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Revelation 21:5

May God Bless You This New Year



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Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." (Lamentations 3: 22-24).

An eventful year has left us. We can thank God for keeping us safe in the arms of grace. We are indebted to God for allowing us to live one more year. The Great pandemic affected the lives of the people of the world in different ways. God's grace was so sufficient for us when we went through many adversities and the most afflicted times. We must not forget the grace of God that we have experienced in the midst of these crises. When crisis arises we can either let them beat us down, or teach us lessons and grow from them. The words of Oswald Chambers are true that "We are not responsible for the circumstances we are in, but we are responsible for the way we allow those circumstances to affect us; we can either allow them to get on top of us or we can allow them to transform us into what God wants us to be." So leave the broken, irreversible past in His hands, and step out into the invincible future with Him. Being challenged in life is inevitable. Being defeated is optional. Always remember that your present situation is not your final destination. The best is yet to come. So let us be positive in being optimistic by remembering our duties and responsibilities in relation to God.

New Year is a time to introspect our spirituality. Think back and check what kind of a person you were during 2020. How about your relationship with God? We are so familiar with the parable of the barren fig-tree planted in a vineyard in Luke 13:1-9. As we listen to Jesus' story we know Jesus isn't just talking about a fig tree. He's talking about you and me. The fig tree symbolizes our life which received God's care and mercy all the days of its growth. We are led to ask ourselves, "Am I bearing fruit? God has made us stand in His Garden, we are taking up the nutrients of the soil in which we are planted, we are given all the opportunities and He has showered us with His endless mercy. The gardener in the vineyard said. Even though the owner wanted to chop it down, the gardener is pleading to "Give the tree one more year". The parable about the fig tree makes it quite clear that we have been unfruitful, unfaithful, yet in spite of our lack of fidelity, God is faithful. Thank Him for His goodness in giving you, giving us, one more year of grace!

A farmer made a good amount of money and set out for a tour. He wanted to see Rome and as he reached there he saw some chickens in a farm, he was told that they were 'Very special' because they were descendants of the cock that crew on the night of Peter's denial. But, this farmer was least impressed by this information. All that, he asked was, "But do they lay eggs?" God is not concerned with our tradition, treasure or talents. But, our God always expects good fruits from our life. The Bible teaches us that, a fruitful person is like a fruit bearing tree.

Under the aegis of our Sevika Sanghom, we could successfully complete 25 days of Meditation. Thought provoking messages from our members have filled our hearts and have made us think how graciously our Heavenly Father sent His only Son to dwell among us. Thanking and Praising Lord for the activities of our Sevika Sanghom. On 23rd of December we could also conduct our Christmas Carol. Though it was a virtual platform the choristers and the leaders have arduously worked for it. Praising Lord for their effort. May God use them more and more to sing for the Glory of our Lord.

We will begin with our Sunday School classes this year by this month. I urge all the children to actively be a part of Sunday school.

We as a family from the bottom of our heart, wish you all a meaningful, prosperous and blessed New Year 2021 and a Year filled with good health, success and joy.

With prayerful regards
Shibu Achen

Kuwait St. James Mar Thoma Church

HOLY COMMUNION

Friday, 7.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. Hall of Faith, NECK (Max: 60 People)

Saturday, 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. Hall of Peace, NECK (Max: 50 People)



Please adhere to the following instructions in the NECK Compound

Children below 15 years and people above 65 years not allowed.

Social Distancing must be maintained inside the Hall and in the NECK Compound.

No Gathering allowed before and after service. No Entry without Face Mask,

Kindly attend prayerfully.

PRAYER GROUP & ORGANIZATIONS MEETINGS				
PRAYER GROUP/ ORGANISATION	DATES		DAY	TIME
Gilead	08-01-2021		Friday	6.00 pm.
Zion	08-01-2021		Friday	6.00 pm.
Sehion	08-01-2021		Friday	7.00 pm.
Moriah	08-01-2021		Friday	7.00 pm.
St.Thomas	08-01-2021		Friday	7.00 pm.
Gloria	14-01-2021		Thursday	7.30 pm.
Carmel	15-01-2021		Friday	7.30 pm.
St. Pauls	15-01-2021		Friday	7.30 pm.
St. Luke	15-01-2021		Friday	7.30 pm.
Jerusalem	15-01-2021		Friday	7.30 pm.
Kerith	22-01-2021		Friday	7.30 pm.
Emmanuel	22-01-2021		Friday	7.30 pm.
Edavaka mission	21-01-2021		Thursday	7.30 pm.
Choir	24-01-2021		Sunday	8.00 pm.
Yuvajana Sakhyam	08-01-2021	22-01-2021	Friday	10.00 am.
Sevika Sanghom	09-01-2021	23-01-2021	Saturday	10.00 am.
The above meetings are conducted online through Zoom application and the link will be communicated through the respective WhatsApp Groups.				

