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Parish Messenger

Thought for the month

Remember: Do not regret growing older; it is a privilege denied to many

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Programmes

August 3: Holy Communion Service in Sanpada at 7.00am and Panvel at 11am.

August 5: Atmaya Meeting at 7:30pm in Sanpada Church.

August 9: Women's Fellowship Meeting in the house of Mrs. Lilian Florence Stephens in Koparkhairne at 4:30pm.

August 10: Holy Communion Service in Sanpada at 7.00am and Panvel at 11am. (Tithe Offertory Collection)- Choir Sunday.

August 10: Committee Meeting after the church service at side room.

August 10: Cottage Prayer at the house of Mr. Josey Oommen at 6pm

August 12: Atmaya Meeting at 7:30pm in Sanpada Church.

August 15: Union Youth Retreat and Talent Competition from 8:30am onwards

August 17: Holy Communion Service in Sanpada at 7.00am and Panvel at 11am.

August 17: Youth Meeting in the house of Ms. Lavina V. John at 6pm

August 19: Atmaya Meeting at 7:30pm in Sanpada Church.

August 22: Cottage Prayer at the house of Mr. T. G. Kurian at 8:00pm

August 24: Combined Holy Communion Service in Sanpada at 4.30pm. **August 26:** Atmaya Meeting at 7:30pm in Sanpada Church. **August 31:** Matins Service in Sanpada at 7.00am and Panvel at 11am.

Motto for the year 2014

"Clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature" (Romans 13: 14)

Message from the Presbyter

Dear Friends in Christ,

Make old age a blessing

Old age, for sure, has become a major concern in today's world. In fact, in Kerala, one finds fastest aging population. Young generation leave Kerala in search of job and the remaining aged parents find it very hard to push their lives ahead. We also see shocking news from our daily newspaper that children abandon their aged parents before Temples and other public places. Why such unrest situations becoming rampant in the society? The government is planning various schemes to help the needs of the growing elderly population.

Coupled with various physical, mental and social problems, the lack of time on the part of the younger generation to be with the aged and help them, pushes the elderly to a state of total isolation and loneliness. And further, the demands of the deteriorating health of the elderly, worsens the problem. On the one hand, this is time when they crave for fellowship and care. Moreover, their physical condition makes them more dependent on others. But, on the other hand, it is at this time that they are involuntarily committed to make difficult but unavoidable adjustments with their children and their family. Hence, old age is for certain, a hard time to cope with the world.

It is a matter of fact that in this world, there is no one without problems. But, it is when we focus more on the problems, that they appear to be big and magnified. The greatest art of human life is to adjust with such problems and continue life; or in other words, to overcome problems in life. When God created humans, He did not intend them to live as individuals, and therefore, He created them as family, and therefore, they are social animals. That underlines the fact that individual effort alone cannot sort out problems in life. What we need is a collective effort and family, for sure, should be the basic unit, where those efforts should be initiated. It is when family fails that society sets up similar institutions to solve problems. But without the support of families no institution can play a positive role in society.

Old age homes are the result of failure/ lack of time of present day families in supporting the elderly. If old age homes are seen as an additional supportive role for the elderly, it is useful. But when it becomes the only source of help in the old age, that society will face disintegration because family fails there. Family has a crucial role to play in supporting the aged. Biblically, it is children's responsibility to take care of their parents in old age. We should not forget this basic lesson in life at any cost.

Problems related to health, friendship and care for the elderly are common to every human. We need cooperation and adjustments in life from both the older and younger generations. It will be difficult to

overcome problems and make adjustments when we think merely on human grounds. Above all our efforts, we need to recognize the help that God could grant us in problem situation. At the same time, we cannot leave matters to God in the pretext of escaping from our responsibilities. Jesus severely criticizes the mindset of the people of His day: "But you say, if one tells the father or the mother, whatever you would have gained from me is Corban (that is, given to God)- then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, thus making void the word of God" (Mark 7:11). Divine instructions are for us to lead a meaningful life and not to neglect our responsibilities.

