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**You crown the year with
your bounty, and your
carts overflow with
abundance.**

Psalms 65:11

A Blessed New Year To All

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From the Vicar's Desk



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

We have entered a new year. As this Year begins, let us hope for a year of peace, happiness, goodness and God's grace. Beginning of the New Year is an apt time to pause and reflect on the year gone, and to dream of better things for the year ahead. We need to learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.

At this juncture, I hope that the challenging words of Paul from his Epistle to Philippians are relevant to give more meaning to our Christian journey. "... But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus" (Phil: 3:13-14).

Paul's clear vision and decision is evident in his words - '...But one thing I do...'. This points his commitment to live for Christ. For him this is what life is all about and he has decided to forsake everything to become the true disciple of Christ. We can see from his later life that Paul stood firm in those words. A life totally committed to God has nothing to fear, nothing to lose, nothing to regret. Paul's commitment shows how much risk he could take for the crucified one. We make choices every day but never really think deeply about our choice. As we enter the New Year, new decisions are made. But for many, the difficulty is not being able to stick to those decisions. It is a time to recall our commitment to Christ and renew our life.

To stick on his decisions Paul had given importance to two things. He tried to forget what is behind and strained toward what is ahead (v. 13). We can look at the past, learn from the past, but we can't live in the past. We have to give our past to Jesus. There are two things we must forget from our yesterdays: our defeats and pride of our victories. When it comes to our defeats, we have to forget our injuries and wounds and let God heal us of those hurts. At the same time, if we are pride in our achievements and rely on our past glories we will be self centered and will not be ready to rely on the power of God. Paul completely depended on the power that God gave him. Paul has used the analogy of a runner who focuses on the goal ahead of him. This prevents distractions and stumbling. Paul's spiritual goal is stated directly here: "the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." He looks forward to the ultimate reward for his faithful service. Let us move ahead in the life with a clear vision and motive for the coming year.

In the midst of this difficult time of pandemic, we are thankful to the Almighty that we could conduct our Christmas Carol Rounds and Carol service. Appreciate each and every person who was involved in one way or the other in this fellowship. The senior and junior Choir was radiant and sang songs that proclaimed the birth of Jesus Christ. Their hard wearing efforts made the service melodious and gracious.

Wishing you all a Blessed Year filled with Joy, Happiness and Good Health. May the Almighty Bless you all.

Yours in Christ,

Shibu Achen

PRAYER GROUP & ORGANIZATIONS MEETINGS					
PRAYER GROUP/ ORGANISATION	DATES		DAY	VENUE ZOOM/RESIDENCE OF	TIME
Gloria	13 Jan		Thursday	Zoom	7:30pm
Sehion – Moriah	14 Jan		Friday	Zoom	6:30pm
Kerith – Emmanuel	14 Jan		Friday	Zoom	6:30pm
Zion	14 Jan		Friday	Zoom	7:30pm
St. Luke & Jerusalem	21 Jan		Friday	Zoom	6:30pm
St.Thomas	21 Jan		Friday	Mr.Mathew Chacko	7:30pm
Gilead	28 Jan		Friday	Mr. Noel Joe Cherian	6:00pm
Carmel & St Pauls	28 Jan		Friday	Mr.Binu Jacob	7:30pm
Edavaka mission	20 Jan		Thursday	Zoom	7:30pm
Yuvajana Sakhyam	7 Jan	21 Jan	Friday	Zoom	10:30am
Sevika Sanghom	8 Jan	22 Jan	Saturday	Zoom	10:00am



Friday, 7.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m.
Hall of Faith, NECK

Saturday, 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.
Hall of Peace, NECK



