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Jubilee Malayalam Church (CNI)



Parish Messenger for January 2017

Thought for the month

“With everlasting kindness, I will have compassion on you.” Is. 54:8

Jubilee Malayalam Church

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Programmes

January 01: Holy Communion Service in Panvel worship center at 11am.

January 03: Atmaya Meeting at 7.30 pm at Jubilee Church

January 08: Matins service in Sanpada at 7.30am and in Panvel at 11am

Management committee meeting at Jubilee Church at 9.15am

January 08: Union Carol Service at 5pm at Jubilee Church Sanpada.

January 10: Atmaya Meeting at 7.30 pm at Jubilee Church

January 14: Women's Fellowship meeting at 4.30pm at Jubilee Church, Sanpada

January 15: Holy Communion Service in Sanpada at 7.30am and in Panvel at 11am.

January 17: Atmaya Meeting at 7.30 pm at Jubilee Church

January 22: Holy Communion Service in English in Sanpada at 7.30am and in Panvel at 11am.

January 24: Atmaya Meeting at 7.30 pm at Jubilee Church

January 26: Mission visit

January 29: Pulpit change, Holy Communion Service in Sanpada at 7.30am and in Panvel at 11am.

January 31: Atmaya Meeting at 7.30 pm at Jubilee Church

Motto for the year 2017

"Rejoice in the Lord always." (Philippians 4: 4)

Message from the Presbyter

Dear Beloved- in- Christ,

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

“Rejoice in the Lord always”

The Motto for the year 2017 is mentioned above. ‘Rejoice’, the word has complex meanings. But it is somewhat clear in the spiritual realm; when we add the word rejoice to the Lord, that is, ‘rejoice in the lord’. Rejoice is the quality of joy. Paul himself was lying in prison with almost certain death awaiting him; the Philippians were setting out on the Christian way, and dark days, dangers and persecutions inevitably lay ahead, Paul is proclaiming that “Rejoice....I will say it again----Rejoice!’

Some have false notions about happiness. John Maxwell says, some of us suffer from **destination disease**. They think that when they arrive at a certain point, they’ll be happy: when they retire, take a trip to reach that goal. But we should realize that our happiest moments are along the way, not at the end of the trip. Isaiah says, “Morning by morning He wakens my ear to listen like one being taught.” (Isa. 50:4)

Others suffer from **somebody sickness**. “If I could just find somebody to make me happy”. No human being can bring lasting happiness to you! You’ve got to take responsibility for your own happiness. It’s through growing, even when it’s painful, that you find happiness. Paul says, “Let us...to on to maturity.” (Heb 6:1). Isaiah says that God has things to teach you every day. Still others suffer from **yesterday blues**. A woman wrote to a newspaper editor and said, “Your newspaper is not as good as it used to be. He wrote back, ‘It never has been!’ we like to crown the past with the halo and remember only the good times. David said, “This is the day the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.” (Psalm 118:24).

What does rejoice mean for us? Let us meditate and by Grace of God let us find out how meaningful is the word ‘rejoice’ in our faith journey.

I wish you a blessed and prosperous New Year.

May God Bless You,

With love and prayers,

Rev. Binju Varughese Kuruvilla

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God Can Bring Music Back into Your Lives!

Biju George

We are stepping into a New Year. A New Year gives us yet another opportunity to look back as well as look forward. Looking back we have every reason to *thank* our Lord and looking forward we have every reason to *trust* Him.

Many are entering this New Year with a plethora of negatives-Economic decline financial crisis, uncertainty and fear of the future. Many believe that there is a 'Demon' hiding in the demonetization that the central government is currently pursuing. The debate for pros and cons is on and hopefully the dust will settle in a couple of month's time. Despite the negatives I believe that there is a reason for us to sing - the reason for the season - the person and work of Jesus Christ!

