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### Worship Service Schedule

Date	Time	Worship
Sun, Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship ( <i>Malayalam</i> ) Bible Study Holy Communion Service, <b><u>English</u></b>
Sun, Feb 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship ( <i>Malayalam</i> ) Intercessory Prayer Holy Communion Service, <b><u>English</u></b>
Sun, Feb 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship ( <i>Malayalam</i> ) Bible Study Holy Communion Service, <b><u>Malayalam</u></b>
Sun, Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship ( <i>Malayalam</i> ) Bible Study Holy Communion Service, <b><u>Malayalam</u></b>

### Lectionary

Date	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
Sun, Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>	Job. 42:1-12	Rev. 22:1-5	2 Cor. 12:1-10	St. John 5:1-9
Sun, Feb 8 <sup>th</sup>	Gen. 1:24-31	Acts.10:9-16	Eph. 1:3-14	St.Luke.18:31-34
Sun, Feb 15 <sup>th</sup>	Gen. 45:1-15	Eph. 2:11-22	2 Cor. 5:16-21	St. John. 2:1-11
Sun, Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup>	2 Kings. 5:1-10	Heb.13:7-17	Rom. 15:7-13	St.Mat.8:1-4

### Important Days In Sabha/Diocesan Calendar

Date	Importance of the Day
Sun, Feb 1st	Healing and Wholeness (Medical Mission Sunday)
Mon, Feb 2nd	Mayaltho: Presentation of our Lord in the Temple
Sun, Feb 8th	Beginning of 120th Maramon Convention
Sun, Feb 15th	Pethrutha: Beginning of Great Lent-Lent: A time of reconciliation - End of 120th Maramon Convention
Mon, Feb 16th	Shubkono: Service of Reconciliation in Lent
	National day - Presidents day weekend
Sun, Feb 22nd	Touching the untouchable (2nd Sunday in Lent)

## Achen's Corner



Dearly Beloved in Christ

I would like to write this month about the challenges of the immigrant families might facing now. More and more families are moving to the metropolitan cities of the world. In that process of migration they win and lose This transplantation of families from rural or agrarian contexts to more urban context is challenging and threatening. The immigrant families may initially enjoy the conveniences and comfort of the city. The metropolitan cities also offer a world of fantasy. The McDonald culture and Disneyland fantasies and Hollywood and Bollywood images all downloaded, especially by the younger generation. The family culture and values would be conditioned by these images and lifestyle which are constantly bombarded on the sanctity and security of an immigrant family.

The following challenges the immigrant families might face: Success mania; Lost and found; Long distance syndrome ; Speed-congestion syndrome ; Foreign Exchange mania; Hotel Motel syndrome Superman-Super woman Syndrome.

The problems which might threaten the core and credibility of families are Identity; Discrimination; Unemployment Discontentment.

Families should live a life of contentment and when discontentment sets in, there is a likelihood of separation. When a member loses the meaning of life or does not know the purpose of living, discontentment sets in. There should be mechanism in place to draw them to the bright side of life and see things positively.

With warm regards  
Yours in His ministry  
Rev. K. K. Samuel

## Youth Chaplain's Corner

### **One Lord and one sheep: Unity or division**

“.....and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.” (John. 10:16)

One of the great visions that Jesus wanted to explain to His disciples is one Lord and one sheep. The oneness of Christians amidst of the diversities is the Lordship of Jesus. But many a time it became a force of division among Christians in the history. Even this was evident in the first century church where Paul asked the

question ‘is Christ divided?’. When he was writing to the Ephesians Paul clearly explained what is the unity of Christians , “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all”. (Eph. 4. 4,5) But most of the oneness that Paul is trying to emphasise in these verses became forces of division in the church.

Jesus is telling us today that every Christian is part of His flock and He is the only Lord. Chapter 10 describes this unique relationship a shepherd has with sheep for the unity. The shepherd owns, knows and gives life to these flocks. This is an intimate and unique relationship that a shepherd is having with his sheep. All the sheep have the privilege to believe that there is someone who owns them, knows them and gives life in abundance and that is their shepherd. This intimate relationship should be the catalyst for our unity in Christ. We are one in Christ. John Chapter 10 also talks about the unique characteristics of the sheep who is part of this unity. They listen to the shepherd and will not listen to any other false shepherds because they recognise the voice of the shepherd. They know the shepherd and enter through the gate of Jesus for the salvation. They have no confusions on what they believe and who are the right prophets. Jesus clearly warns about the false teachers and heresies that can come on our way when we live in this world. If we don’t listen and know our shepherd then we will easily fall into the trap of division and hatred. Jesus said we will discern the false prophets by their fruits. So teachings and the fruits are to go hand in hand. The question is do we listen to our shepherd and shepherd alone? Do we know Him personally?