LECTIONARY				
2 January We are called to Evangelize	9 January "Overcoming the Addictions"	16 January 'Victory through Fasting & Prayer'	23 January Church: Incorporated to be One Body	30 January The Pandemic: Which should lead us to firm faith
<u>Lessons</u> Exod 3:1-17 Acts 16:6-10	<u>Lessons</u> Josh 7:16-26 Eph 5:8-21	<u>Lessons</u> 1Sam 7:1-5 1Cor 12:12-20	<u>Lessons</u> 1Kgs 18:21-39 Acts 12:1-12	<u>Lessons</u> 2Sam 24:15-25 Rom 8:22-28
<u>Epistle & Gospel</u> Acts 26:19-23 Luke 10:1-11	<u>Epistle & Gospel</u> 1Chr 6:9-11 Matt 18:6-11	<u>Epistle & Gospel</u> Eph 4:1-7 John 15:1-12	<u>Epistle & Gospel</u> Eph 6:10-20 Matt 17:14-21	<u>Epistle & Gospel</u> Acts 11:27-30 Mark 6:53-56

OFFICE BEARERS					
Vice President	Secretary	Trustee (Finance)	Trustee (Accounts)	Lay Ministrant	Lay Ministrant
Mr. Bijumon C John 98857649	Mrs. Annamma George 97961402	Mr. Johnson Kuttachen 60332450	Mr. Jacob Thomas 96679804	Mr.Babykutty Daniel 96742885	Mr. Thomas Mathai 66923257

BIRTHDAYS			
DATE	NAME	PRAYER GROUP	MEM #
1-Jan	Mrs.Merin P George	St. Luke- Salmiya	136
1-Jan	Mr.Jijo Jacob Mathew	St. Luke- Salmiya	225
1-Jan	Miss.Jewel Garce Abraham	St. Pauls- Salmiya	218
1-Jan	Miss.Joshna	St. Luke- Salmiya	213
1-Jan	Mrs.Sherin Elizabeth Sajan	Zion-Halifa/Fahahee	140
1-Jan	Miss.Shanty Mary Jose	Gilead - Sharq	2
2-Jan	Mr.Jojo T John	Gloria - Riggae	214
3-Jan	Master.Jake T Mathew	Gilead - Sharq	102
4-Jan	Mr.Vipin wilson	Gloria - Riggae	292
5-Jan	Mr.Sanumon Valsalam	Gloria - Riggae	310
6-Jan	Mr.Manu Easow	Emmanuel - Farwaniya	93
6-Jan	Dr Mrs.Shanti Marium Alexander	Emmanuel - Farwaniya	217
6-Jan	Mr.Ciril B Mathew	Emmanuel - Farwaniya	188
7-Jan	Mrs.Sunimol Thanckachan	Gloria - Riggae	294
8-Jan	Miss.Angel Aleena Biju	Sehion - Salmiya	69
10-Jan	Mrs.Vijila Sara Liju	Emmanuel - Farwaniya	284
10-Jan	Master.Shayne John mathews	Gloria - Riggae	294
11-Jan	Mrs.Jovitha Alice Joseph	Zion-Halifa/Fahahee	187
11-Jan	Mrs.Smitha Joy	Kerith - Abbasiya	125
12-Jan	Mr.Reji Varghese	Gilead - Sharq	3
12-Jan	Mrs.Neethu Matheww	Kerith - Abbasiya	277
14-Jan	Miss.Evana Liz Saibu	Sehion - Salmiya	193
14-Jan	Dr.Pramod John	Gilead - Sharq	50
14-Jan	Mrs.Reena Mary Mathews	Sehion - Salmiya	68
15-Jan	Mr.Baby Kutty Daniel	Emmanuel - Farwaniya	181
16-Jan	Mrs.Lata Mary Varghese	Emmanuel - Farwaniya	8
16-Jan	Mr.David Sam George	Zion-Halifa/Fahahee	288
17-Jan	Mr.Shibu Philip Mathai	Gilead - Sharq	281
17-Jan	Dr Sarita T. Sunny	Gilead - Sharq	264
17-Jan	Mr.Siju M. Varghese	Emmanuel - Farwaniya	233
18-Jan	Mr.Zachariah K Thomas	St. Pauls- Salmiya	36
19-Jan	Master.Johan Joseph John	Kerith - Abbasiya	156
19-Jan	Mr.Johnson Kuttachen	Gloria - Riggae	170
20-Jan	Mr.Sam Peter	Zion-Halifa/Fahahee	138
21-Jan	Master.Allen Jacob Alex	St. Luke- Salmiya	73
22-Jan	Mrs.Celin Bijumon	Sehion - Salmiya	69
23-Jan	Miss.Samuel Paul Ajo	Emmanuel - Farwaniya	304
24-Jan	Mrs.Teena Mary Oommen	Zion-Halifa/Fahahee	254
25-Jan	Miss.Rebekah Elise Noel	Gilead - Sharq	84
25-Jan	Mr.Libi Samuel	Gilead - Sharq	71
25-Jan	Master.Mathew Philip	Gilead - Sharq	281
27-Jan	Mr.Byju Joseph	Moria - Hawally	184
27-Jan	Mr.Binu Mathew Jacob	St. Pauls- Salmiya	99
28-Jan	Mr.Nibu Mathew Titus	Zion-Halifa/Fahahee	18
29-Jan	Mrs.Rani Elizabeth Samuel	Carmel - Salmiya	104
29-Jan	Mr.Thomas Thottumkal	Carmel - Salmiya	104
29-Jan	Miss.Lea Sara Abraham	Kerith - Abbasiya	76
30-Jan	Mr.Renji T Abraham	St. Thomas- Salmiya	111
30-Jan	Mr.Binosh Babu	Moria - Hawally	123
30-Jan	Mr.Kovoor Abraham Kurian	Gloria - Riggae	282
31-Jan	Master.Alex K Thomas	Gilead - Sharq	89