There are four songs which are part of the nativity narratives that we read in Gospel according to Luke:

- *Benedictus* : Zecharia's Song (Luke 1: 68-79)
- *Magnificat* : Song of Mary (Luke 1: 46-55)
- *Gloria in excelsis Deo* : Song by angels(Luke 2:14)
- *Nunc Dimmitis* : Simeon's song (Luke 2: 29-32)

What is instructive about these songs are they are sung by or sung to ordinary people. Secondly all these songs except that of Simeon are associated with the visitation by the angels. We don't see any VIPs there. All of them are VOPs- Very Ordinary People! An ordinary *priest* named Zachariah who was one among the 24000 priests waiting their turn to burn incense in the temple, an ordinary peasant *woman* Mary who was visited by angel Gabriel himself. Then the angels brings the good tidings of gladness and joy to a group who were less than ordinary in the first century cultural milieu- the *shepherds*. Finally an *old man* and devout Jew named Simeon whose antecedents we don't know also starts singing!

It is a big relief to know that God's extra-ordinary working happens in the ordinariness of life and that too with ordinary folks like you and me. See the universality of the message that is breaking the barriers of race, rank and sex and cutting across all strata of the society - priests and shepherds, women and men, people in the main stream and those who were marginalized, and making them all sing!

The first Christmas as we have been seeing is splashed with the natural and supernatural, splashed with singing of both earthly and heavenly beings. And indeed it is worship climax that we see in these songs. We can take a cue from the *Gloria in excelsis Deo*, the song that the heavenly choir sang to the shepherds: "*Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.*"(Luke 2:14). In this song there is an *upward* as well as a *downward* dimension. Firstly what should go from earth to heaven is Glory to God- in other words *worship*. Secondly what comes from heaven to earth is *peace*. Peace is a by-product of worship! We have therefore twin responsibilities as we step into the New Year-to be true worshippers and authentic peacemakers. We should not miss the point that peace will not be ushered to everyone - only on whom his favour rests. This means that we need to pray for God's favour-his grace and mercy as we look forward into another exciting year.

This year we could commit ourselves to expend our time, talent and treasures to bring hope and help to a hurting world so that they can begin to sing along with us as they hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Here's one quote on Christmas with which to start the New Year: *Infinite, and an infant. Eternal, and yet born of a woman. Almighty, and yet hanging on a woman's breast. Supporting a universe, and yet needing to be carried in his mother's arms. King of angels, and yet the reputed son of Joseph. Heir of all things, and yet the carpenter's despised son. Oh, the wonder of Christmas.* It is that wonder that should capture us and take us into the New Year. Without the wonder, life can be grinding and boring routines.

Viktor Frankl, one of the great psychiatrists of the twentieth century, survived the death camps of Nazi Germany. Frankl once told the story of a woman who called him in the middle of the night to calmly inform him she was about to commit suicide. Frankl kept her on the phone and talked her through her depression, giving her reason after reason to carry on living. Finally she promised she would not take her life, and she kept her word. When they later met, Frankl asked which reason had persuaded her to live. "None of them", she told him. Her answer was simple, it was Frankl's 'willingness to listen' to her in the middle of the night. A world in which there was someone ready to listen to another's pain seemed to her a world in which it was worthwhile to live. Often, it is not the brilliant argument that makes the difference. Sometimes the small act of listening is the greatest gift we can give to a hurting world. The world is waiting out there to receive the good news – the tidings of joy and peace.

For some of us our lives are broken primarily due to hurts in relationships. In the industry there is a term known as Beyond Economical Repairs (BER) which means that a particular piece of equipment is not worth the repairs and it is more economical to write it off. In God's economy however there are no BERs. The master's touch can mend all the broken chords and bring the music back into our lives! Often we remain as BER as we don't allow the Master to touch and transform us. Instead we become vulnerable to demonic influences as the evil one comes to destroy us. Jesus on the other hand has come to give us life and to give it abundantly. I have heard a cute little story that goes like this: One day some ink was accidentally spilled onto a beautiful and expensive handkerchief. The mess was observed by an artist who decided to make the best of the situation. So he drew a picture on the cloth and used the blotch of ink as part of the scenery. God is well-equipped to do that for us if we are prepared to let Him. The cost? A broken and a contrite heart. Nancy Spiegelberg wrote:

Lord I crawled across the barrenness to you with my empty cup

Uncertain in asking any small drop of refreshment

If only I had known you better

I'd have come running with a bucket.