But because God is invisible, we should not think that God has no role to play in human problems. The reality is that without God humans cannot entirely solve their problems. The Bible says: My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth (Ps 121: 2); In the day of trouble I call upon you, for you answer me (psalm 86: 7). God is an ever present help to us (Ps 46:1).

Therefore let us commit to God, our elderly in their times of need and make their life happy and pleasant. Amen.

With love and prayers, Rev. Varghese Enathickal V. Email: presbyter.sanpadajmc@gmail.com

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News & Notes

Previous Month Highlights

Youth Sunday: Youth Sunday was celebrated on July 20, Sunday. Youth had taken initiative to visit few Aids centers in Navi-Mumbai to understand their agony and challenges. The visit had made a positive result in the minds of our youth, especially with regard to their faith and hope in Jesus.

Accordingly, Mr. Ande Eicher, the director of a Christian NGO, Jeevan Sahara Kendra, was invited to preach in our church on Youth Sunday. His message added to our youth's effort in understanding the struggles, pain and hope of people affected with HIV.

Youth sang a song learned from the inmates of one of the centers. They also prepared a presentation based on which Ms. Sharon John shared their experiences with the church members.

Present Month Programs

Union Youth Retreat: Union youth retreat is organized this year by our church on Aug 15. Our youth are working behind to arrange this day event. It is a one day retreat based on the <u>theme:</u> <u>Transpower your life: Be a Transpowered Christian.</u> Mr. Malcolm Stephen will take the morning sessions. In afternoon, we are planning a talent competition for the youth of all the churches. Please pray for this retreat and the blessing of all the participants.

Atmaya Fellowship Meeting: Atmaya Fellowship meetings will be held on all Tuesdays at 7:30pm in Church.

Women's Fellowship Meetings: Women's fellowship meeting will be held on August 9, Saturday, at 4:30pm in the house of Mrs. Lilian Florence Stephens. Address: 403, Bldg No.10, Balaji Gardens, Sec-11, Koparkhairane.

Committee Meeting: Committee meeting will be held on August 10, Sunday, after the Holy Communion service in the church side room. All committee members are requested to attend.

Cottage Prayer: At the house of Mr. **Josey Oommen** on August 10, **Sunday**, at 6:00pm. **Address:** Flat No. 205, Shiv Chyaa Building, H. No. 75, Sector-19B, Koparkhairane, Navi-Mumbai. **Phone:** 9768010570.

Youth Meeting: Youth meeting will be held on August 17, Sunday, in the house of Ms. Lavina V. John at 5pm. Address: Plot No. 62/9, Ebenezer, Sector 28, Vashi, Navi Mumbai 400703. Mob: 9664051602

Cottage Prayer: At the house of Mr. **T. G. Kurian** on August 22nd, **Saturday**, at **8:00pm**. **Address:** D-1/503, Lenyadri CHS, Plot No. 47/1, Sector-19A, Nerul, Navi-Mumbai. Phone: 9869038440.

Tithe Offering Day: Tithe will be collected on every second Sunday (August 10). You are requested to offer your tithe contribution in the church offertory envelope.

Change of Address:

Mr. W K David: Nirmala CHS, Flat No. 303, Sector 36, Kamothe.

Mr. Sabu Varghese: Nirmala CHS, Room No. 202, Sector 36, Plot 31, Kamothe.

Mr. Josey Oommen: Flat no. 205, Shiv Chyaa Building, H. No. 75, Sector19B, Koperkhairane.

Prayer Requests

1. Mr. John P. Mathew- 9820456808 (for good health)

2. Mother of Mr. W. J. Mathai (022-27703681) for happy and peaceful old age.

3. Mother of Mr. Sudeep Philips (Mob: 8879640355) for good health.

- 4. Mrs. Suja Thomas Thyparambil (9820866250) for healing from arthritis.
- 5. Father of Rev. Reni Philip, Vakola church vicar.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR AUGUST 2014

