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From the Assistant Vicar's Desk.....

Easter – A time of serious reflection and self examination

Greetings to you all in the name of our Risen Christ.

God has granted us one more opportunity to celebrate Easter with our dear ones. We have all reached into the end of this season of great lent. By observing the lent we are enthusiastically participating in the depths of God's mystery in this world. Easter is the time of serious reflection and self examination it's also the time of rebirth and renewal. It's a special time to closely listen to Christ's heartbeats and to look at the world. The passion of Christ is the time when we recall the suffering of Christ on the cross. By seeing and hearing about the painful suffering of Christ many of us also cry, for the pain that Christ went through just for us. The resurrection of Christ is the greatest event that happened in the world history. Christ Risen is the central message of Easter. By dying Jesus destroyed our death; by rising He restored our life. We are called to celebrate life over death. We are known as the Easter people, the resurrected community who are full of faith and hope in the life that is eternal. The faith and hope of ours is not just based on some dogmas and principle but it is founded on a person who is alive, even though he was crucified died and buried. Easter is not just a remembrance of a past event. It is an experience that encourages every moment of life to live fruitfully for the Risen Christ. I wish and pray that the observance of this year's lent may lead us to an inner vision of ourselves and a wider vision of God's love to the world and a creative response from our part.

Time has come close, when we as a family are going to say Good bye to all of you, but in one sense we are delighted that we not going too far away from our dear fellow parishoners. My wife Majulet, Christa, Cerenilla and I would like to thank all of you in the name of our Christ for being a great blessing to us in our spiritual journey here. We were able to have a close, loving ties with many of you. Thank you all for your extreme love, concern, care, support and most of all your silent prayers to do his ministry in this capital land. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank God for giving me an chance to work with these great diversely talented achens and their families i.e., Rev. P P Thomas achen, Rev. Jose Punamadom achen and Rev Noble Abraham achen also, thank all my parish members and the executive committee members. Please do continue to remember us in your prayers and do visit us . We shall also continue to pray for all of you. Lets all be a channel of peace for his ministry.

There is an old Irish saying...

May the road rise up to meet you, May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face, and the rains fall soft on your fields.
And until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

With lots of Love, regards and prayers
Rev. Jai Varghese

Theme and Assistance in Sunday Worship Services				
Date	Offertory Collection	Lessons	Assisting in Holy Communion	Theme for the Sunday
02-04-2017 Sunday (Malayalam) 9:00 am	Stephen Mathew & Family	Joy Abraham Job 42: 10-17	John K Mathen, Simon George	The restoring Christ
		Rachel George Phil 2: 5-11		
07.04.2017 Friday (Malayalam) 8.30am	Senior citizens	Thomas KC 1Pet 1:13-22	C Cherian KK Abraham	Spirituality that overcomes the temptation.
		Mrs.Rosamma George Matt 4:1-11		
09-04-2017 Palm Sunday (Malayalam) 9:00 am	Y Rajan & Family	Thomas John Numbers 9:1-12	John K Mathen, Simon George	Hosanna- Christ the Lord of Peace.
		Elizabeth George S Heb 5: 1-10		
16-04-2017 Easter Sunday (Malayalam) 9:00 am	SSS	Anon Binu Isa 60:12-21	Simon George, Thomas Mathew Kalkaji	Resurrection: Celebration of New life in Christ.
		Alisha Thomas 1Cor 15: 42-58		
23-04-2017 Sunday (Malayalam) 9:00 am	George Mathew & Family	Phirose P Koshy Gen 3:13-17	John K Mathen, P M Mathew	Christ Lord and God to us.
		Sunitha Santhosh Col 3:1-11		
30-04-2017 Sunday (Malayalam) 9:00 am	John Oommen & Family	Sibin Thomas Gen 18:1-10	John K Mathen ,Simon George.	Imitation to Christ's Hospitality.
		Sheela John Rom 12:9-16		