In Switzerland there was a cathedral known as the 'mountain valley cathedral'. It is situated on a mountaintop. The church had an old pipe organ. Those days there were no PA system. The church music could be heard in the valley where people were working. They used to relish the music Sunday after Sunday. One day the pipe organ stopped functioning. They tried hard to repair it but couldn't succeed. So they replaced it with a small organ. But now the music reverberated only within the four walls of the church. The people in the valley came to know that the pipe organ is dead and that they won't be able to hear that melodious music again. One day an old man with a bag in his shoulder entered the church. He met the presbyter there and asked about the pipe organ. The presbyter told that it is dead and that they had unsuccessfully tried to repair it. The old man offered to repair it. Reluctantly the priest agreed. He saw that the old man was praying after repairing the organ. In few hours the music was back on the organ. The old man introduced himself. I am an old man now. 50 years back I was the one who installed this pipe organ in this church. I came to restore it. People plowing in the valley suddenly heard the music. They were overjoyed. God is our creator. He has 'installed' us here number of years

back. He can bring music back into our lives! The villagers in the valley had the music back in their lives too.

Yes God can bring the music back into our lives. This new year let us start singing. I would like to end this article with a quote which I love. It was a Christmas Eve address to the British common wealth delivered by King George VI. His closing quotation during those difficult days for Britain and the world following World War II. *"I said to the man at the gate of the year, "Give me a light that I may walk safely into the unknown". He said to me, "Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the hand of God, and it shall be to you better than light, and safer than the known".*

News & Notes:

Previous Month's Highlights

Calendar 2017

The photos depicted in the calendar are of the first missionaries to Kerala from the Church Missionary Society, London Missionary Society and Basel Mission. Special thanks to the Photo Bazaar for designing such a beautiful and informative calendar and all the Sponsors.

CNI Day

CNI Day thanksgiving service was observed on 27th November 2016 at St. Mary the Virgin Parel CNI Church. Thanks to all participants.

Confirmation Service

Confirmation service was held on 4th December 2016 at Jubilee Church, Sanpada from 11.am onwards. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Prakash D. Patole, Bishop of Bombay Diocesan Council, CNI, lead the service and confirmed 16 children into full members of the church. The service was conducted in an awesome manner. Special thanks to all the parents for their coordination and utmost support rendered during the service. We are grateful to Rev. Anil Balid, Rev. Elvin Enos, Rev. Dileep Davidson Mark and Rev. N.C. David for blessing the occasion. Congratulations to all the students who received the confirmation from the Bishop. Their names are: Akash Joseph John, Aleena Mariam Johnson, Aleena Mariam Philip, Anaina Babu, Anetta Rose Paul, Dan

Koshy George, Elvin Isaac Jacob, Felisa Lee Mathews, Jeffy John Sam, Joel Isaac John, Kenneth Feryl Philips, Kevin Ninan Mathew, Libin Mathew Yesudas, Lisa Thariyan, Reyan Paul Simon and Sanaya Shaji

Christmas Carol Service

The result of the tiresome effort by the choirmaster Mr. Thomas R. George and team need a big thanks and appreciation for their faithful service and dedication. The carol service was marvelous and the team is in good combination. Heartfelt thanks to all those who supported and provided food for their practice sessions. Mr. Malcolm Stephen had delivered an inspiring message. Thanks to Mr. Malcom. Special thanks to Mr. Jacob Williams and Dr. Jowin Jacob for decorating Christmas tree and church in a fabulous way.

New Choir Members

Akash Joseph John, Kevin Ninan Mathew, Aleena Mariam Philip, Aleesha Ann Philip and Anetta Rose Paul were dedicated on 11.12.2016 to the Choir. Congratulations.

House to House Carol Service

This year also good support was given in each day house-to-house carol visits. Thanks for your cooperation, food, and also for providing vehicles for transportation. Special thanks to the choir and youth members who led the singing session. This time many teenagers joined the visit. Thanks to them and to their parents. The total collection during the visit is.....

Condolence

Mrs. Rosilyn (78yrs) mother of Dr. Roselet Winford passed away on 6th December 2016 and funeral was held on 6th December at Neyyattinkara in their residence. Our heartfelt condolence to the bereaved family members. Let us uphold the sorrowing family in our prayers.

