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Thought for the month

“ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.”

John 14:18

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Programmes

- December 02:** Cottage prayer at the residence of Mr. A.C. Jacob, Panvel at 7.30pm.
- December 03:** Combined confirmation class and exam
- December 04:** Confirmation service and Holy Communion at 11am at Jubilee Church, Sanpada and thereafter lunch at Ashraya Hall, Sanpada.
- December 06:** Atmaya Meeting at 7.30 pm in Sanpada Church
- December 11:** Matins service in Sanpada at 7.30am and in Panvel at 11 am respectively. Management Committee meeting at 9am at Jubilee Church.
- December 11:** Christmas carol service at 6.30pm at Jubilee Church Sanpada.
- December 12-17:** House to house carol rounds from 7pm to 10pm.
- December 18:** HC service in Sanpada at 7.30am and in Panvel at 11 am respectively.
- December 25:** Combined HC Service in Sanpada at 7.30.am (Christmas Service and Family Sunday)
- December 31:** Watch Night service and Holy Communion Service at 10.30 pm at First floor of Jubilee Sanpada Church.

Motto for the year 2016

“Let us love one another, for Love comes from God.” I John 4:7

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Message from the Presbyter

Dear Beloved- in- Christ,

“Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ”.

“How is it that the teachers of the law say that the Christ is the son of David?” Mark.12:35

Son of David Vs the Christ: This month we are going to celebrate the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ our Lord. We often think of Christ as Jesus' second name or surname, but this was a title, meaning “Messiah,” not a name (his family name would have been Jesus bar Joseph, meaning “Jesus son of Joseph”). Altogether there are some fifty names or titles for Jesus in the New Testament, among them Lord (a title of respect), Master (another title of respect), Teacher, Rabbi (a more revered teacher), Son of David, the Galilean, the Nazarene, the Carpenter, the Prophet, the Lamb, the Word, the Lion of Judah, and the Alpha and the Omega. However, the three most common titles are-Messiah, Son of Man and Son of God. Still the titles given to Jesus in the Bible are not so clear to some of us. The above statement from the Mark gospel was difficult to understand and it gives us lot of arguments. But when we look into certain authentic Bible versions we can understand the meaning of it. “How can the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David?” In the early parts of the New Testament Christ is never a proper name, as nowadays it has come to be. It has in fact in this passage the definite article before it and so is translated the Christ. Christos and Messiah are the Greek and the Hebrew for the same word, and both mean the Anointed one.

The reason for the use of the title is that in ancient times a man was made king by being anointed with oil. Christos and Messiah then both mean God's Anointed King, the great one who is to come from God to save his people. Here Jesus is not directly referring to himself. But he is really

saying, How can the scribes say that God's Anointed King who is to come is the Son of David? In Verse 36 he quotes Psalm 110:1 and asks why David addresses Jesus as Lord. The purpose of the quotation was to show that the Messiah was more than a descendant of David-He was David's Lord. Ps.110- oracles concerning the Messianic King-Priest. This Psalm is frequently referred to in the NT testimony to Christ. Like Ps.2, it has the marks of a coronation psalm, composed for use at the enthronement of a new Davidic Messianic. Because of the manner in which it has been interpreted in the NT- especially by Jesus (Mt.22;43-45, Mk.12:36-37, Lk.20:42-44) by Peter(Acts 2:34-36)and the author of Hebrews(Heb. 1:13, 5:6-10, 7:11-28).

The trouble was that the title Son of David had got itself inextricably entangled with the idea of a conquering Messiah. It had got involved in political and nationalistic hopes and dreams, aims and ambitions. Jesus was saying that the title Son of David, as it was popularly used, is quite inadequate description of himself. He was Lord. This word Lord (the Greek Kurios) is the regular translation of Jahweh (Jehovah) in the Greek version of the Hebrew Scriptures. Always its use would turn men's thought to God. What Jesus was saying was that he came not to found any earthly kingdom but to bring men God. Jesus is trying to take from men's minds their idea of a conquering warrior Messiah who would found an earthly empire, and seeking to put into them the idea of a Messiah who would be the servant of God and bring to men the love of God. The mission and meaning of the all the titles given to Jesus is deeply meaningful. When we try to understand it faithfully, we certainly realize the facts and get the true revelations. So let us celebrate the birth of Jesus by knowing and experiencing him personally.