Passion week programs			
Date	Offertory	Lessons	Assisting in worship
05.04.2017 Wednesday 07.30 pm Sandhya Namaskaram		Varghese MC, Chatarpur	John Mathen Jacob Chacko
		Julee Biju, Mehrauli	
10.04.2017 Monday 07.30 pm Sandhya Namaskaram		C K Kunjumon, Govindpuri Isa 63:7-19	Sam Philip
		Susan Samuel, Kalkaji Heb 2:1-18	
11.04.2017 Tuesday 07.30 pm Sandhya Namaskaram		Alex George, Devoli Zech 21:1-16	KK Abraham
		Valsa Mathen, Kidwai Nagar Eph 2:1-10	
12.04.2017 Wenesday 07.30 pm Sandhya Namaskaram		Y Rajan, Aya Nagar Lev 16:1-28	John K Mathen
		Sheeba Binu, Motibagh 1John 4:7-20	
13.04.2017 Maundy Thursday	Office bearers of Edavaaka Mission	J T Mathew, Malviya Nagar Exo 12:1-17	John K Mathen, Rajan Thomas
		Mrs. Sosamma K Sam	

07.30 pm Holy Qurbana		Heb 9:1-15	
14.04.2017 Good Friday 9.00am	Part 1 Office bearers 2016-2017	Varghese John, Mehrauli Isa 53:1-12	John K Mathen, Simon George.
		Nitha Punamadom, Green Park 1Pet 1:1-25	
	Part 2 Office bearers 2017-2018	John Thomas, SarithaVihar Zech 13:1-9	John K Mathen, Mathews Kurien
		Ammini Thomas, Lajpat Nagar Gal 3:1-22	
	Part 3 Nil	Ashish Jacob, Vasant Kunj Num 21:1-9	Simon George, Biju Thomas
		Christa Ann Jai, Vasant Kunj Heb 3:1-19	

Responsibility	Prayer Group
<i>Altar Decoration</i>	<i>Malviya Nagar</i>
<i>Bible Reading</i>	<i>Aya Nagar</i>
<i>Offertory Collection</i>	<i>Aya Nagar</i>
<i>Offertory Counting</i>	<i>Kidwai Nagar</i>
<i>Coffee Serving</i>	<i>Kalkaji</i>
<i>Ushering</i>	<i>Devoli</i>

Marriage:

- Anshu Mary Alex, D/o Mrs. Annamma Alex & Mr. Alexander M T, Aya Nagar Prayer Group and Ashwin S/o Mrs. & Mr. Thomas Varghese, Anicadu got married on Saturday the 18th March 2017 at St. George Orthodox Church, Kadamankulam, Kerala.

May God Almighty shower his choicest blessings on the newly weds

Congratulations:

- Mrs & Mr. C. Cherian, Chattarpur prayer group is blessed with a grand-daughter on 12th March 2017
- Mrs & Mr. Aby Ninan (Office Asst) is blessed with a baby boy on 17th March 2017

May GOD bless the newborns!

Holy Baptism:

- Aaron Mathew Sam S/o Sam Philip and Minikutty Mathew of Munirka Prayer Group was baptized on Tuesday the 14th March at our Church.

Hearty welcome to the new member

Condolence:

- *Mr. M A Abraham (74 Yrs) Brother of Mrs.Valsa Mathen Sarojini Nagar Prayer group, passed away on 12thFebruary 2017 in Kerala. Funeral was held on 16th February 2017 at Koodal MTC.*
- *Dr.Manorama Cherian, worked as Superintendent of our Shalom Nivas from 1.4.2001 to 30.11.2001, passed away on 2nd March in Secunderabad and funeral services held at Nereythumet Bethel Mar Thoma Church 4th March 2017*
- *Roy Thomas, 49 brother-in-law of Mrs.Roy Varghese (Sheeja) passed away in Kerala on 13th March
May the Almighty GOD provide consolation and peace to the bereaved families*

Events of the Month:

- 40th Friday worship service will be held in the church on 7th April at 8:30am
- Palm Sunday -9th April
- Maundy Thursday Holy Qurbana – April 13th at 7:30pm
- Good Friday – April 14th
- 16th- Easter Sunday
- 16th-Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom Valiya Metropolitan’s Birth Centenary celebration will be held at Thayagaraja Stadium, near INA at 4pm
- Farewell to Rev Jai Varghese will be given

News Flash:

Attention
From 1st April 2017 the Holy communion will start at 9.am. Hence Sunday school classes start at 8.00am.

