday, May 5th

Annual Sunday School Day

Sunday, May 12th

Mother's Day

May 16th – May 18th

Diocesan Clergy Conference & Assembly Meeting

Sunday, June 16th

Father's Day

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE QUARTER

1-Apr	Sara Samuel	4-May	Rachel Alexander Joseph	25-May	Mariamamma Alexander
3-Apr	Jacob V Valliyil	5-May	Elizabeth Koshy	25-May	Sally Jacob
3-Apr	Abie Alias Samuel	5-May	Stewart Shaji	25-May	Susamma Philips
3-Apr	Cyril John	6-May	Anoop Eipe Kovoov	26-May	Ryan Joseph
5-Apr	Bobin Abraham	6-May	Preena Thomas	26-May	Varghese P Joseph
7-Apr	Siby George	7-May	Jasmine Eapen	27-May	Sankeerth Koshy
8-Apr	Mary Abraham	8-May	Deenamma Abraham	27-May	John Sam
10-Apr	Sonel Pothen	9-May	Thomas Karakad	30-May	Shaji Mathew
11-Apr	Lizy Zachariah	9-May	Mariamamma Abraham	30-May	Abu S Koruth
12-Apr	Meera Cherian	9-May	Anna Philips	30-May	Andrew Abraham
13-Apr	Thankamma John	9-May	Nathan Mathew Biby	31-May	Abraham
14-Apr	Hannah Varghese	10-May	Aleyamma Abraham	31-May	Abraham Chacko
15-Apr	Reji Alex Mulayara	12-May	Vinny Oommen Samuel	31-May	Jacob Thampi
15-Apr	Jacob Philip George	12-May	Rebecca Sara Sam	31-May	Bindu Mathew
15-Apr	Angela Sara Alex	14-May	Alina Mathai	31-May	Rani Mathai
15-Apr	Hannah Thomas	14-May	Noah Abraham Kovoov	1-Jun	Jadon Mathai
17-Apr	Shibu Itty Pothen	15-May	Aniamma Philipose	1-Jun	Saley Abraham
18-Apr	Shiney J Thomas	16-May	Alex V Chandy	2-Jun	Mathews Thomas
19-Apr	Asin Sara Skariah	16-May	Jogy Mathew	3-Jun	Jordan Varghese
20-Apr	Abraham A Chacko	16-May	Smita Saji	4-Jun	Abraham P Chacko
21-Apr	Beena Abraham	17-May	Joshua Paul	4-Jun	Munna Simon
21-Apr	Salomy Shaji	18-May	Thomas Joseph	4-Jun	Josiah George Samuel
22-Apr	Abraham Mathew	18-May	Babu Mathai	5-Jun	Shoun Samuel
23-Apr	Manjusha Mathew	18-May	Jayden Thomas Joseph	10-Jun	Alby Jacob
24-Apr	Jyothis Mathew	18-May	Leyah Susan George	13-Jun	Aniamma Cherian
25-Apr	Aleyamma Cherian	19-May	Geevarghese Samuel	13-Jun	Ayaan Raphael Roy
25-Apr	Smitha Jose	19-May	Beena George	15-Jun	Janice S Mathew
26-Apr	Annie Stanley	19-May	Shane Alexander	15-Jun	Samkutty Sam
28-Apr	Annamma Samuel	20-May	Joe John	20-Jun	Celina Sara John
28-Apr	Mini Eapen	20-May	Mathew Skariah	22-Jun	Rev. Skaria Mathew
29-Apr	Joel John	22-May	Jerry J George	25-Jun	Akshay Mathews
1-May	Sundeep Roy	22-May	Renu Susan Roy	27-Jun	Abiya Susan Koruthu
2-May	Mariamamma Valliyil	24-May	Dr. Nisha Paul	27-Jun	Aaron Mathew Fulton
3-May	Dr. Bessy P George	24-May	Stanley Thomas	30-Jun	Abraham Daniel
4-May	Samuel Mathai	25-May	Mathew		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

