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Jubilee Malayalam Church (CNI)



Thought for the month

**Remember: "The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him."
Lam 3:25**

JUBILEE MALAYALAM CHURCH

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Programmes

December 03: Holy Communion service in Sanpada at 7.30am and in Panvel Worship centre at 11 am.

December 03: 47th CNI Day Anniversary Celebrations at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin (CNI), Parel, at 5.30pm.

December 05: Atmaya Meeting at 7.30 pm in Jubilee Church

December 09: Women's Fellowship meeting at 4.30pm.

December 10: Holy Communion service in Sanpada at 7.30am and Matins service in Panvel Worship centre at 11 am. Management Committee meeting at 9.00 am at Jubilee Church.

December 12: Atmaya Meeting at 7.30 pm in Jubilee Church

December 17: Matins service in Sanpada at 7.30am and Holy Communion service in Panvel Worship Centre at 11 am.

December 17: Christmas carol service at 6.30pm at Jubilee Church Sanpada.

December 18-23: House to house carol rounds from 7pm to 10pm.

December 24: Holy Communion service in English in Sanpada at 7.30am and in Panvel Worship Centre at 11 am.

December 25: Holy Communion Service in Sanpada at 6.00.am (Christmas Service and Family Sunday) and Holy Communion service in Panvel worship center at 10.30am.

December 26: Atmaya Meeting at 7.30 pm in Jubilee Church

December 31: Watch Night service and Holy Communion Service at 10.30 pm at First floor of Jubilee Church Sanpada.

Motto for the year 2017
“Rejoice in the Lord always.” (Philippians 4:4)

Message from the Presbyter

Dear Beloved- in- Christ,

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

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” (Ps. 119:105)

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” (2Tim. 3:16-17)

Second Sunday of this month is observed as Bible Sunday. Bible is the primary resource for the Holy Spirit’s guidance to us in the major decisions of life. Let us see different aspects of guidance.

- Bible Statements: The Holy Spirit can remind us of specific statements in the Bible that have some relation to a situation in our life.
- Bible Characters: The Holy Spirit can remind us of Bible Characters and what they did wisely or unwisely. Their examples may shed light on our situation.
- Bible Incidents: The Holy Spirit can remind us Bible incidents that will have some relation to our situation.
- Bible Promises: The Holy Spirit can bring to our memory Bible promises that will encourage us and give us guidance.
- Bible provides us principles, convictions, revelations and new insights to deal with different situations.

The English word Bible comes from the Greek word biblia, meaning “books.” Although the Bible has many books, it is really one book, one continuous story, with two distinct parts or testaments, from the Latin “testamentum”, meaning “covenant” or agreement. The Bible has been translated into some 2,000 languages, and more than 80 percent of the world’s population has access to the Bible, or some portion of it, in their own language. The First translation of the Bible into English was completed by John Wycliffe, who translated the Latin Vulgate into English in 1382. The First Bible to be printed was a New Testament Translation by William Tyndale, the “father of the English Bible,” who translated the Bible into English from the original languages. Tyndale’s New Testament translation was printed in 1526; he was strangled and burned at the stake in 1536 before completing his translation of the Old Testament. Three concepts that relate to the Bible

are **revelation, inspiration and authority**. These concepts are interrelated because the Bible's authority comes from its being the inspired witness to the revelations of God.

Reading the Bible –General approaches.

First, the Bible should be read with an open mind, rather than one of doubt, and with the view and expectation of God speaking to us through his written word. Augustine said, "I believe so that I might understand." Unfortunately, the modern world is overly skeptical and demands the opposite: "Convince me and I will believe."

Second, there are things in the Bible that are difficult-in fact, impossible, to understand, but this need not deter us. Someone once asked William Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army, what he did when he came across something in the Bible he did not understand. Booth said, "I do the same thing I do when eating a fish: I put the bones on the side of the plate and get on with the good meat."