Change of Address / Phone Number				
S.No	PNR	NAME	ADDRESS & Tel. No	PRAYER GROUP
1	1379	Mr. Mathew S	Srinvaspuri	Srinivaspuri

Quiz – Look for yourself

Note: Please mention the verse of your answer and write or undersign your name and prayer group in your answer. With this quiz we intend that you will read the bible in a routine manner so please try to find answers by yourself rather through other sources. This month quiz is from the book :

*Send your answers either by hand or by e-mail to jerusalem.jyothi@gmail.com. Last date for sending your answers is **16th April 2017, Sunday***

Nehemiah chapter 1-13

1. Who did not receive the food allowance of the governor for 12 years?
2. Who walked through the middle of the seas as on dry land?
3. Where was Nehemiah when his brother came to meet him?
4. Name the high priest who rebuilt the sheep Gate?
5. What was the vocation of Nehemiah?
6. Who was the keeper of the king’s forest?
7. What did the people do when they heard the words of the law?
8. The valley gate was repaired by whom?
9. How many shekels of silver were given to the governors who preceded Nehemiah, by king Artaxerxes?
10. Who was the prophetess who prophesied against Nehemiah?
11. Who built the fish gate of Jerusalem?
12. The director who led in thanksgiving and prayer?
13. For whom had Eliashib provided a room in the courts of the house of God?
14. Who were the people who mocked and ridiculed Nehemiah and his men?

15. "The woman and children rejoiced and the sound of rejoicing in Jerusalem could be heard far away"
When?

Bible quiz results

1. Artaxerxes (7:12)
2. By the Ahava Canal (8:21)
3. Haggai and Zechariah(5:1,2)
4. Mithredath (1:8)
5. Old priests, levites and family heads who had seen the former temple (3:12)
6. Second year of the reign of Darius (4:24)
7. Tattenai and Shethar-Bozenai (5:3)
8. In the citadel of Ecbatana(6:2)
9. Levi(8:18)
10. Maaseiah, Eliezer, Jarib and Gedaliah(10:18,19)
11. seven (7:14)
12. Cyrus(6:3)
13. 392 (2:58)
14. Shealtiel (3:2)
15. Ezra(7:11)

Out of 13 participants, Alis John of Mehrauli, Susan R Chacko of R K puram, Rachel varghese of Malviya nagar, Ashlin M Samuel of Kalkaji, K K Abraham of Laxmi Bhai Nagar, Susamma George of Kalkaji prayer group, Jissa M Cherian of Chatterpur, Maria Jim of Badarpur, Jincy Mathew of Munirka scored full marks. Winner of March month quiz is **Mrs Susamma George** of Kalkaji prayer group after taking lots. **Congratulations!!**

Prayer and Organizational Meetings			
Date	Day	Time	Organization/Area
02-04-2017	Sunday	5:30 pm	Govindpuri
02-04-2017	Sunday	7.30 pm	Kalkaji
05-04-2017	Wednesday	7:30pm	Edvaka Mission Bible Study
06-04-2017	Thursday	7:30pm	Kidwai Nagar/Sarojini Nagar
07-04-2017	Friday	7:30pm	Gautam Nagar
09-04-2017	Sunday	11:30am	Medical Clinic
09-04-2017	Sunday	11:30am	Sevika Sangham Bible Study
09-04-2017	Sunday	5:30pm	Munirka
09-04-2017	Sunday	7:30pm	Vasant Kunj/Mahipalpur
15-04-2017	Saturday	10.00 am	Senior Citizens Fellowship
16-04-2017	Sunday	11:30am	Yuvajana Sakhyam Bible Study
17-04-2017	Monday	7:30pm	Ashram
18-04-2017	Tuesday	7:30pm	Lajpat Nagar/Srinivaspuri
19-04-2017	Wednesday	7:30pm	Devoli
20-04-2017	Monday	7:30pm	Mehrauli
21-04-2017	Thursday	7:30pm	Aya Nagar
23-04-2017	Sunday	5:30pm	Badarpur
23-04-2017	Sunday	7:30pm	Sarita Vihar
24-04-2017	Monday	7:30pm	Green Park/Malviya Nagar
25-04-2017	Tuesday	7:30pm	Moti Bagh
26-04-2017	Wednesday	7:30pm	Andrews Ganj
27-04-2017	Thursday	7:30pm	R.K.Puram
28-04-2017	Friday	7:30pm	Chattarpur