3rd August: 8th Sunday after Pentecost Theme: Jesus teaches us to be bold in God's service Isaiah 41: 8-13 Psalm 56: 1-13 Philippians 1: 27-30 Matthew 10: 24-33 10th August: 9th Sunday after Pentecost (Choir Sunday) Theme: Worship: Praise and glory to Almighty Exodus 15: 1-21 Psalm 122 Revelation 19: 1-16 Luke 19: 36-40 17th August: 10th Sunday after Pentecost Theme: God care for those who are heavily burdened Exodus 19: 1-6 Psalm 23 Hebrew 4: 14-5:5 Matthew 11: 25-30 24th August: 11th Sunday after Pentecost Theme: Thanksgiving for Batholomew and all the apostles through whom Christ has built up his Church. Genesis 28: 10-17 Psalm 25: 8-14 Revelation 21: 9-14 John 1: 43-51 31st August: 12th Sunday after Pentecost Theme: The fruitfulness of the Gospel depends on how it is received Ionah 3 Psalm 85: 7-12

1 Thessalonians 1Natthew 13: 1-9; 18-23

SCRIPTURE READING NAMES- SANPADA

	1 st Lesson	Psalms	2 nd Lesson
03.08.14	Mr. Winford S.J	Ms. Sony Thomas	Mr. Dannie Isaac Winford
10.08.14	Mr. Biju C. Alex	Ms. Feba Mathews	/Ir. Mithun C. Roy
17.08.14	Mr. C. G. Thomas N	/Irs. Annamma Thomas (Kamo	othe) Mrs. Megha Mathews
24.08.14	Mr. Oommen George	e Mrs. Helen Jacob	Mr. Joel John
31.08.14	Mr. Saji C. Thomas	Mrs. Sherly Verghese	e Mrs. Sosa Kurian

PEACE

- 03.08.14 Mr. & Mrs. Binu G. Thomas
- 10.08.14 Mr. Rijo George Cherian; Ms. Lavina V. John
- 17.08.14 Mr. & Mrs. Joju John
- 24.08.14 Mr. & Mrs. Bino Oommen

INTERCESSION

03.08.14	Mrs. Susha John
10.08.14	Ms. Neha Varghese
17.08.14	Mr. Vinod Oommen
24.08.14	Mr. Sajan George
31.08.14	Adv. Chandy Kurian

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OFFERTORY

Mr. Reuben Kurien; Akash Joseph John Mr. Reuben Kurien; Dan K. George Mr. Reuben Kurien; Aleesha Ann Philip Mr. Reuben Kurien; Sanaya Shaji Mr. Reuben Kurien; Abel Joseph Paul

SCRIPTURE READING NAMES – PANVEL

	1 ^s ' Lesson	Psalms
03.08.14	Mr. Babu K	Mrs. Shiny Sab
10.08.14	Mr. Ashok Abraham	Mrs. Saramma
17.08.14	Mr. K. K. Johnson	Mrs. Rachel Jo
24.08.14	Mr. A. C. Jacob	Mrs. Liji Babu

31.08.14 Mr. John Thomas

INTERCESSION

03.08.14Mrs. Susan Samuel10.08.14Mrs. Sinu Ashol17.08.14Mrs. Shiney Sam24.08.14Mr. Binny Johnson31.08.14Mrs. Persis Jacob

Psalms	2 nd Lesson			
Mrs. Shiny Sabu	Mr. Jiju Sam			
Mrs. Saramma Isaac	Ms. Biji Babu			
Mrs. Rachel John	Mast. Edwin James Jacob			
Mrs. Liji Babu	Ms. Mary John			
Mrs. Bindu John	Ms. Bijitta David			

PEACE

Mr.	&	Mrs.	Sam Thomas
Mr.	&	Mrs.	W. K. David
Mr.	&	Mrs.	Sabu Varghese
Mr.	&	Mrs.	Solomon Samuel

