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Jubilee Malayalam Church (CNI)



Parish Messenger for January 2017

Thought for the month

"I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring; and my blessings on your descendants." Is. 44:3

Jubilee Malayalam Church

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Programmes

February 04: Cottage Prayer meeting at the residence of Mr. Oommen George, Nerul at 7.30pm

February 05: Combined Holy Communion Service in Panvel Worship Center at 10am,

Followed by Annual day Celebrations

February 07: Atmaya Meeting at 7.30 pm at Jubilee Church

February 11: WF Meeting at 4.30pm at Jubilee Church, Sanpada.

February 12: Matins service in Sanpada at 7.30am and in Panvel at 11am

Management committee meeting at Jubilee Church at 9.15am

February 14: Atmaya Meeting at 7.30 pm at Jubilee Church

February 19: Holy Communion Service in Sanpada at 7.30am and in Panvel at 11am.

February 19: Cottage prayer meeting at the residence of Mr. John Thomas, Panvel at 7.30pm.

February 21: Atmaya Meeting at 7.30 pm at Jubilee Church

February 26: Holy Communion Service in English in Sanpada at 7.30am and in Panvel at 11am.

February 26: Cottage prayer meeting at the residence of Mr. Sajan George, Nerul at 5pm.

February 28: 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”

“And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” Acts. 2:47

In Acts chapters 3-7, the church in Jerusalem is built up. Nothing can stop the word of God. There are problems: persecution (4:1-31; 5:17-42), hypocrisy (5:1-11), and disunity (6:1-7). But through all these, “the word of God spread” (6:7). In 2:41, there are 3000 believers; in 4:4, 5000; in 5:14 there are ‘more and more men and women, and in 6:7, ‘the number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly.’ The growth and increase in Church was because of certain characteristics of early church. They are:

1. Learning Church: (Acts 2:42) Early church was eagerly listening to the teachings of Apostles. They gave much importance to the word of god.
2. Church of fellowship: (2:42). They had the quality of togetherness. There is a spirit of oneness and unity among each other.
3. Church of Eucharist: Whenever they gathered, the breaking of the bread was an essential part of their fellowship, thereby remembering the commandments, the life, death, resurrection and second coming of Jesus Christ.
4. Praying Church: In verse 42, these early Christians knew that they could not meet life in their own strength and that they did not need to. They gave importance to prayerful life. ‘Keep in touch with God for everything’.
5. Reverent Church: In verse 43 the word which the Authorized Version correctly translates, fear has the idea of awe in it. The Christian lives in reverence because he knows that the whole earth is the temple of the living God.
6. Church with wonders: Signs and wonders were there (Vs.43). If we expect great things from God and attempt great things for God, wonders happen.

7. Sharing Church; (Verses 44, 45); these early Christians had an intense feeling of responsibility for each other. A real Christian cannot bear to have too much when others have too little. They had a culture of Giving.
8. Worshipping Church (Verse 46); they never forgot to visit God's house. God's spirit moves upon his worshipping people.
9. Happy Church: (Verse 46); gladness was there. A gloomy Christian is a contradiction in terms.
10. Attractive Church: There are two Greek words for good. Agathos simply describes a thing as good. Kalos means that a thing is not only good but looks good; it has a winsome attractiveness about it. In the early Church, there was winsomeness in God's people.

If we have these characteristics, definitely, the church will increase in its very nature. So let us re-examine ourselves and resubmit before the Lord our Saviour, Jesus Christ who can multiply us physically and spiritually.

May God Bless You,
With love and prayers,
Rev. Binju Varughese Kuruvilla

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Constancy of God in a changing world

Biju George

The world around is changing in an unprecedented manner and that too in a rapid pace. Technology is the key driver of this change. Our lives and lifestyles are getting affected by the change; some of course for good and some definitely for bad. In the religious realm inherited faith is dying while the chosen faith is growing. Today many especially the young find a generation gap as they relate to the 'oldies'. This situation gets aptly captured in a cartoon that I received some time back on WhatsApp. A father had three teenage daughters. The elder one fancies her *i-phone*, the second is adept with *i-pad* and the third extensively uses *i-pod* to listen to music. Their dad, the lesser mortal who belongs to the older generation at the end of every month knows only one thing: *i-paid!*

Many of you know that I am associated with the Ministry of Dr Ravi Zacharias. Ravi has been a very deep influence in my life as I grew up as a very young Christian. Taking a cue from some of the insights that he has shared to audience worldwide, let me try and put together three changes that are critical in a world that is constantly changing. The third of the changes is a lasting and fulfilling change as we will see in moment. However it depends on the second one!

