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Worship Service Schedule

Date	Time	Worship
Sun, Nov 2 nd	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (<i>Malayalam</i>) Bible Study Holy Communion Service, <u>English</u>
Sun, Nov 9 th	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (<i>Malayalam</i>) Intercessory Prayer Holy Communion Service, <u>English</u>
Sun, Nov 16 th	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (<i>Malayalam</i>) Bible Study Holy Communion Service, <u>Malayalam</u>
Sun, Nov 23 th	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (<i>Malayalam</i>) Bible Study Holy Communion Service, <u>Malayalam</u>
Thu, Nov 27 th	10:00 am	Holy Communion Service <u>English</u> Thanks Giving : Family offertory
Sun, Nov 30 th	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (<i>Malayalam</i>) Bible Study Divine Service, <u>English</u>

Lectionary

Date	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
Sun, Nov 2 nd	Prov.23:15-26	Heb.12:1-13	1 John.2:7-17	St.John.6:1-14
Sun, Nov 9 th	Micah.6:1-8	2 Cor.4:7-15	1 Cor.12:12-20	St.Luke.10:1-9
Sun, Nov 16 th	1Chro.24.1-19	Heb.5:1-10	2 Cor.2:12-17	St.Luke.1:5-23
Sun, Nov 23 rd	Zech.2:10-13	1 John.3:1-16	Eph.1:3-10	St.Luke.1:26-38
Sun, Nov 30 th	Gen. 18:1-16	1 Pet.1:8-12	2 Cor.1:3-11	St.Luke.1:39-45

Important Days In Sabha/Diocesan Calendar

Date	Importance of the Day
Nov. 1st Sat	All Saints Day
Nov 2nd Sun	Kudosh Eetho : Sanctification of the Church
	(Beginning of the Liturgical Year) World Sunday School Day- Initiation of Children to the Faith and Practices
Nov 9th, Sun	Hudos Eetho : Renewal of the Church- Festival of Unity of the Communion of Churches in India (CCI)
Nov 16th, Sun	Annunciation to Zechariah
Nov 23rd, Sun	Annunciation to Virgin Mary
Nov 29th, Sat	Church of North India Day
Nov 30th, Sat	Sunday Visitation of Virgin Mary to Elizabeth. St. Andrews the Apostle Day

Achens Corner



Dearly Beloved in Christ

In this issue, I would like to share with you about "becoming a responsible marital partner. A healthy family is one where there is mutual care and support for each others continuing growth. It highlights the responsibility in mutual caring, relationship with God, participation in church life and stewardship in mission and parenting. A responsible partner considers family as shared responsibility. Both the husband and the wife share responsibility in creating a healthy partnership. The wellbeing and enrichment of the other is the primary responsibility of every partner. While each person has to meet basic needs, the quest is rather what I can get to satisfy myself from this relationship. The resolution of conflicts become possible only when both the partners acknowledge their responsibility in making the conflict. A responsible partner understands and accepts the other. In the Christian understanding, partner is the choice and gift of God. An unconditional acceptance of strength as well as the limitations of the partner is essential to see the worth of the gift and enter in to a mutually enriching relationship.

A responsible partner is sensitive to the needs of the partner. Mutual need satisfaction is an essential factor for the strong and lasting relationship between the spouses. Conflicts arises when the needs are not satisfactorily met. Responsibility in relationship thus includes sensitivity to the need of the partner. The physiological needs. The need for food shelter, protection, sex etc. which are essential for survival.

The emotional needs: The need to love and to be loved, care and to be cared, feeling of being valued and admired, to be happy and content.

The psychological needs: the need to achieve, be autonomous, creative, attended and need for recognition, appreciation etc.

The social needs: The need for fellowship and sharing.

A responsible partner trusts and committed to the partner. Trusting the partner and being faithful are important requisites for a healthy marital relationship. Trust is the ability to believe in the worth of another person. Trust gives a sense of security in the relationship. It is developed through mutual interaction. When trust is lost there would be negative and wrong conclusions about the partner.

This will hinder the growth of intimacy.

Yours in His Service
Rev. K. K Samuel

Annual Corporate General Body Meeting
November 23rd

After Service

Youth Chaplain's Corner

Why do I hate alcohol?

The immediate response that I am going to receive is 'hey you are a priest so you have to do that'. It is not only that I am an ordained minister that I hate alcohol but I am convinced and confident that a Christian should abstain completely from alcohol. Now I am ministering among the youth in New York and the frequent question that I receive is, is bible against alcohol? Is it sin to drink alcohol? I am also aware of the fact that among the Mar Thomites, my own people, there is a gradual increase in the consumption of alcohol as a part of social gathering.

Some people rank alcoholism as our second greatest health problem in America (others say 3rd or 4th). There are about 10 million alcoholics and 20 million persons who consume an immoderate amount of alcohol. About 70% use alcohol as a beverage. As a result, alcohol contributes to 205,000 deaths each year. Life expectancy of the alcoholic is reduced by at least a decade. One-half of all traffic fatalities are the direct result of the abuse of alcohol. It is directly connected to one-half of the homicides and one-third of the suicides. It costs business alone 19 billion dollars a year. And now one out of every twelve marriages comes apart over drinking.

I hear people say, they drink occasionally, and some others say they drink only as a part of social gathering, some consume alcohol everyday with a moderate quantity, and some others are struggling how to control the addiction of alcohol. Sure, there are those out there who can drink socially and in moderation. But every addicted person started drinking by looking at it in that perspective but gradually got addicted to it.

Alcohol, even in moderation, takes away money and time that could be better spent elsewhere. Alcohol is a waste of time, money and positive energy and nothing you gain out of it.