Lastly, the place to start in understanding a book is with its author-in the case of the Bible with the Holy Spirit who inspired its writing. We need to ask the Holy Spirit to illumine our mind to help us understand God's word to us and for us .So let us read and meditate the word of God constantly, deeply and systematically.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

May God Bless you

With love and prayers

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News & Notes

Previous Month's Highlight

World Sunday school Sunday

World Sunday school Sunday was observed on 5th November 2017. Sunday School Children and teachers were leading the service and children sang a few songs during the worship 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 12th and 16th November, 2017. Special thanks to Mr. Patil for granting once again Vashi farmhouse for making fish pickle arrangements.

Harvest Festival and Parish Day

Harvest Festival and 13th Parish Day was observed on 19th November 2017. This year also, we have honored senior citizens who have completed 65yrs, Mrs. Aleyamma John, Mr. John Issac, Vashi, and Adv. Chandy Kurien, also Mrs. Aleyamma Oommen, who has completed 80yrs. Special gifts were given to Miss. Aneeta Rose Paul, Miss. Lisa Thariyan, Mr. Dan Koshy George, Miss. Sanaya Shaji, Miss. Felisa Lee Mathews, and Mstr. Reyan Paul Simon for attaining 80% and above in their 10th exams and to Mr. Jeffy John Sam who scored more than 80% in Plus two. Rev. Johncy Varghese was the chief guest and Rev. N.C. David along with Kochamma attended the service.

From the HF cover collection, Auction, Fish pickle donation and sale, and food coupon sales we have received an amount of Rs. 11, 65, 100 (Eleven Lakh Sixty five thousand and one hundred only). Those who could not participate in the harvest festival cover offering on 19th November, can offer their HF cover collection on any of the coming Sundays. I request all the earning members those who received blessings from God, to donate.

Present Month's Program

Winter Service Timings:

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

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

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 should encourage the youths to attend the meetings.

Christmas Carol Service:

Carol service will be held on December 17 in Jubilee Church, Sanpada, at 6.30 pm.

House to House Christmas Carol Rounds:

House to house Christmas carol rounds will take place from 18th to 23rd December, 2017. 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 the Church.

Christmas Service and Family Day:

Combined Christmas service and family day will be conducted on 25th December 2017 at Jubilee Church, Sanpada at 5.30am.

Year Ending/New Year Service:

Year ending Watch Night Service will be on December 31st at 10.30pm and ends early morning of Monday (01-01-2018). Because 31st comes on Sunday. There will not be any service on Sunday morning, instead HC service will be conducted along with Watch Night service at 10.30pm at Jubilee Church first floor.

Prayer Requests

1. Father of Mr. Ashok Abraham, Panvel (for good health)
2. Father- in-law of Mr. Vinod Oommen Ninan (good health)
3. Mrs. Lillian Stephens, M/o Mr. Malcolm Stephen (for good health)
4. Mrs. Suja Thomas (for good health)
5. Mother of Mr. Sudeep Philips who is undergoing dialysis.
6. The wife of Bishop Joshua, recovering from treatment of cancer.
7. Mr. Shyam Gorath & family, our missionary in Akhloli Village
8. For our Parsonage project.
9. For all the Choir members and Christmas Carol Service on 17th December, 2017.

Scripture Lessons for December 2017

3rd December: 4th Sunday before Christmas (Advent 1)

Theme: Watchful expectation for the appearing of Christ.

Isaiah 64:1-8

Ps. 80:1-7

1 Thess.5:1-11

Mark 13:28-37

10th December: 3rd Sunday before Christmas (Advent 2)(Bible Sunday)

Theme: The word of God demands a response from its hearers

Zechariah 1:1-6

Ps.119:129-144

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

John 5:31-40, 45-47

17th December: 2nd Sunday before Christmas (Advent 3)

Theme: The coming of the Christ is good news for the oppressed.

