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## September 2011—Newsletter

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

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## BIBLE QUIZ-8 (Prepared by Dr. Anita Daniel)

### GALATIANS

Fill in the blanks and mention the Bible verse too! Please send your answers to the Vicar by 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2011. Toppers will be acknowledged! Do hurry!

Paul writes this letter to the ----- (1) in Galatia. He is surprised that the people are turning to a different----- (2) very quickly. He reminds them of his own divine calling and how he got converted from the religious beliefs of -----(3). Paul did not doubt God's calling nor did he go to see the -----(4)immediately for further consultation regarding this revelation. It was only after three years of his conversion that Paul went to Jerusalem to meet----- (5).During his second visit to Jerusalem, ----- (6) &----- (7)also accompanied him. Paul says that as Peter was called to be an apostle to the -----, the disciples understood that Paul was called to be an apostle to the --- (8). Paul mentions how Titus was not compelled to be----- (9) even though he was a Greek so that he could experience the freedom in Christ Jesus. On a later occasion Paul rebukes Peter for behaving like a ----- (10) by not living according to the gospel truth. Paul emphasizes that both Jews & Gentiles are justified only through----- (11)in Jesus Christ &not through observation of the -----(12).To speak about righteousness through faith he mentions the name of ----- (13).Paul reminds that the Law was added because of ----- (14).Paul scolds the Galatians for observing special -----(15)& months & -----(16)&years and for turning back to -----(17) &---- (18)principles. He says that he is in the pains of childbirth once again so that -----(19) could be formed in them. Paul gives more examples by mentioning two covenants. -----(20) stands for Mount Sinai &represents the present city of -----(21) because she is in slavery with her children. But the New Jerusalem is our mother because she represents children of ----- (22).Paul wants the believers to run the good----- (23) and not to be led by false teachings. He wants us to beware this -----(24) that secretly works through the whole batch of dough. However, Paul wants them to use their freedom not to indulge in -----(25)nature but to serve one another in ----- (26).He mentions that the secret of leading a successful Christian life is to live by the -----(27).He reminds the believers not to become conceited,----- (28) & envying each other. He concludes by emphasizing that neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is a new----- (29).Paul wishes to boast on nothing except the -----(30)of Christ through which the world has been crucified to him & he to the world.

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### Vicar's Message

Dearly Beloved in Christ,  
Loving Greetings!

“Be sure to use the abilities God has given you” 2 Tim.2:15

The Bible reminds us to use our time, resources, and opportunities wisely. Circumstances are unpredictable and we are encouraged to forget hurtful feelings, paralyzing thoughts, and disappointing views and strive to fulfill our part on this earth with a child-like trust in God. Postponing the good we intend to do can turn out to be stressful. This does not mean that we should work without rest. Just as an axe performs better when it gets a break to be sharpened, we can perform effectively when we take occasional breaks by meditating on God's word and spending time in prayer and fellowship. Let us grow stronger in our faith.

A new academic year has begun. Let us uphold our children in our prayers. The Sunday school for this academic year has also begun. May we encourage our children to attend Sunday school classes.

Let us praise God for His divine protection especially when the nation was threatened by the devastating hurricane Irene.

The Mar Thoma Sabha is blessed by three new bishops. Let us pray that God may strengthen their ministry. The **Sabha Mandalam** is to be held from **September 6-8**. May our prayers help in the making of important decisions.

The **Diocesan Convention** at our church will be held on **Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30 P.M.** **Rev. Dr. T. J. Thomas** will be the guest speaker. Your wholehearted participation is solicited.

With prayers  
M. S. Daniel Achen

## Worship Schedule

Date	Time	Worship Order
September 4th	10:30 AM	Holy Communion—English “Education-for self formation (Education Sunday)”
September 11th	10:30 AM	Holy Communion—Malayalam “Evangelization— Co responsibility of Women” Sevika Sangham Day
September 18th	10:30 AM	Holy Communion—English “Baptism: Incorporation in to the Body of Christ”
September 25th	08:00 AM	Divine Service—English “Care the aged: Senior Citizens Day ”
September 25th	10:30 AM	Holy Communion—Malayalam “Care the aged: Senior Citizens Day ”

## REMINDER

Starting on September 4, 2011, Sunday School will begin at 9:00AM and regular worship services will begin at 10:30AM.