I wish you all a happy Christmas and a Blessed New year.

May God Bless you

With love and prayers,
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Dawn in the East-Tale of Tharangambadi

Biju George

1. Tharangambadi, is a town in the Nagapattinam district of Tamil Nadu about 15 kilometres north of Karaikal. Tharangambadi in Tamil means 'the dashing of the ocean waves on the shore'. What is less known is that this sleepy south Indian hamlet is inextricably linked with the protestant missionary movement in India. To this town (named then as Tranquebar by foreigners) came Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg a 24 years old depressed and frail German university student German from the Lutheran tradition on 09 July 1706, the first protestant missionary to land in the Indian Soil.

2. Ziegenbalg was born in Pulsnitz, Saxony on July 10, 1682 to poor but devout Christian parents. The hardships of war, his village suffering the plague and a severe fire, and the death of both parents and two sisters before he turned six, caused Ziegenbalg to think much about death, heaven, and hell. Ziegenbalg thereafter had a conversion experience while in high-school. He suffered repeated illness and also inner conflicts which interrupted his studies. When King Frederick IV of Denmark wanted a couple of missionaries, two suitable German candidates, Ziegenbalg and his fellow student Heinrich Plütschau, were selected and ordained at Copenhagen and were sent to the Danish trade establishment of Tranquebar in Tamil Nadu.

3. Within the first year they had baptized their first converts, baptizing their first Indian converts on May 12, 1707, but they met increasing opposition from the local Hindu religious leaders and from the local Danish authorities, particularly the Danish chaplains. In 1707-8 Ziegenbalg spent four months in prison on a charge that by converting the natives he was encouraging rebellion. Ziegenbalg was popular, however, with many common Tamils because he was very sympathetic to them. He shared life with the Tamil people, learned their language; he began to study their religion. He saw fellow human beings, created equally in the image of God. Another contribution from Ziegenbalg is seen in his keenness to reach the marginalised. He reached out to the untouchables and others whose place in the caste system restricted them. He sought to elevate them socially, as equals in the gospel. He also started the first school for girls, so they could be given opportunities previously denied them. More than the opposition, he had to cope with the climatic conditions in Tranquebar.

Ziegenbalg wrote: “My skin was like a red cloth. The heat here is very great, especially during April, May and June, in which season the wind blows from the inland so strongly that it seems as if the heat comes straight out of the oven”.

4. Ziegenbalg can be credited with many important accomplishments during his years in India. After his encounter with the Tamil people and Tamil culture, the German Lutheran missionary was determined to master it and translate the Bible to communicate with the natives. He soon set up a printing press, and published studies of the Tamil language and of Indian religion and culture. His translation of the New Testament into Tamil in 1715 opened up Tamil language to the printing technology. He translated the New Testament into Tamil in 1715, and completed a translation of the Old Testament from Genesis through Ruth. Both his translations and the church building he constructed are still in use today. He also established a seminary to train native clergy. In 1713 Ziegenbalg wrote: “We may remember on this Occasion, how much the Art of Printing contributed to the Manifestation of divine Truths, and the spreading of Books for that End, at the Time of the happy Reformation, which we read of in History, with Thanksgiving to Almighty God.”

5. He went so far as to find points of contact between the bhakti spirituality that dominated Tamil Hinduism and his own Pietist form of Christianity, both of which longed for a personal relationship with God. In Jesus Christ, Ziegenbalg was able at last to offer what the Tamil practitioners of bhakti had been waiting for. But he didn't condemn the desire that bhakti had formed in them. Rev. Dr. Herb Hoefler - Missions Chair: Concordia University, Portland has commented “South India has the largest number of Christians in India, largely because Ziegenbalg set a pattern of holistic involvement that addressed people's social, economic, and spiritual needs. The gospel he proclaimed and implemented gave both hope and dignity, and people eagerly responded to the work of the Holy Spirit in their hearts and lives”. The Christian Century commented on Ziegenbalg's approach as follows: “Christianity is not the culture-destroying invasion so many assume it to be; again and again it has proven to be an active force in preserving cultures. Right in the face of aggressive empire, Ziegenbalg affirmed, protected, and promoted indigenous Tamil culture, for gospel reasons. At the same time, on account of the same gospel, he sought to remove and suppress those elements of the culture that opposed human dignity and flourishing”.