Christmas Service and Family Day

Christmas service and family day was held on 25th December, 2016 at Jubilee Church, Sanpada.

Harvest Festival Collection

Sl. no	Particulars	Amount
1	Cover Collection	458,300
2	FP Donation	61,000
3	FP Sale	243,600
4	Auction	314,550
5	Food sale	28,430
	Total	1,105,880

Rupees Eleven Lakhs five thousand eight hundred and eighty only

Present Month's Programmes

Atmaya Fellowship Meetings:

Atmaya fellowship meetings will be held on all Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in Church. Bible study is based on Acts of the 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 are requested to encourage the youths to attend these meetings.

Women's fellowship: Meeting will be conducted at 4.30 p.m. on 14.01.2017 at Jubilee Church, Sanpada.

Union Carol Service:

Under the banner of Union of CNI Malayalam churches, every year Union Carol service are being conducted. This year on 8th January 2017, Union Carol Service will be held at Jubilee Malayalam Church, Sanpada at 5pm. We need your full cooperation and support.

Mission Visit:

Youth Movement wish to visit any of the mission fields this year also. The details will be informed later.

Prayer Requests

1. Mrs. Deenamma Tharian, mother of Mr. Monzy Tharian(for good health)
2. Miss. Steffy who had 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. Abraham Mathen (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) who is undergoing dialysis.
9. The wife of Bishop Joshua, staying in Borivalli, recovering after treatment for cancer.
10. Father of Mr. Bobby Ninan, who is recovering at home after brain hemorrhage.
11. Mr. Shyam Gorath & family, our missionary in Akhloli Village
12. Pray for our Parsonage Project which is on the finalization stage.

Sunday Scripture Lessons for January 2017

1st January: Sunday after Christmas -Naming of Jesus: The Renewal of the Covenant

Theme: Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Exodus 3:1-15

Ps. 113

Acts 4:5-12

Luke 2:15-21

8th January: 2nd Sunday after Christmas

Theme: We are sharers in the Sonship of Christ.

Prov.8:22-31

Ps. 103

Ephesians 1:3-8

John 1:9-18

15th January: 3rd Sunday after Christmas: Baptism of Jesus

Theme: At his baptism, Jesus is revealed as the Son of God.

Isaiah 42:1-13

Ps.2

Acts 10: 34-38

Mathew 3:13-17

22nd January: 4th Sunday after Christmas

Theme: Jesus is revealed as ‘the Lamb of God’

Exodus 12:1-8

Ps.40

1 Peter 1: 13-21

John 1:29-37

29th January: 5th Sunday after Christmas-Leprosy Sunday

Theme: God suffers in all those who suffer in this world.

2 Kings 5:1-14

Ps. 123

Acts 5:12-16

Mark 1:40-45

Scripture Reading, Peace, Elements & Offertory – Sanpada

Date	1st Lesson	Psalms	2nd Lesson
08.01.17	Mr. George Joseph M	Mrs. Suja Bose	Mrs. Shobha Shaji
15.01.17	Mr. K O John	Mrs. Nirmala John	Mrs. Susha John
22.01.17	Mr. Sajjan George	Mrs. Rosalyin Monzy Tharian	Mrs. Joyce Mathai
29.01.17	Mr. Roy Koshy Philip	Mrs. Aleyamma Joseph	Dr. (Mrs) Roselet Winford

Date	Peace	Elements
01.01.17	Mrs. & Mr. John Sunny	Mrs. & Adv. Chandy Kurian
15.01.17	Mrs. & Mr. Winford S J	Mrs. & Mr. John Isaac
22.01.17	Mrs. & Mr. W K David	Mrs. & Mr. Mathews Philip
29.01.17	Mrs. & Mr. Sudeep Rupin Philips	Mrs. & Mr. Thomas George

Offertory, Sanpada

08.01.17	Mr. Reuben Kurien; Master. Kevin Ninan Mathew
15.01.17	Mr. Reuben Kurien; Miss. SanayaShaji
22.01.17	Mr. Reuben Kurien; Miss. Aleena Mariam Philip
29.01.17	Mr. Reuben Kurien; Miss. Dan Koshy George