I read a person explaining from his own life these consequences of drinking alcohol; 'Alcohol gives people the liquid courage to be cruel, to be bullies, to be violent and to humiliate the people they claim to love. Alcohol makes you look like a fool. Alcohol destroys families, weddings, reunions, holidays, birthdays, funerals, graduations, concerts, parties, and untold numbers of public events. Alcohol encourages criminality and causes suicides. Alcohol destroys businesses, ruins livelihoods, causes homelessness, devastates relationships and undermines trust'. I

believe this is completely true, nothing we gain but loses many things. I remember Thomas, who was one of our AA members and went back to his addiction after few months when I was a missionary in Wayanad. I took him twice back to our De addiction centre but finally I saw him hanged himself on a public bus shelter, leaving behind a lot of debts, a sick wife and two children. I can narrate many other pathetic stories like this that I saw as a result of alcohol. After coming to New York and working with the youth I saw many devastated lives, relationships and families due to the consumption of alcohol.

Some people has strong will power and self control but not many others have the same qualities so I believe in what Paul said “ *Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother or sister to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause them to fall*” (I Cor 8:13). If I am a stumbling block to my weak brothers and sisters then I am distorting the body of Christ. I saw many of our brothers and sisters drink only when alcohol is served in our parties. Are we making others to fall into sin by providing it? I make a humble request to all those who drink, occasionally or regularly, to abstain from it because we are not gaining anything out of it but loses many things, money, time, thinking capacity, health, family relations so on and so forth. In 1 Cor. 6. 19 Paul is reminding us “Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own”. Our body is created in the image of God and with a purpose and whatever destroys that image needs to be avoided. Then we will be able to witness him as a living sacrifice.

V. M. Mathew achen
Youth chaplain

13 Item Collection—Offertory November 9th

Please participate prayerfully in this important offertory

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Outside Kerala Mission 2 Medical Mission 3 Theological Seminary (Hosanna) 4 Metropolitan Fund 5 Sacred Music Sunday 6 Clergy Medical Aid Fund 7 Tithe Offering | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 Mission Sunday 9 Education Sunday 10 M.T. Voluntary Evangelist Association 11 Youth Sunday 12 Sunday School Samaajam 13 Bible Society |
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Area Prayer Meeting

Area	Time	Location
Manhattan/New Jersey	Saturday 11/1/2014 11:30 AM	Mr. Samuel Mathew Monroe, NY
Yonkers South (McLean Ave)	Sunday 11/2/2014 6:30 PM	Mr. Thomas P. John Yonkers, NY
Upper Westchester/ CT	Saturday 11/8/2014 6:30 PM	Mr. Mathew Abraham Portchester, NY
Queens/Long Island	Sunday 11/9/2014 6:30 PM	Mr. Thomas Oommen East Meadow, NY
Yonkers East (Central Ave)	Saturday 11/15/2014 6:30 PM	Mr. P. C. George Yonkers, NY
Rockland	Sunday 11/16/2014 6:30 PM	Mr. Varghese E. Oommen Valley Cottage, NY
Yonkers West (Church-Riverdale)	Saturday 11/22/2014 6:30 PM	Mr. Mathew Varghese Yonkers, NY
Yonkers North (Broadway)	Sunday 11/23/2014 6:30 PM	Mr. Aju Puthenveedu Daniel Yonkers, NY

Edavaka Mission

Event	Time	Location
Wednesday Prayer	11/5/2014 7:00 PM	Mr. Abraham Koshy Pelham, NY
Wednesday Prayer	11/12/2014 7:00 PM	Parsonage Basement
Wednesday Prayer	11/19/2014 7:00 PM	Parsonage Basement
Fasting Prayer	11/22/2014 10:00 AM	Mr. Thomas Varghese Yonkers, NY
Wednesday Prayer	11/26/2014 7:00 PM	Parsonage Basement

Youth Fellowship



Praise & Worship service
3rd & 4th Sundays
5:00 PM at Church

Thanks Giving Service

Thursday
November 27th 10 AM
One Day Pay - offertory
The Thanksgiving Offertory is one of the main revenue sources the parish looks for, to meet all of the end of year expenses. Your prayerful participation is requested

Sevika Sangham

Event	Date & Time	Location
Bible Study	11/2/2014	At church After service
Friday Prayer	11/7/2014 10:00 AM	Mrs. Annamma Thomas Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	11/14/2014 10:00 AM	Mrs. Saramma Jolly Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	11/21/2014 10:00 AM	Mrs. Thankamma John Yonkers, NY
House Visit	11/28/2014 10:00 AM	Please contact SS office bearers.

Sevika Sanghom annual dues are being collected for funds such as: Deppi Pirivu, Marriage Aids , Medical Aids, Educational Aids, Skip a meal and so on. To give the donations please contact Mrs. Susan John The Sevika Sanghom Treasurer.

CHOIR FESTIVAL

Nov 1st 5:30 PM
Choirs from neighboring churches & SABU LUIS
At St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, NY

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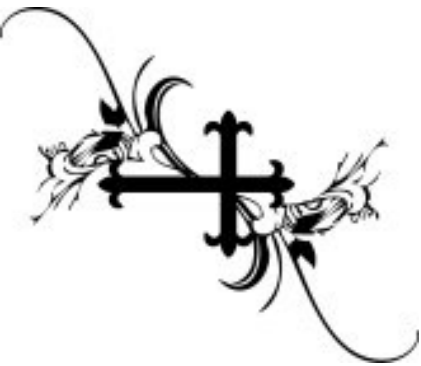
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***Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
he is a new creation; the old has
gone, the new has come!***
- 2 Corinthians 5:17