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Worship Service Schedule

Date	Time	Worship
Sun, May 4 th	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (<i>Malayalam</i>), Bible Study * Holy Communion Service, <u>Malayalam</u>
Sun, May 11 th	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (<i>Malayalam</i>), Bible Study * Holy Communion Service, <u>English</u>
Sun, May 18 th	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (<i>Malayalam</i>), Intercessory Prayer * Holy Communion Service, <u>English</u>
Sun, May 25 th	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (<i>Malayalam</i>), Bible Study * Holy Communion Service, <u>Malayalam</u>

(* Based on Pastoral availability)

Lectionary

Date	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
Sun May 4th	Gen 18: 1-10	Rom 12: 9-16	Heb 13: 1-8	St John 21: 1-14
Sun May 11th	Exo 40: 34-48	2Tim 2: 1-13	Phil 3: 8-16	St Luke 24: 13-33
Sun May 18th	Exo 14: 10-20	Acts 16: 19-34	1 John 1: 1-10	St John 14: 1-7
Sun May 25th	Micah 4: 1-7	1 John 5: 1-12	Phil 4: 4-9	St Luke 24: 36-49

Important Days In Sabha/Diocesan Calendar

Date	Importance of the Day
1st, Thursday	May Day - Human participation in God's work
4th, Sunday	Invitation to Christ's hospitality (2nd Sunday after Easter)
8th, Thursday	St John the Apostle's day
11th, Sunday	Communion with Risen Christ in daily life (3rd Sunday after Easter)
18th, Sunday	Christ the Way, Truth and Life (4th Sunday after Easter)
25th, Sunday	Mission as sharing Christ (5th Sunday after Easter)
28th, Thursday	Feast of the Ascension of our Lord - Exalted and Glorified Christ

A Mother's Love

There are times when

Only a mother's love can understand our tears,
Can soothe our disappointments
and calm all of our fears.

There are times when

only a mother's love can share the joy we feel.
When something we've dreamed about quite suddenly is real.

There are times when

only a mother's faith can help us on life's way
And inspire in us the confidence we need from day to day.

For a mother's heart and a mother's faith

And a mother's steadfast love
Were fashioned by the angels
And sent from God above.

Happy Mothers Day



Achens Corner (message from Rev. V. M. Mathew)

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

“The Opposite of Loneliness”

The ‘opposite to loneliness’ is Marina Keegan’s posthumous collection of essays and stories, comes a gift no one ever fully wants to receive — bright and youthful wisdom from a talent who died too soon. Keegan was just 22 years old and five days past graduating magna cum laude from Yale University when she was killed in a car accident on her way to meet her family for her father’s birthday party in Cape Cod. And while she had a brilliant future ahead of her — a job lined up at the New Yorker, a play about to be produced at a theatre festival the rising star had already made a major mark.

This title really attracted my attention. What is the opposite of loneliness? Keegan in her opening chapter says “we don’t have a word for the opposite of loneliness, if we did, that is what I want in my life”. Being lonely is the saddest and the most difficult phase of life. Being lonely in a crowd is the contradiction of today’s life. We are living in a busy and crowded world but we feel lonely and empty. Feeling lonely because of unproductiveness, feeling lonely because of separation, feeling lonely due to failures in life, feeling lonely because of anxieties about the future are the few examples of lonely life situations in our lives. There are many living in this world going through similar situations where they don’t understand what is happening around and feeling so lonely.

What is our response to the people who are going through these kinds of situations? As Christians, do we have a responsibility to these brothers and sisters? If we are in situations similar to these, what do we do?

Psalms 25: 16 and 17 says “Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart and free me from my anguish”. King David was the one who wrote this Psalm and he clearly understood what loneliness means and how deep its length and breadth. Especially when he was running away from King Saul for his life and when he was struggling with his sin, when he lost his son as a consequence of sin, he understood the intensity of loneliness. But he found the right place to approach, he found the right person for the help that is none other than the Almighty God who is the author and creator of this universe. Loneliness will go away when we think we have someone to hold on to, when we have someone who understands us and when we have someone who provides help for us.