Scripture Reading, Peace & Elements – Panvel

Date	1 st Lesson	Psalms	2 nd Lesson
01.01.17	Mr. KK Johnson	Mrs. Bindu John	Mr. Binny Johnson
08.01.17	Mr. Simon Philip	Mrs. Sinu Ashok	Mast. Joel Isaac John
15.01.17	Mr. A C Jacob	Mrs. Shiny Sabu	Mast. Elvin Isaac Jacob
22.01.17	Mr. Gabriel Johnson	Miss. Anaina Babu	Miss. Steffi John
29.01.17	Mr. K Babu	Mrs. Shiny Sam	Mrs. Annamma John

Date	Peace	Elements
01.01.17	Mr. & Mrs. K Babu	Mr. & Mrs. T C Isaac
15.01.17	Mr. & Mrs. Sam Thomas	Mr. & Mrs. Ashok Abraham
22.01.17	Mr. & Mrs. Simon Philip	Mr. & Mrs. John Thomas
29.01.17	Mr. & Mrs. Gabriel Johnson	Mr. & Mrs. A C Jacob

Children's Corner

The test of your bible and church history knowledge (All Sunday school children shall participate)

1. Who is the first CMS missionary to Kerala?
2. Who is the first LMS missionary to Kerala?
3. What is the word meaning of Jesus?
4. What is the word meaning of Christ?
5. Which book of the bible has written about seven churches? Give reference.

6. Where the Great Commission is mentioned in the Bible? Give reference.
7. Where Nazareth Manifesto is has mentioned in the Bible? Give reference.
8. What is the motto selected by Jubilee Malayalam Church in 2016?
9. Who is the first protestant missionary to India?
10. Where is the Sermon on Mount written in the Bible? Give reference.

The answers first sent to the above questions will get the prize. The answers shall be e-mailed to the Presbyter by mentioning your name and age. The email is given below:

presbyter.sanpadajmc@gmail.com

Birthdays

1-Jan	Mrs. Suja Bose	Nerul
2-Jan	Miss. Liyana Mary Joseph	Nerul
5-Jan	Master. Kevin Ninan Mathew	Sanpada
6-Jan	Mrs. Shobha Shaji	Vashi
7-Jan	Mrs. Rosalyin Monzy Tharian	Palm Beach
7-Jan	Mr. A J Dennis	Panvel
10-Jan	Mr. K O John	Sanpada
11-Jan	Mast. Joel Isaac John	Panvel
11-Jan	Mr. Solomon Samuel Samuel	Kharghar
14-Jan	Mr. W K David	Kamothe
14-Jan	Miss. Steffi John	Panvel
16-Jan	Mast. Snehid Mammen Sabu	Kamothe
17-Jan	Mrs. Aleyamma Joseph	Nerul
19-Jan	Mr. Binu George Thomas	Airoli
21-Jan	Mrs. Joyce Mathai	Nerul
23-Jan	Mr. Abraham Mathan T	Vashi
26-Jan	Mrs. Annamma John	Kamothe
30-Jan	Mr. Thomas T. George	Sanpada
31-Jan	Dr. (Mrs) Roselet Winford	Kharghar
31-Jan	Mr. Roy Koshy Philip	Vashi

Wedding Anniversaries

2-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. John Sunny	Nerul
3-Jan	Mrs. & Adv. Chandy Kurian	Vashi
4-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. W K David	Kamothe
5-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Sudeep Rupin Philips	Nerul
6-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Biju C Alex	Nerul
6-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Bose K. Thomas	Nerul
6-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Winford S J	Kharghar
7-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Roy Koshy Philips	Nerul
9-Jan	Mrs. & Mr. John Isaac	Vashi
16-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Sabu Varghese	Kamothe
20-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas T George	Sanpada
21-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Mathews Philip	Kharghar
21-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. A C Jacob	Panvel
23-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. V.M.Y. John	Vashi
24-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas George	Airoli
25-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Shaji Thomas	Vashi
26-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. K O John	Sanpada
30-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Susheil Mani Alex	Kharghar

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