Firstly our *formation*. We have been fearfully and wonderfully made. The Psalmist Wonders in Psalm 139 as follows: *For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body.*"(Ps 139:13-16a). The human body is amazing. If one looks at the complexity of a cell or the DNA which is the basic genetic building block of life we can only wonder and marvel at the beauty of creation. God created us – we changed from non-being to being. We came into existence; prior to that we were not. That wonder should force us to ask the most important question in life- why we are here. Why were you born? Mark Twain once remarked: *The two most important days in your life are the day you were born and the day you found out why?"*

Secondly our *transformation*. It is in our relationship with Jesus Christ we can move from existence to a meaningful existence. It is in Him our life find its ultimate meaning. Apostle Paul writing to a small band of believers in one of cities of the first century notorious for its debauchery, the Corinth makes this amazing statement: *if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*(2 Cor 5:17). This is indeed another change - our transformation as individuals into the likeness of Christ. There used to be a small chorus that we used to sing in our younger days: *Little by little and day by day, Little by little in every way Jesus is changing me. He's changing me, some day perfect I will be.* When we crossed our teenage and graduated into our youth, the same theme was picked up but with a more insightful chorus by Bill and Gloria Gaither:

*He's still working on me
To make me what I ought to be
It took him just a week to make the moon and stars
The sun and the earth and Jupiter and Mars
How loving and patient He must be
He's still workin' on me*

Our transformation gets ignited when we accept Jesus into our lives and build on that precious relationship. That is why the song writer wrote: *"Oh happy day that fixed my choice.....happy day happy day when Jesus washed my sins away!"*

Finally, our *translation*. Jesus Christ will come again is the central teaching of the Scriptures. That is our glorious and blessed hope. Our mortal bodies through death will decay but will resurrect when Christ comes to gather his Church. Apostle Paul in his first epistle to the Corinthians says: "let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies (1 Cor 15:51ff). A day will come when we have to say 'good bye'. It is this translation that will last long because it is an eternal relationship with Christ that will get established.

We looked at three changes. One was from non existence to existence (our *formation*), then another change was from mere existence to a meaningful existence (our *transformation*) and then from death to life with Christ forever and ever (our *translation*).

James Whitcomb Riley penned a poem titled A Life-Lesson, the lyrics of which goes like this:

*There! Little girl; don't cry!
They have broken your doll, I know;
And your tea-set blue,
And your play-house, too,
Are things of the long ago;
But childish troubles will soon pass by. --
There! little girl; don't cry!*

*There! little girl; don't cry!
They have broken your slate, I know;
And the glad, wild ways
Of your schoolgirl days
Are things of the long ago;
But life and love will soon come by. --
There! little girl; don't cry!*

*There! little girl; don't cry!
They have broken your heart I know;
And the rainbow gleams
Of your youthful dreams
Are things of the long ago;
But!*

We have struggles, ups and downs in this world although we are transformed. It is in our translation that our tears will be wiped. We can celebrate the constancy of God in a changing world and prepare ourselves to meet Him face to face. As the poet anticipates- *Heaven holds all for which you sigh.* -- *There! little girl; don't cry*

News & Notes:

Previous Month's Highlights

Newly Married

Reeba and Rohan got married on 29th December 2016 at CSI Christ Church, Trivandrum, Kerala. We congratulate the newly wedded and wish them all blessings in the new phase of their life.

Union Carol Service:

Union Carol Service was held on 8th January 2017, at Jubilee Malayalam Church, Sanpada at 5pm. It was an awesome experience of singing carols by seven CNI Malayalam Churches together. More than 300 people participated in this event. Thanks to our choir members, choirmaster, organists and the church committee for their leadership. Thanks to all for arranging food, decorations and other arrangements in an attractive way.

Congratulations:

The Bishop in Madhya Kerala, Thomas Oommen, has been chosen to be the new moderator of the Church of South India. Bishop Thomas K Oommen was elected as the Deputy Moderator of Church of South India at the CSI Synod held at Vijayawada on 11th January 2014 and as the Moderator of the CSI at the Synod held at Kottayam on 15th January 2017. The Bishop in Dornakal, Vadappally Prasada Rao, was elected Deputy Moderator. Revd Daniel Rathnakara Sadananda and Advocate Robert Bruce were re-elected to serve a second term as General Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

Bishop Thomas K. Oommen was born on November 29, 1953 at Thalavady in Alappuzha district. He did his college education at NSS College, Changanassery. He took undergraduate

degree in divinity from Leonard Theological College, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh. He was ordained deacon in 1982 and was made presbyter the next year. He was ordained as the 12th Bishop of the CSI Madhya Kerala Diocese at the Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kottayam on 5th March 2011 by CSI Moderator, Most Rev S. Vasanthakumar.