All the diversities that we have among Christianity should not be the forces of division and hatred among us but should a unifying force because we have only one Lord. But today it is sad to understand that a lot hatred and division is in the Christian community on what we believe and what we practice. The best answer to find a solution to these divisions is to listen to our shepherd and not be cheated by the false teachings. Let us know him personally then the diversities that we have is a blessing in our growing together. Let us enter through the gate of our Lord and He said ‘I am the gate’.

V. M. Mathew achen  
Youth Chaplain

## **Sevika Sangham**

<b>Events</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Friday Prayer	2/6/2015 10:00 AM	Mrs. Kunjamma Yohannan Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	2/13/2015 10:00 AM	Mrs. Sosamma Joseph Yonkers, NY
House Visit	2/20/2015 10:00 AM	
Friday Prayer	2/27/2015 10:00 AM	Mrs. Aleyamma Kurian Spring Valley, NY

## **Edavaka Mission**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Wednesday Prayer	2/4/2015 7:00 PM	Mr. Abraham Koshy Pelham, NY
Wednesday Prayer	2/11/2015 7:00 PM	Mr. Joseph Eapen Yonkers, NY
Wednesday Prayer	2/18/2015 7:00 PM	Mr. Thankachen Geevarghese Portchester, NY
Wednesday Prayer	2/25/2015 7:00 PM	Parsonage Basement

## **Choir**

### Malayalam Choir Practice

Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, Sunday after service

Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, Sunday after service

# Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date	Location
Yonkers South (McLean) & Bronx	Sunday 2/1/2015 6:30 PM	Mr. Thomas Chacko Yonkers, NY
Manhattan/ New Jersey	Saturday 2/7/2015 6:30 PM	Mr. Samuel Ninan Teaneck, NJ
Queens/Long Island	Sunday 2/8/2015 6:30 PM	Mr. Thomas Oommen E. Meadow, NY
Upper Westchester/ CT	Saturday 2/14/2015 7:00 PM	Dr. Grinu Philips Oommen New Rochelle, NY
Rockland	Sunday 2/15/2015 6:30 PM	Mr. P. M. John Nanuet, NY
Yonkers East (Central Ave)	Saturday 2/21/2015 7:00 PM	Mr. John P. Thomas Yonkers, NY
Yonkers North (Broadway)	Sunday 2/22/2015 6:30 PM	Mrs. Mariamma Andrews Yonkers, NY
Yonkers West (Church- Riverdale)	Saturday 2/28/2015 6:30 PM	Mr. Eapen Mappurathu Yonkers, NY

Voluntary Evangelists Association Center-B  
Tele-Intercessory Prayer

Time : Thursday **Feb 5th at 9:00 PM**

Dial : 1-712-432-3066 , followed by Code 241971

Opening prayer : Rev Joe John

Devotion : Rev Joji K. Mathew

Intercessory Prayer : John Kurian

## Condolence

George Kuruvilla, - (Brother of Mr. Abraham T. Kuruvilla) - went to be with the Lord, at the age of 69 on Jan 9th in Paipadu, Kerala. Funeral Service was held in Sehion MTC, Varicadu.

V. M. David, - (Father of our members, Mr. Mathew David, Mr. Babu David and Mrs. Mariamma Thomas) - went to be with the Lord at the age of 91, in Thadioor, Kerala on Jan 21st. Funeral Service was held in Kuriannoor Salem MTC.

Annamma Paulose, - (Mother of Mr. Mathew John, (Sabu) and our former member) - went to be with the Lord in Chattanooga Tennessee on Jan 28th at the age of 82. Viewing & Funeral was held in Tennessee.

Please keep the bereaving families in your prayer at this difficult time. May God bring peace and comfort to the loved ones.

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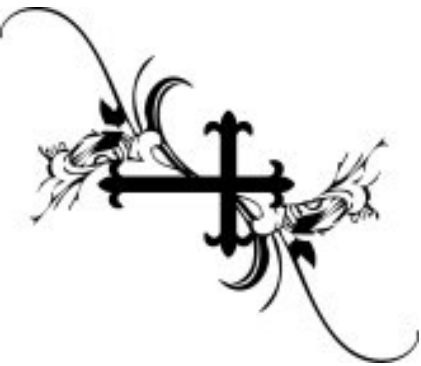


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he is a new creation; the old has  
gone, the new has come!***  
***- 2 Corinthians 5:17***