6. It would be no exaggeration to recognize Ziegenbalg as “the father of modern Protestant mission.” This would be an impressive designation for

someone who was only in the mission field for a total of 13 years, made a mere 250 converts, and was roundly persecuted by the governor, the colonists, and even his own supervisors and for one who is credited for not only printing the first English book in Asia but also writing the first Tamil dictionary.

7. Ziegenbalg was troubled by ill health his entire life, a condition aggravated by his work in the mission field. He died on February 23, 1719, at the age of thirty-six, in Tranquebar. We are told that on his deathbed he shaded his eyes and cried out: "How is it so bright, as if the sun shone in my face ..." he was buried at The New Jerusalem church in Tranquebar, which he and his associates completed in 1718. His last 13 years were spent laying the foundations for scholarship in Tamil that continues to this day. Much later it would be recognized that with him "a new epoch in the history of the Christian mission had begun". Today the Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church carries on his work. In 2006, the Govt of India released a postal stamp in honour of Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg commemorating his contribution to the Tamil culture and literature.

8. The great missionary had an equally great vision- that India should know Jesus Christ. This article commenced with the mention of 'the dashing of the ocean waves on the shore'. The waves that Ziegenbalg stirred in Tharangambadi more than three centuries ago is still having it ripple effect criss-crossing our country. Only eternity will reveal the value of work which Ziegenbalg initiated in India. There is a beautiful hymn in Tamil which echoes this sentiment:

Kalmethikkum Deesamellam
Enkartanikku swanthamakum
Kan parkum bhoomiyellam
Kalvari kodi parakkum....

Parakkattum parakkattum
Siluvayin jaya kodi Hallelujah!
Uyaruttum uyarattum
Yeshuvin thirunamam Hallelujah!

9. Let me end this brief write-up on the great missionary with a prayer:
Prayer: We praise you, O Lord, for the example of your servant Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, whom you called to preach the Gospel in India. Raise up, we pray, in

this and every land, heralds and evangelists of your kingdom, that all may come to know the unsearchable riches of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

(Important Post Script: The trigger for writing this article was a powerful sermon by our Missionary Presbyterian Rev Binju Varghese Kuruvilla last month where he made a passing mention on the life and times of Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg).

News & Notes

Previous Month Highlight

World Sunday school Sunday

World Sunday School Sunday was observed on 6th November 2015. Sunday School Children and teachers were leading the service.

Fish Pickle Arrangements

Heartfelt thanks to all the members who have contributed and supported actively for the fish pickle arrangements which was held on 6th and 13th November, 2016. Special thanks to Mr. Patil for granting once again Vashi farmhouse for making fish pickle arrangements.

VBS

From 31st October to 5th November, VBS was conducted in a blessed manner at Jubilee church under the leadership of Tamil, Malayalam, Marathi and English churches. From our church Master Alex and Master Tanish attended the VBS. It was happy to see many children who came from outside the churches. Thanks to Miss. Sharon, Miss. Anjana and Mrs. Mereena Chandy for the involvement as teachers. Thanks to all who have contributed towards the VBS.

Bicentenary Celebration

Bicentenary Celebration closing ceremony was held on 12th November, 2016 at Kottayam Nehru Stadium. Huge rally and public meeting was conducted and more than one Lakh people gathered over there. Mr. P.K. Abraham, Mrs. Molly Abraham, Mr. Bose Thomas, Mrs. Suja Bose, and Mr. Mitun along with the Presbyterian of this church attend the meeting and participated in the rally under the

Presbyter of this church attended the meeting and participated in the rally under the banner of Union Malayalam Churches in Mumbai. Thanks to all the participants and those who contributed for the Bicentenary Celebrations.

Unity Sunday(CSI-CNI-Marthoma)

Unity Sunday was conducted in a splendid manner. Attractive worship service was held on 20th November, 2016 at Thane Marthoma Church. Special thanks to the choir members for their wonderful leadership and cooperation. Heartfelt thanks to Rev. Thomas K. Mathew, Vicar of Marthoma Church Thane and all the office bearers for inviting us for a CSI Worship in Marthoma Church, Thane. Thanks to all those who have attended the service.