As Christians the opposite to loneliness is ‘the presence of God’. God’s presence will comfort us and console us when we are in loneliness. But sometimes this presence is felt through our presence, words and actions. Let us depend on the resurrected Jesus who is always with us in all our life situations and let us be His presence wherever needed. That is the mission that we need accomplish.

Yours in His Service

**V. M. Mathew achen
Youth Chaplain.**



Area Prayer Meeting

Event Type	Date & Time	Location
Manhattan/ New Jersey	5/3/2014, Saturday 7:00 PM	Mr. Varghese Easo New Milford, NJ
Upper Westchester/CT	5/10/2014, Saturday 6:30 PM	Mr. Johnkutty Geevarghese White Plains, NY
Queens/ Long Island	5/11/2014, Sunday 6:30 PM	Mr. Daniel Gee Varghese Floral Park, NY
Yonkers East (Central Ave)	5/17/2014, Saturday 6:30 PM	Mr. Mathew John Yonkers, NY
Rockland	5/18/2014, Sunday 6:30 PM	Mrs. Rosamma K. Mathew Spring Valley, NY
Yonkers West (Church- Riverdale)	5/24/2014, Saturday 7:00 PM	Mr. Yohannan Yohannan Yonkers, NY

MONTHLY FASTING PRAYER

Fasting Prayer	5/24/2014, Saturday 10:00 AM	Mr. Thomas V. Varghese White Plains, NY
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Organizational Meetings

Sunday School

Sundays	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Church
Diocesan Exam	5/4/2014 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	Church

Edavaka Mission

Wed. Prayer	5/7/2014, 7:00 PM	Mr. Abraham Koshy Pelham, NY
Wed Prayer	Other Wednesdays 7:00 PM	Church (Parsonage Basement)

Senior Citizen's Fellowship

Fellowship Meeting	Please contact Fellowship Secretary for information.	
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Yuvujana Sakhyam

Cottage Prayer	Please contact Yuvajana Secretary for information.	
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Young Family Fellowship

Fellowship Meeting	5/4/2014	In Church (after Service) Led by Rev V. M. Mathew
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Youth Fellowship

Weekly Meeting	Every Sunday After service	Held in the Chapel
Bible Study	→	See Youth Secretary for Info.

Sevika Sangham

Event	Date & Time	Location
Friday Prayer	5/2/2014, Friday 10:00 AM	Mrs. Annamma Mathew Portchester, NY
Bible Study	5/4/2014, Frist Sunday	Church After Service
Friday Prayer	5/9/2014, Friday 10:00 AM	Mrs. Annamma Thomas Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	5/16/2014, Friday 10:00 AM	Mrs. Sosamma Thomas Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	5/23/2014, Friday 10:00 AM	Mrs. Aleyamma Varghese Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	5/30/2014, Friday 10:00 AM	Mrs. Aleyamma Chacko Spring Valley, NY

- * Sevika Sanghom Bible study in church after Sunday services. First Sunday every month.
- * Plan for S.S.S Retreats and outside trip /tour. Can be a boat ride, local place visit or one day retreat, primarily, for the spiritual growth. Will announce date later.
- * Combined meeting with senior citizens and S.S.S. on Thursday, June 13th, 2014 or as directed by Achen, in the church.
- * Regional couples meeting in Bethany M.T.C. on JUNE 21, 2014.
- * Regional Couples Conference 2014 in St. Thomas. November 8th, 2014.
- * Kala Mela in September 27th, 2014. In long Island M.T.C.
- * S.S.S. National Conference is scheduled to be held from October 2nd to October 5th 2014 in Washington/ Maryland ,Plan for trip
- * Family night programs-November 15th, 2014
- * S.S.S. Weekly prayer meeting in all areas of the Regions. please let Sevika Sanghom prayer coordinator, Mrs. Aleyamma Chacko know your convenient date to schedule prayer meetings.

For the year

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