LECTIONARY				
1 & 2 January	8 & 9 January	15 & 16 January	22 & 23 January	29 & 30 January
Church: A Community called out to Proclaim the Gospel	"Worthy Life" Temperance Sunday	Church The Body of Christ	The One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church	Christian Participation in Nation Building
<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Lessons</u>
Isa 61:1-11	Prov 23:19-35	Ezek 37:15-28	Num 11:23-30	Neh 2:11-18
Acts 17:22-31	Rom 6:12-23	1Cor 1:10-17	John 3:1-11	1Pet 2:13-17
<u>Epistle & Gospel</u>	<u>Epistle & Gospel</u>	<u>Epistle & Gospel</u>	<u>Epistle & Gospel</u>	<u>Epistle & Gospel</u>
Acts 27:18-26	Gal 5:16-24	Eph 4:11-16	Eph 4:1-7	Rom 13:1-7
Matt 9:35-38	Luke 15:11-24	Matt 16:13-19	John 17:18-26	Luke 3:7-14

BIRTHDAY WISHES				
DATE	NAME	PHONE NO	PRAYER GROUP	MEM #
1-Jan	Miss.Shanty Mary Jose	99412645	Gilead	2
1-Jan	Miss.Jewel Grace Abraham	50979792	St. Pauls	218
2-Jan	Mr.Jojo T John	66077163	Gloria	214
3-Jan	Master.Jake T Mathew	51661956	Gilead	102
5-Jan	Mr.Sanumon Valsalam	97695656	Gloria	310
6-Jan	Mr.Manu Easow	97373217	Emmanuel	93
6-Jan	Dr. Mrs.Shanti Mariam Alexander	66519272	Emmanuel	217
6-Jan	Mr.Ciril B Mathew	99720345	Emmanuel	188
7-Jan	Mrs.Sunimol Thanckachan	24890380	Gloria	294
8-Jan	Miss.Angel Aleena Biju	25654235	Sehion	69
10-Jan	Master.Shayne John mathews	24890380, 98720902	Gloria	294
10-Jan	Mrs.Vijila Sara Liju	51708081	Emmanuel	284
11-Jan	Mrs.Jovitha Alice Joseph	51612195	Zion	187
11-Jan	Mrs.Smitha Joy	67709417	Kerith	125
12-Jan	Mrs.Neethu Mathew	9526779929	Kerith	277
12-Jan	Mr.Reji Varghese	99772974, 22404991	Gilead	3
13-Jan	Miss.Feba Martha Abraham	25639574	St. Pauls	66
14-Jan	Mrs.Reena Mary Mathews	66862675	Sehion	68
14-Jan	Miss.Evana Liz Saibu	67039922	Sehion	193
14-Jan	Dr.Pramod John	99887584	Gilead	50
15-Jan	Mr.Baby Kutty Daniel	96742885, 98853881	Emmanuel	181
16-Jan	Mr.David Sam George	96731996	Zion	288
16-Jan	Mrs.Lata Mary Varghese	24765189	Emmanuel	8
17-Jan	Mr.Siju M. Varghese	97638086	Emmanuel	233
17-Jan	Mr.Shibu Philip Mathai	99615724	Gilead	281
17-Jan	Mr.Moncy Thankachan	97961720	St. Luke	87
17-Jan	Dr Sarita T. Sunny	65670467	Gilead	264
18-Jan	Mr.Zachariah K Thomas	99583285	St. Pauls	36
19-Jan	Master.Johan Joseph John	69907846	Kerith	156
19-Jan	Mr.Johnson Kuttachen	60332450, 22232161	Gloria	170
20-Jan	Mr.Sam Peter	99107424	Zion	138
21-Jan	Master.Allen Jacob Alex	25639046	St. Luke	73
22-Jan	Mrs.Celin Bijumon	98857649	Sehion	69
23-Jan	Miss.Samuel Paul Ajo	66895234	Emmanuel	304
24-Jan	Mrs.Teena Mary Oommen	50479480	Gloria	254
25-Jan	Mr.Libi Samuel	67720341	Gilead	71
25-Jan	Master.Mathew Philip	99615724	Gilead	281
25-Jan	Miss.Rebekah Elise Noel	22521570	Gilead	84
27-Jan	Mr.Byju Joseph	96730472	Moria	184
27-Jan	Mr.Binu Mathew Jacob	99693691, 22277853	St. Pauls	99
28-Jan	Mr.Nibu Mathew Titus	25612156	Zion	18
29-Jan	Miss.Lea Sara Abraham	96961681	Kerith	76
29-Jan	Mr.Thomas Thottumkal	66870913	St. Luke	104
29-Jan	Mrs.Rani Elizabeth Samuel	66870913	St. Luke	104
30-Jan	Mr.Renji T Abraham	97406895	St. Thomas	111
30-Jan	Mr.Kovoor Abraham Kurian	97214814	Gloria	282
30-Jan	Mr.Binosh Babu	66095981	Moria	123
31-Jan	Master.Alex K Thomas	22477293	Gilead	89