### ANSWERS OF BIBLE QUIZ-8 (II CORINTHIANS)

**1.**God’s grace (1:12 ) **2.**fragrance of life (2:16) **3.**spirit gives life ( 3:6) **4.**ministry that brings righteousness (3:9) **5.**not crushed (4:8) **6.**not in despair (4:8) **7.**not abandoned (4:9) **8.**not destroyed (4:9) **9.**renewed inwardly (4:16) **10.**what is unseen is eternal (4:18) **11.**eternal house (5:1) **12.**not by sight (5:7) **13.**regarded as imposters (6:8) **14.**regarded as unknown (6:9) **15.**not killed (6:9) **16.**always rejoicing (6:10) **17.**making many rich (6:10) **18.**possessing everything (6:10) **19.**worldly sorrow (7:10) **20.**pulling you down (10:8) **21.**elevate you (11:7) **22.**I am strong (12:10) **23.**live by God’s power (13:4)

### WINNERS OF BIBLE QUIZ-8 CONGRATS!

MONICA ABRAHAM, ALEYAMMA GEORGE, ANNAKUTTY GEORGE, ELSIE GEORGE, SALLY GEORGE, SHIJIN GEORGE, THOMAS GEORGE, ELIZABETH & SHALINI JACOB, ANNAMMA. P. JOHN, JOJI & PUSHPA JOHN, MARY KOSHY, SALAMMA OOMMEN, ALEYAMMA M. THOMAS, LILLY THOMAS, ALEYAMMA VARUGHESE, ANNAMMA I. VARUGHESE,

## **EDAVAKA MISSION**

Edavaka Mission prayer meetings will be held every Friday at 6 PM at the Church, unless otherwise notified.

## **SEVIKA SANGHAM**

Sevika Sangham prayer meetings will be held on Friday mornings at 10 AM at the Church, unless otherwise notified.

A Sevika Sangham prayer meeting will be conducted on Thursday, September 15th at 10 AM at the residence of Mrs. Annamma P. John, 4 Linden Place, Bergenfield, NJ 07621, 201-244-6935.

## **YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**

Youth Fellowship meetings will be held on Fridays at 6:30 PM. Refer to the Youth Fellowship Secretary's e-mail for more details.

## **COUNSELING CLASS**

There will be a combined Sevika Sangham and Senior Citizens Fellowship meeting on Friday, September 9th, at 10 AM at the Church.

Rev. Dr. T.J. Thomas will conduct a counseling class.

All members are requested to attend this meeting.

## **Lectionary**

Date	Bible Lessons	Readers
September 4th	Prov. 8: 1-14 Jam. 3: 13-18	Jason Varghese Neetha Mathew
September 11th	Prov. 31: 10-31 Acts. 16: 6-15	Marykutty Daniel Mariamma Abraham
September 18th	Exo. 14: 15-31 Tit. 3: 3-8	Paul Varghese Gini Varghese
September 25th English	Isa. 40: 21-31 1Tim. 5: 1-10	Stephen John Gabriella John
September 25th Malayalam	Isa. 40: 21-31 1Tim. 5: 1-10	P.T. Chacko Saramma Chacko

## **BIRTHDAYS—September**

Happy Birthday! We thank God for protecting you in the past year & pray that God's blessings be upon you in the new year. Please participate in the Birthday thanksgiving prayer during Sunday worship service.