Hearty congratulations to Most Rev. Thomas K. Oommen Thirumeni and all the officers of the CSI Synod.

Parsonage Project

We are happy to inform that a token amount of Rs. Five (5) Lakhs was given to Gami Trixie Builders towards booking of a 2 BHK corner flat(A 601) on sixth floor of *Gami Trixie*, Plot 187, Sector 20, Ulwe. Detailed update is sent to your email. Please go through the same. Your urgent support is needed from all the members. In the coming weeks we as a team will be visiting your houses regarding the donation. Please do cooperate wholeheartedly and support in the project.

Present Month's Programs

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 11.02.2017 at Jubilee Church, Sanpada.

Panvel Worshipping Center Anniversary

Anniversary of Panvel Worship Center will be held on Sunday, 5th February, after the worship service at St. Francis CNI Church, Panvel. There will be no service in Sanpada on that day. Worship service will start in Panvel at 10am. Lunch will be served after the anniversary program. Rev. Isaac G. Varghese Director of Mar Thoma Church, Navajeevan Center will be the chief guest at the anniversary function. All are requested to attend and encourage our worship center members.

Women's fellowship special program and competitions

The program will be conducted on Friday, 24th February 2017 at 9am. Various games and competitions will be held. The members will be divided into different groups

Language: English or Malayalam

1. Bible Quiz: Colossians, I Thessalonians, and II Thessalonians. Individual marks will be added to the group.
2. Solo Singing: Hymn 235 (Yeshu en swantham, Halleluya)
3. Memory Game: Write the names of the things displayed on the table within 1 minute after viewing for 1 minute.
4. Dumb Charades: based on personalities or events from the Bible.
5. Group Song: select a convention song, after forming the group, based on the theme given then.
6. Ice break : Selection of characters and events in the bible sequence

Lunch will be as Love feast, followed by games.

Request all the women's fellowship members to come and participate. Further details will be given in the WF meeting.

Prayer Requests

1. Mrs. Deenamma Tharian, mother of Mr. Monzy Tharian(for good health)
2. Mr. Abraham Mathen (for good health)
3. Mrs. Lilian Florence Stephen (for good health)
4. Mother of Mr. Sudeep Philips (Mob: 8879640355) who is undergoing dialysis.
5. Father of Mr. Bobby Ninan, who is recovering at home after brain hemorrhage.
6. Mrs. Suja Thomas -9820866250 (for good health)
7. Mr. Ashok Abraham-9892386920 (for good health)
8. Mr. John P. Mathew- 9820456808 (for good health)
9. Mr. John Thomas -9867886398 (for good health)
10. The wife of Bishop Joshua, staying in Borivalli, recovering after treatment for cancer.
11. Parents of Mr. Bino Oommen (for good health)
12. Mr. Shyam Gorath & family, our missionary in Akhloli Village
13. Pray for our Parsonage Project.

Sunday Scripture Lessons for February 2017

05th February: 6th Sunday after Christmas

Theme: Jesus calls his disciples to work in God's Kingdom

Amos 3:1-8

Ps. 126

1 Thess. 2:1-12

Mark 1:14-20

12th February: 9th Sunday before Easter

Theme: God creates and redeems all things through Christ.

Gen. 1:1-5, 26-31

Ps. 104:24-35

Colossians 1:15-20

John 1:1-13

19th February: 8th Sunday before Easter

Theme: Our sins begin with refusing to hear God.

Isaiah 1:1-9

Ps. 51:1-8

Romans 1:18-25

Mathew 13:10-17

26th February: 7th Sunday before Easter

Theme: It is God's will that all people should be saved.

Isaiah 56:3-8

Ps. 100

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Mathew 8:5-13

Scripture Reading, Peace, Elements & Offertory – Sanpada

Date	1 st Lesson	Psalms	2 nd Lesson
12.02.17	Mr. Thomas George	Mrs. Shely Abraham	Mrs. Stivy Philip
19.02.17	Mr. VMY John	Mrs. Susha John	Mr. Paul Joseph
26.02.17	Mr. Monzy Tharian	Mrs. Sera Bibi Cherian	Mr. Thariyan George

Date	Peace	Elements
19.02.17	Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Mathew Ninan	Mr. & Mrs. P.K. Abraham
26.02.17	Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Paulose	Mr. & Mrs. Sajan J. George