BIRTHDAY WISHES		
Date	Name	Prayer Group
1	Philomena John,C/o Mary Job	Green Park
	Lt. col. Mathew Thomas,	Moti Bagh
	Varghese K	Munirka
	Varghese Zachariah	Vasant Kunj
	Joshna Jose,D/o Jose S. P	Kalkaji
2	Mercy Joseph,W/o Joseph P S	Badarpur
	Sini Thankachan,D/o Thankachen M S	Gautam Nagar
	George C C	Ashram
3	Cyril Titus Zachariah,S/o Mr. Suresh Philip	Moti Bagh
	Kunjamma,W/o John M	Mahipalpur
4	Achamma Jacob,W/o Jacob Chacko	Vasant Kunj
	Thomas Abraham	Gautam Nagar
	Varghese Chacko	Malviya Nagar
5	Ashly Cherian,D/o Cherian M V	Vasant Kunj
	Binu C George	Mehrauli
	Mercy Joji,W/o Joji Thomas	Sarita Vihar
	David Baby	Moti Bagh
6	Rajan K. S.	Kalkaji
	Felix Mathew	Badarpur
	Ajay Alexander,S/o Aleyamma Alexander	Kalkaji
	Jaisamma Iype,W/o Iype K.V	Govindpuri
7	Subin John,S/o Sunny John	Kalkaji
8	Prasad Philip	R.K.Puram
	Jonathan George Binu,C/o Mr. George A. V.	Aya Nagar
	Michelle Ajay,D/o Aleyamma Alexander	Kalkaji
9	Koshy Philipose	Govindpuri
	Samarth C. Shibu,S/o Mr. Shibu T. P.	Vasant Kunj
	Daniel K P	Devoli
10	Ajith Chacko	Vasant Kunj
	Merin Mariam Raju,D/o Mr. Rajan Baby	Moti Bagh
	Reeja Thomas,D/o Mr. Thomas George	Govindpuri
	Abin K John,S/o John K Mathen	Kidwai Nagar
	Elizabeth Mathews,W/o Mathews Kurian	Govindpuri
	Omana Baby,W/o Mr. David Baby	Moti Bagh
11	Mercy Thomas,W/o Thomas K T	Aya Nagar
	Roshni Elizabeth Raji,D/o Mr. Raji Chacko	R.K.Puram
12	Susan George,W/o George C Philip	Vasant Kunj
	Rion Rinu Varghese,S/o Mr. Rinu P. Varghese	Moti Bagh
	Jessy Abraham,W/o Abraham Chacko	Malviya Nagar
13	Thresiamma,W/o Skariah Thomas	Gautam Nagar
14	Shaji Cherian	Moti Bagh
	Sunil Thomas,S/o Thomas M M	Malviya Nagar
	Roy P. Thomas	Kidwai Nagar
14	Leelamma Mathew,W/o Mr. Thomas Mathew	Moti Bagh
	Jacob V.T	Mehrauli
15	Shanti Biju,W/o Mr. Biju Varughese	Mehrauli
	Samuel Thomas,S/o Thomas Mathew	Kalkaji
16	Stephy Elsa Philip,C/o Mr. Reny Varghese	Kalkaji

