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News & Events

- March 07** : Women’s Sunday
- March 14** : Day Light Savings Time Starts
- March 21** : Holy Communion Service in Malayalam by Rev. Shiju Samuel at 12:00 Noon
- March 28** : Palm Sunday & Committee Meeting after service.
- April 02** : Good Friday, Worship Service at 7:00 pm
- April 04** : Easter Sunday, Holy Communion Service in Malayalam.

Treasurer’s Corner

Mission and Charity:

Haiti Relief Efforts - We are accepting donations to help the Haiti earthquake victims and the relief and rebuilding efforts that are going on in the region. Please support the relief efforts with your generous contributions.
Deadline - March 07, 2010

Snacks

1. Mar 07: Mathew M. Oommen’s Family
2. Mar 14: Mathew Varghese’s Family
3. Mar 21: Robin Mundakkal’s Family
4. Mar 28: Saraja Samuel’s Family
5. April 04: Church Family Easter Lunch
6. April 11: Shaji Tharakan’s Family
7. April 18: Sunith George’s Family
8. April 25: Varghese Kurian’s Family



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Message for the Month: The Geese and the Snowstorm

There was once a man who did not believe in either the virgin birth of Christ nor the spiritual meaning behind it, and was skeptical even about God. He and his family lived in a farm community. His wife was a devout believer and diligently raised her children in the faith. He sometimes gave her a hard time about her belief and mocked her religious observances. "It's all nonsense -- why would God lower himself and become a human like us? It's such a ridiculous story," he said.

One snowy day, she and the children left for church while he stayed home. After they had departed, the winds grew stronger and the snow turned into a blinding snowstorm. Then he heard a loud thump, He looked outside but could not see anything. In the field near his house he saw, of all the strangest things, a flock of geese.

They were apparently flying to look for a warmer area down south, but they had been caught in the snowstorm. They were stranded on his farm, with no food or shelter, unable to do more than flutter their wings and fly in aimless circles. He had compassion for them and wanted to help them. He thought to himself, the barn would be a great place for them to stay. It is warm and safe; surely they could spend the night and wait out the storm. So he opened the barn doors for them. Nevertheless, they did not notice the barn or realize what it could mean for them. He moved closer toward them to get their attention, but they just moved away from him out of fear. He went into the house and came back with some bread, broke it up, and made a bread trail to the barn.

They still did not catch on. Nothing he did could get them to go into the barn where there was warmth, safety, and shelter. Feeling totally frustrated, he exclaimed, "Why don't they follow me? Can't they see this is the only place where they can survive the storm? How can I possibly get them into the one place to save them?" can I possibly save them? The only way would be for me to become like those geese. If only I could become like one of them. Then I could save them. They would follow me and I would lead them to safety."

The words reverberated in his mind: If only I could become like one of them, then I could save them. Then, at last, he understood God's heart towards mankind... and he fell on his knees in the snow.

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"For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

John 3: 16-17

Sunday Bible Readings - March 2010

Mar 07 **4th Sunday before Easter**

Women's Sunday

Worship Service in Malayalam at 12:00 Noon

Theme: Women - Partner's in God's Liberative Acts

1st lesson: Exodus 1: 15 - 22 (Warden)

Psalms: 148 (Biji Thomas's Family)

2nd lesson: Romans 16: 1 - 10 (Bino Thomas's Family)

Gospel: Luke 8: 1 - 3

Mar 28 **Sunday before Easter**

Palm Sunday

Worship Service in English at 12:00 Noon

Theme: The Coming Ruler of God's People

1st lesson: Zechariah 9: 9 - 12 (Warden)

Psalms: 24 (George Cherian's Family)

2nd lesson: Acts 4: 23 - 31 (George Oommen's Family)

Gospel: Mathew 21: 1 - 11

Mar 14 **3rd Sunday before Easter**

Worship Service in English at 12:00 Noon

Theme: Transformation of Structures in Society

1st lesson: Micah 6: 6 - 8 (Warden)

Psalms: 51 (Binu Cherian's Family)

2nd lesson: Ephesians 4: 25 - 32 (Bobi Chandy's Family)

Gospel: Mathew 12: 15 - 21

Mar 21 **2nd Sunday before Easter**

Passion Sunday

Holy Communion Service in Malayalam at 12:00 Noon

Theme: The Cross and the Church

1st lesson: Exodus 1: 8 - 14 (Warden)

Psalms: 69: 1 - 12 (Cherian C. George's Family (Boby))

2nd lesson: 1 Peter 3: 8 - 22 (Edwin Das's Family)

Gospel: Mark 10: 35 - 52

Communion Elements: Varghese Kurian's Family



Birthdays

- Jerry Oommen - Mar 01
- Bobi Chandy - Mar 11
- Gabriel Thomas - Mar 16
- Sharon Jacob - Mar 17
- Annamma Oommen - Mar 22
- Minimol Chacko - Mar 26
- Amanda Oommen - Mar 31

Holy Communion Services: Will be announced ahead of time in Church and via Email

Sunday School & Bible Class: Every Sunday at 11:00 AM (unless announced otherwise)

Sunday Bible Readings - April 2010

April 02

Good Friday

Worship Service in Malayalam at 7:00 PM

Theme: The Day of Redemption-Revelation of God's Mercy

1st lesson: Isaiah 53: 1-12 (Warden)

Psalms: 22 (Jacob Chacko's Family)

2nd lesson: Hebrews 10: 11-18 (Joy John's Family)

Gospel: Luke 23: 13 - 49

April 04

Easter Sunday

Holy Communion Service in Malayalam at 12:00 Noon

Theme: Christ's Resurrection - Celebration of Salvation

1st lesson: Exodus 14: 5-30 (Warden)

Psalms: 118: 14-29 (Manojmon Daniel's Family)

2nd lesson: Colossians 3: 1-11 (Mathews Jacob's Family)

Gospel: Mathew 28: 1-10

Communion Elements: Aneesh Abraham's Family

April 11

First Sunday after Easter

Worship Service in English at 12:00 Noon

Theme: Acknowledgement of Christ as Lord

1st lesson: Zephaniah 3: 14-20 (Warden)

Psalms: 27 (Mathai John's Family)

2nd lesson: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 (Mathew Oommen's Family)

Gospel: John 20: 19-29

April 18 **2nd Sunday After Easter**

Worship Service in Malayalam at 12:00 Noon

Theme: Journeying with Christ

1st lesson: Exodus 13: 17 - 22 (Warden)

Psalms: 91 (Mathew M. Oommen's Family)

2nd lesson: Hebrews 11: 1-12 (Mathew Varghese's Family)

Gospel: Luke 24: 13 - 35

April 25 **3rd Sunday After Easter**

Worship Service in English at 12:00 Noon

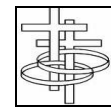
Theme: Leading from Darkness to Light

1st lesson: Isaiah 60: 19 - 22 (Warden)

Psalms: 43 (Mathew Varghese Jr.'s Family)

2nd lesson: 1st John 1: 1-10 (Robin Mundakkal's Family)

Gospel: John 8: 12 - 20



Wedding Anniversaries

Choir Practice: Every Sunday after Service (unless announced otherwise)

Committee Meeting: Last Sunday of Every Month after Service (unless announced otherwise)