09/01	Sarah R. Abraham	2-20, 29th Street
09/01	Thomas P. Cherian	54 Pleasant Ave
09/01	Thomas Daniel	75 Tibbs Court
09/01	Ginu S. Mathew	405 Kehoe Ct.
09/01	Zibi Varghese	214 Central Ave
09/02	Gladis Varghese	8 Hillock Ave
09/03	Sara Varghese	476 New Milford Ave
09/04	Shane P. Pothen	40 Bridge St
09/04	Dennis Thomas	1313 Grand Street Apt # 307
09/04	Abi Varghese	214 Central Ave,
09/05	Joshua George	159 E. Linden Ave
09/05	Ritti Oommen	28 Fairview Ave
09/05	George Varghese	60 Mae Paul Drive
09/06	K. K. Thomas	982 Pleasant Dr,
09/07	Anjo T. Chacko	21 Leonhard Drive
09/08	Jerry D. Abraham	76 Spring Dr,
09/08	Thomas Mathew	95 Columbus Place #3
09/09	Sherry George	126 Sylvan Ave
09/09	Leena S. John	24 Ford Ct.
09/09	Alex J. Mathew	28 Cameron Road
09/10	Chechamma Chacko	399 Graphic Blvd,
09/10	Cherian Jacob	16 Simpson Ct.
09/10	Elizabeth Verghese	1032 Phelps Road
09/11	Merin P. Cherian	240 Ridge Street
09/11	Jonathan M. Sam	71 Druid Avenue
09/11	Elizabeth Thomas	178 River Road
09/11	Amanda M. Varghese	560 John Street
09/12	Pushpa John	12 Pershing St
09/12	Roy M. Poikayil	49 Birch St.
09/13	Jason P. Pothen	40 Bridge St
09/13	Jonathan K. Pothen	40 Bridge St

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

There will be a Sunday School Teachers Meeting on Saturday, September 3rd from 3 PM to 5 PM at the Church.

Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> is the first day of Sunday school for the 2011-12 school year. Sunday school will begin at 9 AM with praise and worship, and then classes start at 9:30 AM.

Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> is the Bible quiz. It will be based on the book of Luke. Students in grades 5 through 10 are eligible to take this quiz. The top 3 scorers will represent the Sunday at the regional competition in October.

Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> is the St. Peter's Sunday school competition. Students in grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 10, are eligible to participate. All competition items are posted on the church website.

The Southeastern Regional competitions will be held at the Ascension Mar Thoma Church in Philadelphia, October 15, 2011.

If you have any questions about any upcoming Sunday school programs, please contact Biju Mathew @ 201-969-2582 (home) / 201-788-4996 (cell) or [biju.mathew329@gmail.com](mailto:biju.mathew329@gmail.com)

## **First Communicants**

Our Diocesan Bishop will be celebrating the First Communicants on Sunday, October 2nd.

## **Condolence**

The beloved father (Cherian Kunchandy—Age 84) of Mrs. Daizy Cherian, 371 N. 10th St., Prospect Park, passed away in Peringanad (Adoor).

Please uphold the bereaved family members in your thoughts and prayers.

## Parish Convention

The parish convention will be conducted from Friday, October 28th to Sunday, October 30th. Professor David Abraham will be the main speaker.

## Episcopal Visit

Our Diocesan Bishop, Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius, will be visiting our parish on October 1st and 2nd.

## Parish Day

Our Parish Day will be held on Saturday, October 1st, at 6 PM at the Church. Our Diocesan Bishop, Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius, will be the Chief Guest.

## Newly Wedded Couple

Congratulations to the following newly wedded couple:

Swithin and Rena Titus, 512 Kipp St., Teaneck, NJ 07666.

We wish them a lifetime of happiness and may God continue to guide and strengthen them.

## Sunday Coffee Refreshment (“Area E”)

Prayer Group E is in charge of making coffee on Sundays during the month of September. Thank you.