	Raji Chacko	R.K.Puram
	Nevin Alex,S/o Babu Alex	Ashram
17	Vinita Susan Varghese,C/o Cherian M. V.	Vasant Kunj
	Susamma John	Mehrauli
	Bezalel Mamachan,S/o Mamachan P	Badarpur
	Varghese TE,C/o Philip T E	Srinivaspuri
	Alwin Tom Joseph,S/o Joseph K. T	Ashram
	Mercy John,D/o John M	Mahipalpur
18	Babu Thomas	Ashram
	Samma David,C/o Mr. Anil George Thomas	Govindpuri
	Max Mathew,S/o Mathew C. M.	Sarita Vihar
	Jasmin Sara Oommen,D/o Oommen P G	Lajpat Nagar
19	Reji George	Chattarpur
	Allen Thomas,S/o Skariah Thomas	Gautam Nagar
20	Thomas M T	Mehrauli
	Samma Jacob,W/o Mr. Jacob M. C.	Andrews Ganj
	Lijy Jose,W/o Jose Daniel	Govindpuri
	Emmanuel Benett Varghese,S/o Varghese P	Badarpur
	Jerril Varghese Giju,S/o Giju K. Jacob	Mehrauli
	Simon T M	Kalkaji
21	Felix Mathews,S/o Mathews V. Abraham	Mehrauli
22	Kevin George Varghese,S/o Varghese K.	Munirka
23	Hannah Susan Viji,D/o Mr. Viji Thomas	Moti Bagh
	Varghese John,S/o Mr. John Varughese	Badarpur
	Michael K. P	Mehrauli
	Samma Wilson,W/o Wilson John	Kalkaji
	Destina Johnson,W/o Mr. Johnson P. Samuel	Moti Bagh
24	Ani T Varghese,W/o Thomas Varghese	Malviya Nagar
	Julie Eliza Thomas,D/o Mr. Thomas Abraham	R.K.Puram
25	Sheeja Roy,W/o Mr. Roy Varghese	Govindpuri
	Jolly Thomas,W/o Thomas N K	Mehrauli
	Rahelamma George	Govindpuri
	Lini Mathew,W/o Mr. Mathew P. M	Mehrauli
	John Oommen	Aya Nagar
	Alistair John Santhosh,S/o Mr. Santhosh John	Moti Bagh
27	Alice George,W/o Mr. Anil George Thomas	Govindpuri
	Jeni .S. Varghese,D/o Mr. Saju Varghese	Mehrauli
	Feba Mathews,D/o Mathews V. Abraham	Mehrauli
28	Soosamma Samuel,W/o Samuel Mathew	Kalkaji
	Animol Thomas,W/o Thomas John	Vasant Kunj
	Shefil Eliza Koshy,D/o Koshy Mathew	Ashram
28	Rajan Y	Aya Nagar
	Kunjumon K	Chattarpur
29	Anitta Elsa Abraham,D/o Abraham Samuel	Ashram
	Gracy Abraham,W/o Abraham K K	Sarojini Nagar
30	Deena Jacob,W/o Mr. Jacob Samuel	Kalkaji
	Elsamma Jacob,W/o Jacob T	Badarpur
	Vandhana Ani,W/o Mr. Ani Jacob Mathew	Mehrauli
	Jiben Jose Mathew,S/o Mathew K. J.	Aya Nagar
	Molamma Johnson,W/o Mr. Johnson A.	Gautam Nagar

	Joshua George Kathett,S/o Adv. Manoj V. George	Vasant Kunj
	Ashly Thomas,S/o Mr. Thomas P. M.	Vasant Kunj
	Mathew Oommen	Govindpuri

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WISHES		
Date	Name	Prayer Group
4	Mrs. & Mr. Jacob M C	Andrews Ganj
5	Mrs. & Mr. Abraham G	Mehrauli
8	Mrs. & Mr. Thankachan M S	Gautam Nagar
	Mrs. & Mr. Mathew Kurien	Munirka
10	Mrs. & Mr. John Kurien	Sarita Vihar
	Mrs. & Mr. Mathew K.S	Badarpur
12	Mrs. & Mr. George Jacob	Srinivaspuri
	Mrs. & Mr. Georgekutty A	Ashram
	Mrs. & Mr. Binu George	Aya Nagar
14	Mrs. & Mr. Robin Varghese	Gautam Nagar
	Mrs. & Mr. Johnson A	Gautam Nagar
17	Mrs. & Mr. Roy Ninan	Moti Bagh
	Mrs. & Mr. Reji Thomas	Mehrauli
18	Mrs. & Mr. Binu Samuel	Kalkaji
	Mrs. & Mr. Mathai V. T	Kalkaji
19	Mrs. & Mr. Mathew P. M	Mehrauli
23	Mrs. & Mr. Kurian K A	Mehrauli
	Mrs. & Mr. Thomas Thomas (Lt.Col.)	Vasant Kunj
	Mrs. & Mr. Alexander Thomas	Green Park
	Mrs. & Mr. Mathew K V	Devoli
24	Mrs. & Mr. Mathew John	Sarojini Nagar
	Mrs. & Mr. Binu Jacob	Kidwai Nagar
25	Mrs. & Mr. Raji Chacko	R.K.Puram
	Mrs. & Mr. Philip John Parakkatil	Andrews Ganj
26	Mrs. & Mr. Varughese John	Aya Nagar
	Mrs. & Mr. Mathew J T	Malviya Nagar
27	Mrs. & Mr. Bipin K	Badarpur

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