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY			
DATE	NAME	PRAYER GROUP	MEM #
3-Jan	Mr. Dayal Parangot, Mrs. Sanitha Dayal	Gloria - Riggae	278
3-Jan	Mr. Sibu Kurien Jacob, Mrs. Leen Elizabeth Sibu	Sehion - Salmiya	53
4-Jan	Mr. Saibu Simon Abraham, Mrs. Litha Sara Mathew	Sehion - Salmiya	193
5-Jan	Mr. Liju George, Mrs. Jinu Elsa Jacob	Gloria - Riggae	299
7-Jan	Mr. Jacob Naveen Jacob, Mrs. Ammu Rachel John	Carmel - Salmiya	315
10-Jan	Mr. Shelly Mathew Erattolil, Mrs. Nigy Shelly Erattolil	Jerusalem - Salmiya	215
10-Jan	Mr. John Joseph, Mrs. Sijo Susan Koshy	Kerith - Abbasiya	156
11-Jan	Mr. Shibu P. Samuel, Mrs. Tintu K. Sebastian	Gloria - Riggae	313
12-Jan	Mr. Jojo Kurian Thomas, Mrs. Teena Raju	Moria - Hawally	261
16-Jan	Mr. Abraham K.O, Mrs. Jinu Abraham	Sehion - Salmiya	203
19-Jan	Mr. jesson Thomas, Mrs. Jisha Jesson	Gloria - Riggae	312
27-Jan	Mr. Varghese Philip, Mrs. Deepa Varghese	St. Pauls- Salmiya	91
27-Jan	Mr. Rony Mathew Roy, Mrs. Bincy Joseph	Emmanuel - Farwaniya	204
27-Jan	Mr. Toney P. Idicula, Mrs. Teena Mary Oommen	Zion-Halifa/Fahahee	254
27-Jan	Mr. Jose Varghese, Mrs. Annamma Jose	Gilead - Sharq	2

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

CONDOLENCES



Mr. Kochunnoonny Koshy, 87 years, Bethel Puthen Veedu Thalavoor, father of our Vicar, Rev. Shibu K was taken to eternal glory.

St James Parish express our deepest condolence to our Shibu Achen and family members and pray for God's strength, comfort and peace at this time of grief.

Let us uphold Achen and his family in our prayers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday School

Sunday School will re-open on the 3rd week of January

Registration of New Admissions has started.
Those who have not yet registered, please do.



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14



HaManahel Online Church Directory

We are happy to inform that the Online Church Directory is ready for use to provide 24/7 access to up-to-date information of our Church and members from any mobile device.

Glimpses



Christmas Holy Communion Service



Christmas Carols



Christmas Carols Rounds House-to-House