09/13	Geeta Prince	183 Maple Street
09/13	Ron Samuel	136 Lincoln Avenue
09/14	Stephen Daniel	135 New Jersey Ave
09/15	Jina M. Joseph	353 Charles Street
09/16	Ryan John	22-05 Ward Street
09/17	Manu John	476 New Milford Ave
09/18	Alby V. John	40A Brookdale Gardens
09/19	Suja S. Samuel	466 Albert Place
09/20	Angie George	16 West Lawn Dr,
09/20	Joshina Johnson	75 N Stoughton Street
09/20	Sheryl Kurian	41 Marinus Street
09/20	Immanuel Thomas	34 Williamson Rd
09/20	Nathaniel Thomas	34 Williamson Rd
09/21	M. S. Daniel	631 John St
09/21	Angela E. Thomas	1014 Boulevard
09/22	Bethany R. Abraham	2-20, 29th Street
09/22	Emil A. George	574 Gail Ct.
09/22	Eric P. George	574 Gail Ct.
09/22	Princy Joy	132 Grove Street, #3
09/22	Dan M. Sanil	10 Simpson Court
09/22	Paul Varghese	10 Overbrook Place
09/23	Effie Mathew	848 Country Club Dr.
09/25	Joy John	1147 Rosse Ave,
09/25	Stephie John	24 Beverly Road
09/25	Monica Mathew	848 Country Club Dr.
09/26	Justin Mathai	17 Franklin Street
09/27	Joel C. John	865 Ester Ave.
09/27	Jake Philip	68 Bush Place
09/27	Mariamamma K. Thomas	145 Tillman Street
09/28	Saramma Easaw	103 E Cedar Lane,
09/28	George K. Jacob	2 Katharina Place
09/29	Ancy John	85 School St.
09/30	Chinnamma S. Alakkattil	125 Linwood Ave,
09/30	Varghese Jacob	399 Graphic Blvd

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES – September

We wish the following couples a happy Wedding Anniversary. Please attend and partake in the thanksgiving prayer during the Holy Communion Service.

09/02	George & Sosamma Philip	574 Gail Ct.
09/02	Rajan & Susamma Mathew	28 Cameron Road
09/02	Santosh & Mary Abraham	175 Gold St, Apt O
09/06	George & Mary Simon	302 Neumaier Dr
09/06	Philip Mammen & Beenamma Philip	140 Kinderkamack
09/09	Prince & Annamma John	4 Linden Place
09/10	Cherian Varghese & Rachel Cherian	240 Ridge Street
09/13	Daniel & Marykutty Daniel	178 Cambridge Ave
09/13	Sanju Varghese & Manu John	476 New Milford Ave
09/15	Dennis & Jeani Thomas	1313 Grand Street Apt # 307
09/15	Zachariah & Leena Varughese	59 Foxcroft Road
09/15	Thomas Daniel & Aleyamma Thomas	75 Tibbs Court
09/16	Reny & Annie Easaw	103 E Cedar Lane
09/17	Saji & Meena John	184 E Howard Dr.
09/19	George Abraham & Jaya Jacob	75 Hillside Ave
09/23	Bobby & Anila Mathew	88 Oak Street
09/23	Mathews Abraham & Sheeja Mathews	212 Woodridge St, Apt. D
09/24	P. T. & Saramma Chacko	465 Knoll Road
09/26	Shaji & Sheena Abraham	2-20, 29th Street
09/27	Reji & Omana Mathew	2 Edward St
09/29	Thomas & Suma Mathew	95 Columbus Place #3

## Prayer Meetings

Date	Time	Prayer Group	Address At the Residence of
09/18	5:00 PM	C	70 Cedar Lane Teaneck, NJ 07666 <i>Hosted by:</i> Mr. Cherian P. Varghese 201-261-2272
09/24	6:00 PM	Young Families Fellowship & Yuvajana Sakhyam	70 Cedar Lane Teaneck, NJ 07666

## New Born

Dennis and Jeani Thomas, 1313 Grand Street Apt # 307, Hoboken, were blessed with a baby boy '**Alexander David Thomas**' on July 30th, 2011. Let us congratulate the proud parents and pray for the new addition.

## Congratulations

Our Sabha Prathinidhi Mandalam member, Dr. George K. Jacob, has been elected to the Mar Thoma Sabha Council. Congratulations to Dr. Jacob.

## Diocesan Convention

The Diocesan Convention will be held on Friday, September 9th, at 6:30 PM at our Church. All are requested to prayerfully participate in the convention.