2-Apr	Toby Koshy & Lena Koshy	12-May	Samuel J Thattamanni & Saramma Samuel
3-Apr	Varghese Abraham & Beena Abraham	15-May	Dr. Eapen Abraham & Annie Abraham
12-Apr	Thomas Joseph & Teena Thomas Joseph	17-May	Shinu Cherian Sam & Sara Shinu Sam
15-Apr	Fenny Varghese & Leena Thomas Varghese	24-May	Ben Stephen & Maria Stephen
16-Apr	Geevarghese Samuel & Annamma Samuel	29-May	Abraham P Chacko & Aleyamma Abraham
19-Apr	George Alexander & Jyothis Mathew	29-May	Stanley Mathew & Simi Rachel Mathew
19-Apr	Oommen P George & Sicily George	31-May	Rev. Skaria Mathew & Bitha Thomas Skaria
22-Apr	Dr. Philip K Thomas & Elizabeth Koshy	4-Jun	Sachin George Samuel & Rossin Mathew
29-Apr	Daniel Abraham & Saly Daniel	7-Jun	Abraham A Chacko & Jessy Abraham
29-Apr	Bijou George & Siby George	11-Jun	Jogy Mathew & Bindu Mathew
7-May	Cyril John & Smitha John	14-Jun	Sam P Alexander & Elizabeth Alexander
10-May	Jacob Simon & Munna Simon	28-Jun	Dr. C T Thomas & Elizabeth Thomas
10-May	K C Cherian & Aniamma Cherian	29-Jun	Dr. Lindsay M John & Alice Kurian
		30-Jun	Sathiyam Natarajan & Indu S. Mathew

LECTIONARY FOR THE QUARTER

DATE	THEME	LESSONS	EPISTLE/GOSPEL	CHURCH SERVICE ASSISTING/READING
7-Apr	Cross a Model to Discipleship	Gen 26:12-33	2 Cor 1:3-11	Toby Koshy & Varghese K Abraham
		2 Chr 11:20-31	Mark 10:46-52	
14-Apr	Hosanna: Lord Save Us (Palm Sunday) Theological Seminary Day	Zech 9:1-12	Heb 5:5-10	Thomas Joseph & Fenny Varghese
		1 Tim 4:6-16	Luke 19:28-30	
21-Apr	Kemta: Easter Celebration of Resurrection	Gen 23:1-19	1 Thess 4:13-18	Geevarghese Samuel & George Alexander
		Col 3:1-11	Matt 28:1-10	
28-Apr	New Sunday 'Proclamation of the Faith of the Church'	Gen 28:10-22	1 Thess 1:2-10	Oommen P George & Bijou George
		Acts 20:7-12	John 20:24-29	
5-May	Resurrection Experience that Gives Hope, Metropolitan Fund	Lev 25:1-17	Gal 4:1-7	Cyril John & Jacob Simon
		Acts 7:54-60	Matt 28:16-20	
12-May	Restoring Lord	Ezek 36:24-36	Acts 1:12-14	Samuel J Thattamannil & Shinu Cherian Sam
		Rom 8:12-17	John 21:1-14	
19-May	Commission by the Risen Lord	Jer 1:1-10	2 Tim 2:1-8	Ben Stephen & Stanley Mathew
		1 Tim 4:6-16	John 21:15-19	
26-May	Lord Worthy of Adoration - DSMC Sunday	Exod 15:1-18	Phil 2:1-11	Choir Members & Abraham P Chacko
		Rev 7:9-12	Luke 10:21-24	
2-Jun	Grown in the wisdom of God	1 Kgs 3:3-14	1 John 5:18-21	Mathews Thomas & Abraham A Chacko
		1 Cor 1:18-25	Luke 2:41-52	
9-Jun	Feast of Pentecost "Come Holy Spirit Transform the Creation" – Environmental Sunday	Isa 61:1-11	Rom 8:26-30	Jogy Mathew & Sam P Alexander
		Acts 2:1-13	John 16:6-16	
16-Jun	Trinity Sunday Beginning of the Fast of the Apostles - Calling and Commissioning of the Apostles	Jer 1:1-12	1 Cor 12:27-31	John Samuel & Jacob Thampi
		Heb 10:32-39	Matt 28:16-20	
23-Jun	Apostolic Church	1 Kgs 19:15-21	Rom 12:3-8	Abu Koruth & Sandeep Roy
		Rom 15:22-29	Matt 16:13-20	
30-Jun	People of God Flock of Christ	Gen 35:1-7	1 John 4:1-6	Dr. Lindsay M John & Sathiyam Natarajan
		1 Pet 5:1-11	John 10:1-6	