Offertory, Sanpada

12.02.17	Mr. Reuben Kurien; Miss. Aneeta Rose Paul
19.02.17	Mr. Reuben Kurien; Miss. Aleena Philip
26.02.17	Mr. Reuben Kurien; Miss. Sanaya Shaji

Scripture Reading, Peace & Elements – Panvel

Date	1 st Lesson	Psalms	2 nd Lesson
05.02.17	Mr. Susheil Mani Alex	Mrs. Nirmala John	Mrs. Marykutty George
12.02.17	Mr. A C Jacob	Mrs. Sheena Johnson	Miss. Soffy John
19.02.17	Mr. Ashok Abraham	Mrs. Bindu John	Miss. Anaina Babu
26.02.17	Mr. KK Johnson	Mrs. Shiny Sabu	Mast. Elvin Isaac Jacob

Date	Peace	Elements
05.02.17	Adv. & Mrs. Chandy Kurian	Mr. & Mrs. Biju George
19.02.17	Mrs. & Mrs. Simon Philip	Mr. & Mrs. Sam Thomas
26.02.17	Mr. & Mrs. John Thomas	Mr. & Mrs. Simon Philip

Children's Corner

The test of your bible and church history knowledge (All Sunday school children shall participate). Fill in the blanks. Give references (Genesis)

1. The Lord God made garments offor Adam and his wife and clothed them.
2. After Seth was born, Adam livedyears and had other sons and daughters.
3. Enoch walked with God.....years.
4. The waters flooded the earth fordays.
5. Terah livedyears, and he died in Haran.
6. Then the Lord said to him, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreatedyears.
7. Abraham was ayears old when his son Isaac was born to him.
8. Sarah lived to beyears old.
9. Altogether, Abraham livedyears.
10. On theday Laban was told that Jacob had fled.

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

4-Feb	Mrs. Marykutty George	Nerul
7-Feb	Mrs. Sheena Johnson	Kharghar
8-Feb	Mr. Mithun C. Roy	Nerul
8-Feb	Mr. Susheil Mani Alex	Nerul
9-Feb	Mr. Philip John K	Nerul
9-Feb	Mr. Sherin Mathews	Kamothe
10-Feb	Mr. John Isaac	Vashi
11-Feb	Mrs. Tinu Sara Thankachan	Kamothe
14-Feb	Mast. Aman Shaji	Vashi
15-Feb	Mr. Biju George	Kopar Khairne
15-Feb	Ms. Soffy John	Panvel
17-Feb	Mr. Thomas George	Airoli
21-Feb	Mr. P. I. Mathew	Kharghar
22-Feb	Mrs. Susha John	Kopar Khairne
23-Feb	Mrs. Ashish E. George	Nerul
24-Feb	Mrs. Sera Bibi Cherian	Nerul
25-Feb	Mrs. Bindu Mary Stephens	Kopar Khairne
26-Feb	Mrs. Sherly Varghese	Nerul
26-Feb	Mr. Paul Joseph	Kharghar

Wedding Anniversaries

2-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph George	Nerul
6-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Varghese Itty K.	Nerul
11-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Mathew Ninan	Sanpada
12-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. P.K. Abraham	Vashi
14-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Sajjan J. George	Nerul
14-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Sam Thomas	Kamothe
16-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Paulose	Sanpada
23-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Roshin James	CBD Belapur

RECEIPT & PAYMENT					
OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2016					
Receipts	Oct	Nov	Payments	Oct	Nov
Birthday	13,500	5,600	Allowance To Priest	28,000	28,000
Offertory	28,685	18,900	BDC Meeting Exp		1,600
Parsonage Maintenance	26,600	5,500	Harvest Exp	30,000	39,090
Subscription	2,400		Missionary Exp	5000	
Tithe	16,300		Printing & Stationery	505	
Wedding Anniversary	4,500	500	Union Churches	10,500	
Missionary Fund	15,000		Rent	1,572	7,860
HF Dues		4,500	Bi Centenary	74,000	
Special Thanks	1,100	450	Tea & Snacks	5,020	2,180
Sunday School		1,640	Income Tax 15-16	1,660	
Bi Centenary	32,000	19,000	Parsonage Maintenance	5,700	
Fish Pickle Donation	5,000	32,000	Medi-claim		12,098
Marriage Gift	5,000		Youth Fellowship Exp		180
Fish Pickle Sale		24,400	Web Hosting Charges		18,270
Harvest Cover		413,800	Misc. Exp		3,651
Food Sale		23,160	Gift To Visiting Priest	4,500	2,000
			Car Insurance		7,968
			Carol Exp		7,260
Parsonage Fund		46,000	Confirmation Exp		19,500
Total	150,085	595,450	Total	166,457	149,657

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