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WISHES				
DATE	NAME	PHONE NO	PRAYER GROUP	MEM #
3-Jan	Mr. Siby Kurien Jacob, Mrs. Leen Elizabeth Siby	6608710, 66733862	Sehion	53
3-Jan	Mr. Dayal Parangot, Mrs. Sanitha Dayal	51651777	Gloria	278
4-Jan	Mr. Saibu S. Abraham, Mrs. Litha Sara Mathew	67039922	Sehion	193
5-Jan	Mr. Liju George, Mrs. Jinu Elsa Jacob	99893036	Gloria	299
7-Jan	Mr. Abraham T.V., Mrs. Moly C George	99015218, 22960481	St. Pauls	66
10-Jan	Mr. John Joseph, Mrs. Sijo Susan Koshy	69907846	Kerith	156
10-Jan	Mr. Shelly M Erattolil, Mrs. Nigy Shelly Erattolil	97287056	Jerusalem	215
11-Jan	Mr. Shibu P. Samuel, Mrs. Tintu K. Sebastian	60378404	Gloria	313
12-Jan	Mr. Jojo Kurian Thomas, Mrs. Teena Raju	98818361	Moria	261
16-Jan	Mr. Abraham K.O, Mrs. Jinu Abraham	97786408	Sehion	203
17-Jan	Mr. Jaison Varughese James, Mrs. Deepthi Joy	67680111	Emmanuel	77
19-Jan	Mr. jesson Thomas, Mrs. Jisha Jesson	97109899	Gloria	312
27-Jan	Mr. Toney P. Idicula, Mrs. Teena Mary Oommen	66585667	Gloria	254
27-Jan	Mr. Varghese Philip, Mrs. Deepa Varghese	97163112	St. Pauls	91
27-Jan	Mr. Rony Mathew Roy, Mrs. Bincy Joseph	97557644	Emmanuel	204
27-Jan	Mr. Jose Varghese, Mrs. Annamma Jose	99412645, 22419325	Gilead	2
28-Jan	Mr. Rajan B., Mrs. Smitha Joy	60735920	Kerith	125
29-Jan	Mr. Roshan I Cherian, Mrs. Merin P George	55019818	St. Luke	136
30-Jan	Mr. Jose K Abraham, Mrs. Sherly Jose	65181260, 22646992	Moria	24

Birthday and Wedding Anniversary Prayers & Wishes to all celebrating this month. God Bless You All.



CONDOLENCES

01. Mr. Mathew Mathew (92 Yrs), F/O Mrs. Jessy Philip, Gilead P G
02. Mr. P C George (81 Yrs), F/O Mrs. Shani Thomas, Emmanuel P G

**Our deepest condolence to the bereaved family members.
May Lord strengthen and comfort them.**

Christmas 2020 – Carol Rounds



Christmas 2020 – Carol Service



OFFICE BEARERS					
Vice President	Secretary	Trustee (Finance)	Trustee (Accounts)	Lay Ministrant	Lay Ministrant
Mr. Bijumon C John 98857649	Mr. Babykutty Daniel 96742885	Mr. Biju Alex 97677906	Mr. Johnson Kuttachen 60332450	Mr. Thomas Mathew 60013510	Mr. Thomas Mathai 66923257