Malachi 3:1-5

Ps.146

James 5:1-9

Mathew 11:2-11

24th December: Sunday before Christmas (Advent 4)

Zechariah 2:10-13

Ps. 89:19-28

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 1:26-38

25th December: Christmas

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

Micah 5:2-4

Ps.85

Titus 3:4-7

Luke2:1-16

31st December: Year Ending and New Year

Theme: Family Life

Zechariah 8:3-6

Ps. 128

Scripture Readings, Peace, Elements & Offertory- Sanpada

Date	1st Lesson	Psalms	2nd Lesson
03.12.17	Mr. V.M.Y. John	Mrs. Marykutty George	Ms. Sanaya Shaji
10.12.17	Mr. Binu George Thomas	Mr. George Kurian	Mrs. Rajee Varghese
17.12.17	Mr. Biju C. Alex	Mrs. Linet Thariyan	Mrs. Mary Joseph
24.12.17	Mr. Bino Oommen	Mr. Aakash Joseph John	Mrs. Lavina V. John
25.12.17	Mr. Mathews Philip	Mrs. Annamma Thomas	Mrs. Susha John
31.12.17	Mr. Thomas George	Mrs. Sinu Ashok	Mrs. Aleyamma Joseph

Date	Peace	Elements
03.12.17	Mr. & Mrs. Rijo George Cherian	Mr. & Mrs. Roshin James
10.12.17	Mr. & Mrs. Josey Oommen	Mr. & Mrs. Shaji Thomas
24.12.17	Dr. & Mrs. Sagar D. Parab	Mr. & Mrs. David James
25.12.17	Mr. & Mrs. Chandy Kurien	Mr. & Mrs. Bose K. Thomas
31.12.17	Mr. & Mrs. T.C. Isaac	Mr. & Mrs. Babu K.

Offertory

03.12.17	Mr. Reuben Kurien; Mast. Kennith Feryl Philips
10.12.17	Mr. Reuben Kurien; Master. Josh Mathew George
17.12.17	Mr. Reuben Kurien; Master. Abel Joseph Paul
24.12.17	Mr. Reuben Kurien; Ms. Hephziba David
25.12.17	Mr. Reuben Kurien; Master. Vian Chandy Alex
31.12.17	Mr. Reuben Kurien; Miss. Nimitha Liz Alex

Scripture Readings, Peace, Elements & Offertory-- Panvel

Date	1 st Lesson	Psalms	2 nd Lesson
03.12.17	Mr. Sabu Varghese	Mrs. Sheena Johnson	Mrs. Marina Simon
10.12.17	Mr. Sam Thomas	Mrs. Shiny Sabu	Mr. Reyan Paul Simon
17.12.17	Mr. T.C. Isaac	Mrs. Shiney Sam	Mrs. Ligi Babu
24.12.17	Mr. Elvin Isaac	Ms. Steffi John	Ms. Biji Babu
25.12.17	Mr. Ashok Abraham	Mrs. Solly Johnson	Mrs. Rachel John

Date	Peace	Elements
03.12.17	Mr. & Mrs. Solomon Samuel	Mr. & Mrs. Ashok Abraham
17.12.17	Mr. & Mrs. Binil Mathai	Mr. & Mrs. Gnanian Abraham Paulose
24.12.17	Mr. & Mrs. Anoop John Cherian	Mr. & Mrs. Babu K.
25.12.17	Mr. & Mrs. Simon Philip	Mr. & Mrs. Johnson K.K.

Birthdays

1-Dec	Mrs. Susan Samuel	Kharghar
4-Dec	Mrs. Lorraine Sharon Oommen	Nerul
4-Dec	Ms. Sanaya Shaji	Vashi
5-Dec	Mr. Jacob William	Vashi
5-Dec	Mast. Kenneth Feryl Philips	Nerul
6-Dec	Ms. Sayona A Joseph	Nerul
6-Dec	Mast. Josh Mathew George	Nerul
7-Dec	Mr. Bino Oommen	Kharghar

8-Dec	Dr. Varghese Cherian	Vashi
8-Dec	Mrs. Rajee Varghese	Kharghar
10-Dec	Mr. George Kurian	Nerul
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	Kopar Khairane
20-Dec	Mr. Justin John	Sanpada
21-Dec	Mrs. Anita Samuel	Sanpada
22-Dec	Mr. M. George Joseph	Nerul
22-Dec	Master Hayden Thomas George	Kharghar
25-Dec	Mrs. Ligi Babu	Old Panvel
29-Dec	Mrs. Lavina V. John	Kharghar

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
29-Dec	Mr. & Mrs. Rohan Jacob Abraham	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.**

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