Harvest Festival and Parish Day

Harvest Festival and 12th Parish Day was observed on 20th November 2016. This year also, we have honored senior citizens who have completed 65yrs, Mrs. Aleyamma Joseph and also above 80yrs. Special gifts were given to Joel Isaac John and Akash Joseph John for attaining 80% and above in their 10th exams. Rev. Sam N. Joshua was the chief guest. Rev. N.C. David along with Kochamma also attended to lead the service. Mr. Biju George was honored during the worship service for his valuable service to the church. Guests were honored during the service. From the HF cover collection, Auction, Fish pickle donation and sale, and food coupon sales we have received an amount of Rs. 10, 30, 000(Ten Lakhs and thirty thousand) Those who could not put harvest cover offering on November 20th can offer their HF cover collection in any of the coming Sundays. I request all the earning members those who received blessings from God need to donate.

Present Month Programs

Winter Service Timings:

This month onwards the morning worship service time of Jubilee Malayalam Church, sanpada will be at 7.30am.

Church Directory:

Church directory has been sent to you through email. Please check it and if there are any corrections and additions, kindly revert in separate mails to mg_joseph@hotmail.com/ presbyter.sanpadajmc@gmail.com , on or before 4th December 2016.

Sunday School:

Annual exam will be held on 18th December 2016.

Atmaya Fellowship Meeting:

Atmaya fellowship meetings will be held on all Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in Church. Bible study is based on the Book of Acts of Apostles.

Youth Meeting:

Youth meeting will be held on all Sundays soon after the service at 9 am. Variety programs and Bible study will be there. Parents shall encourage the youths to attend the meetings.

Christmas Carol Service:

Carol service will be held on December 11 in Jubilee Church, Sanpada, at 6.30 pm.

House to House Christmas Carol Rounds:

House to house Christmas carol rounds will begin from 12th to 17th December, 2016. Choir will lead the house to house carol rounds. The fund collected will be utilized for the sound system in our church. More details will be announced in Church.

Christmas Service and Family Day:

Combined Christmas service and family day will be held on 25th December 2016 at Jubilee Church, Sanpada at 7.30am.

Year Ending/New Year Service:

Year ending and the New Year Service will be on December 31st at 10.30pm and ends early morning of Sunday (01-01-2017). There will be HC service in Panvel Worship Center at 11am.

Prayer Requests

1. Mrs. DeenammaTharian, mother of Mr. MonzyTharian (for good health)
 2. Miss. Steffi John who has undergone a major surgery for her jaw.
 3. Mr. Ashok Abraham-9892386920 (for good health)
 4. Mrs. Suja Thomas -9820866250(for good health)
 5. Mr. AbrhamMathan (for good health)
 6. Mr. John P. Mathew- 9820456808 (for good health)
 7. Mr. John Thomas -9867886398 (for good health)
 8. Mother of Mr. Sudeep Philips (Mob: 8879640355). She is undergoing dialysis.
 9. The wife of Bishop Joshua, staying in Borivalli. She is undergoing treatment for cancer.
 10. Mr. Shyam Gorath & family, our missionary in Akhloli Village
 11. For the Parsonage project which is on the finalization process.
 12. For all confirmation candidates and all the arrangements of Confirmation on 4th December 2016.
 13. For all the Choir members and the Christmas Carol Service on 11th December, 2016.
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SUNDAY SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR DECEMBER 2016

4th December: 3rd Sunday before Christmas (Advent 2)

Theme: Confirmation

Ezekiel 36:26-28

Ps.

Romans 8:11-17

John 14:15-17

11th December: 2nd Sunday before Christmas(Advent 3)

Theme: John the Baptist- a model for Christian ministers.

Isaiah 11:1-9

Ps.72:1-7

1 Cor.4:1-5

Mathew 3:1-12

18th December: Sunday before Christmas (Advent 4)

Theme: Mary's Son is 'Emmanuel', 'God with us'.