	BIRTHDAYS				
01-Aug	Mast. Vian Chandy Alex	Nerul			
01-Aug	Ms. Sony Thomas	Thurbe			
02-Aug	Mr. Bobby P. Cherian	Nerul			
04-Aug	Mr. Winford S.J	Kharghar			
07-Aug	Mr. Dannie Isaac Winford	Kharghar			
08-Aug	Miss. Rachel Mary Oommen	Nerul			
09-Aug	Mr. C.G. Thomas	Vashi			
10-Aug	Ms. Niya Geetha Josey	Koperkhairne			
11-Aug	Mast. Ryaan Roshin	CBD Belapur			
12-Aug	Mrs. Annamma Thomas	Kamothe			
13-Aug	Mrs. Rachel John	Panvel			
13-Aug	Mrs. Megha Mathews	CBD Belapur			
14-Aug	Mrs. Annie Joju	Sanpada			
14-Aug	Mast. Edwin James Jacob	Panvel			
15-Aug	Mr. Samuel John	Quatar			
16-Aug	Mr. Oommen George	Nerul			
17-Aug	Mr. Vinod Oommen Ninan	Kharghar			
18-Aug	Mrs. Helen Jacob	Vashi			
19-Aug	Miss. Joanna Sarah John	Panvel			
20-Aug	Mr. Vishal Cherian	Vashi			
20-Aug	Mrs. Annamma Joseph	Vashi			
21-Aug	Mr. Sajan J. George	Nerul			

23-Aug	Mr. Joel John	Vashi			
25-Aug	Mrs. Sosa Kurian	Nerul			
27-Aug	Ms. Mary John	Panvel			
30-Aug	Mrs. Elizabeth John	Sanpada			
	WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES				
14-Aug	Mr. & Mrs. Philip John	Nerul			
17-Aug	Mr. & Mrs. Binu G. Thomas	Airoli			
20-Aug	Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Varghese Itty	Nerul			
21-Aug	Mr. & Mrs. Bino Oommen	Kharghar			
26-Aug	Mr. & Mrs. Saji C. Thomas	Nerul			
27-Aug	Dr. & Mrs. Jowin J. William	Vashi			

Church Calendar 2014	
Choir Sunday	August 10
Union Youth Retreat (Sanpada Church)	August 15
Church AGM	August 24
Union Sunday School Retreat (Mulund)	August 24
Spiritual Revival Week	Sept 15-21
Joint Holy Communion Service of 7 Churches (Vakola)	September 28
Union Women's Fellowship Retreat (Borivali)	October 2
Union Carol Service (Vasai)	December 28

Receipts & Payment from April to Jun'14						
Month	April '14		May '14		Jun '14	
Account Heads	Receipt	Payment	Receipt	Payment	Receipt	Payment
Birthday Offering	5,400	-	6,600	-	11,200	-
Choir Conveyance & Exp	1,200	-	-	-	-	-
Good Friday Offertory	6,005	6,005	-	-	-	-
Harvest Fest. Receivable	3,500	-	-	-	10,500	-
Miscellaneous	8,850	-	750	120	-	710
Offertory	19,370	-	6,765	-	17,565	-
Offertory Panvel	1,755	-	3,858	-	8,481	-
Parsonage Fund	2,000	-	2,000	-	2,000	-
Parsonage Maint.	-	-	1,500	-	1,000	-
Self-Denial Collection	18,500	-	2,000	-	50	-
Special Thank Offering	-	-	3,000	-	4,000	-
Student Thank Offering	-	-	-	-	3,900	-
Subscription Receivable	5,700	-	800	-	-	-
Tithe Collection	1,800	-	1,700	-	23,100	-
Wedding Thank Offering	-	-	4,000	-	2,500	-
Allowance to Priest	-	24,000	-	24,000	-	24,000
Charity	-	30,000	-	-	-	-
Church Website Exp	-	-	-	25,000	-	-
FD with Bank	-	-	-	8,200	-	-
Gift to Bishop/ Priest	-	10,500	-	2,500	-	1,500
Meeting Expenses	-	-	-	1,180	-	-
Parsonage Rent	-	1,202	-	1,262	-	19,262
Passion Week Exp	-	23,830	-	3,200	-	-
Printing and Stationary	-	250	-	-	-	_
Rent Payable	-	1,262	_	_		_
Sports Day	-	_	_	_		16,950
Tea Snacks	-	2,505	-	1,440	-	4,555
Union of Malayalam Churches		1,260	_	2,020		
Total	74,080	1,00,814	32,973	68,922	84,296	66,977
Net Amount		-26,734		-35,949		17,319

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