Isaiah 7:1-6

Ps.89:19-29

Galatians 4:1-7

Mathew 1:18-25

25th December: Christmas

Theme: The birth of the Saviour who is the Word made flesh

Micah 5:2-4

Ps.98

Titus 3:4-7

Luke2:1-16

31st December: Year Ending and New Year

Theme: Come the Lord is Good

Nahum 1:1-5

Ps. 34:1-10

1 Peter 2:1-10

John 7:37-39

Scripture Readings, Peace, Elements & Offertory Sanpada

Date	1 st Lesson	Psalms	2 nd Lesson
04.12.16	Mr. Sajan George	Mrs. Shobha Shaji	Mrs. Lini Paul
11.12.16	Mr. Jacob Williams	Mrs. Linet Thariyan	Mrs. Rajee Varghese
18.12.16	Mr. Mathews Philip	Mrs. Anila Jowin	Miss. Reeba Kurian
25.12.16	Mr. Mannoor George Joseph	Mrs. Sera Bibi Cherian	Mrs. Shiny Sabu
31.12.16	Mr. Biju george	Mrs. Susha John	Mrs. Lavina V. John

Date	Peace	Elements
04.12.16	Mr. & Mrs. Babu K.	Mr. & Mrs. John Isaac, Panvel
18.12.16	Mr. & Mrs. John Isaac, Vashi	Mr. & Mrs. V.M.Y. John
25.12.16	Mr & Mrs. Simon John	Mr. & Mrs. Johnson K.
31.12.16	Mr & Mrs. David James	Adv & Mrs. Chandy Kurien

OFFERTORY	
04.12.16	Mr. Reuben Kurien; Ms. Biji Babu
11.12.16	Mr. Reuben Kurien; Ms. Sanaya Shaji
18.12.16	Mr. Reuben Kurien; Ms. Aneeta Rose Paul
25.12.16	Mr. Reuben Kurien; Ms. Sarah B. George
31.12.16	Mr. Dan K. George; Ms. Leah Johnson

Scripture Readings, Peace, Elements & Offertory Panvel

Date	1 st Lesson	Psalms	2 nd Lesson
11.12.16	Mr. Solomon Samuel	Mrs. Persis Jacob	Mrs. Rachel John
18.12.16	Mr. A C Jacob	Mrs. Sinu Ashok	Mrs. Ligi Babu
01.01.17	Mr. John Thomas	Mrs. Shiney Sam	Mrs. Sheena Johnson

Date	Peace	Elements
18.12.16	Mr & Mrs. Sabu Varghese	Mr & Mrs. Prashanth
01.01.17	Mr & Mrs. T.C Isaac	Mr & Mrs. Gabriel Johnson



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Birthdays

01-Dec	Mrs. Susan Samuel	Kharghar
04-Dec	Mrs. Lorraine Sharon Oommen	Nerul
04-Dec	Ms. Sanaya Shaji	Vashi
05-Dec	Mr. Jacob William	Vashi
05-Dec	Mast. Kenneth Feryl Philips	Nerul
06-Dec	Ms. Sayona A Joseph	Nerul
06-Dec	Mast. Josh Mathew George	Nerul
07-Dec	Mr. Bino Oommen	Kharghar
08-Dec	Dr. Varghese Cherian	Vashi
08-Dec	Mrs. Rajee Varghese	Kharghar
10-Dec	Mr. Abraham Seth Mathan	Vashi
12-Dec	Mr. Mathews Philip	Kharghar
12-Dec	Mrs. Mary Joseph	Vashi
13-Dec	Mr. A C Jacob	Panvel
15-Dec	Master. Ansel Abrahm Ashok	Panvel
16-Dec	Mr. Aakash Joseph John	Koparkhairne
20-Dec	Mr. Justin John	Sanpada
21-Dec	Mrs. Anita Samuel	Sanpada
22-Dec	Mr. Mannoor George Joseph	Nerul
22-Dec	Master Hayden Thomas George	Kharghar
25-Dec	Mrs. Ligi Babu	Old Panvel
29-Dec	Ms. Lavina V. John	Vashi

Wedding Anniversaries

18-Dec	Dr. & Mrs. Sagar D. Parab	Chembur
26-Dec	Mr. & Mrs. John Isaac	Panvel
27-Dec	Mr. & Mrs. Babu K.	Old Panvel
27-Dec	Mr. & Mrs. David James	Kharghar
29-Dec	Mr. & Mrs. George Eapen	Kharghar
29-Dec	Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Mathai	Nerul
30-Dec	Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Jeevan Stephens	Kopar Khairane
31-Dec	Mr. & Mrs. T.C. Isaac	Panvel
31-Dec	Mr. & Mrs. Mithun C. Roy	Nerul

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Mrs. Lilly Varghese,
In ever Loving memory of Late Mr. Varghese Mathew K.

