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# Worship Service Schedule

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Date	Time	Worship
Sun June 7 <sup>th</sup>		Praise & Worship ( <i>Malayalam</i> ) <i>Bible Study</i> Holy Communion Service, <u>English</u>
Sun June 14 <sup>th</sup>		Praise & Worship ( <i>Malayalam</i> ) Intercessory Prayer Holy Communion Service, <u>English</u>
Sun June 21 <sup>st</sup>		Praise & Worship ( <i>English</i> ) <i>Bible Study</i> Holy Communion Service, <u>Malayalam</u>
Sun June 28 <sup>th</sup>		Praise & Worship ( <i>English</i> ) <i>Bible Study</i> Holy Communion Service, <u>Malayalam</u>

Lectionary				
Date	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
Sun June 7 <sup>th</sup>	1 Kings 3:16-28	James 1:1-8	Phil 4:4-9	St. Luke 10:21-24
Sun, June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Prov 8:22-31	Rev 21:1-8	Col 1:9-20	St. Luke 8:22-25
Sun June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Isa 6:1-8	1 John 5:1-12	2 Thes 2:13-17	St. John 4:13-26
Sun, June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Dan 6:11-23	Heb 11:23-40	2 Cor 6:11-18	St. Mark 10:35-45

# Coctionary

# Important Days In Sabha/Diocesan Calendar

Date	Importance of the Day
Sunday June 7	Students Sunday - Wisdom from Above (Clergy Sunday offertory) (2nd Sunday after Pentecost)
Sunday June 7	Feast of ascension (instead of student's day)
Sunday June 14	Creation Proclaims the Glory of God - Environmental Sunday (3rd Sunday after Pentecost)
Tues June 16	Beginning of the Fast of Apostles- Call and commissioning of Apostles
Sunday June 21	Fathers Day
Sunday June 21	Worship the Lord in Truth and Spirit (4th Sunday after Pentecost)
Sunday June 28	Cost of discipleship - (5th Sunday after Pentecost)
Mon June 29	End of the Fast of Apostles - St. Peter's and St. Paul's Day

# Achen's Corner

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

# Is Drinking a Sin ?

The Bible doesn't say that drinking a glass of wine, beer or a mixed drink is a sin

It does say that it's wrong for a Christian to get drunk.

Being drunk is listed right along with other major sins in the New Testament [Romans 13:13, I Corinthans5;9-10, Galatians 5:19-21 and 1 Peter 4:3 Paul also taught that Christian leaders should never be drunk 1 Timothy 3: 2-3.Titus 1:7.]

# Who Needs It Anyway?

A good question to ask ourselves is : why do we want to drink anyway? Most people don't like beer or whisky the first few times they try it. They have to force themselves to enjoy the taste. But they still drink it why? The truth is many of us feel we need to drink to fit in with the crowd. Other people drink to escape themselves or their problems. Alcohol numbs their feelings of anger, sadness, or even their inability to relate to others.

# Four things to think about:

- 1) Remember your body is a temple of the holy sprit.
- 2) Alcohol abuse destroys blood vessels and brain cells and can also damage your liver.is God pleased by that?
- 3) Abusive drinking kills.
- 4) Every year nearly ten thousand young Americans under the age of twenty five die in drinking related traffic accidents.

With this mind, what message are you giving to your friends when you get drunk?

The apostle Paul gave us a good example to follow. He decided to not eat or drink anything that would cause a weaker Christian to sin. St. Paul said 'Do not get drunk on wine, in which lies debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit.'

God doesn't want us to become slaves to anything. If we' re drinking for recognition, liberation, or to escape, we're blowing it big time.

Freedom, liberation, and self-confidence come through our connection with God.

As Jesus said ,"You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." May God Almighty save us from all the evils through His eternal love.

Yours in His ministry Rev. K. K Samuel



Event	Date		Location
Manhattan New Jersey	Saturday 6/6/2015 6:30 PM	TBD	
Bronx/ Yonkers South	Sunday 6/7/2015 6:30 PM	TBD	
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Queens/ Long Island	Sunday 6/14/2015 6:30 PM		niel Geevarghese Park, NY 11004
Yonkers East	Saturday 6/20/2015 6:30 PM	Mr. P.C. George Yonkers, NY	
Rockland	Sunday 6/21/2015 6:30 PM	Mrs. Rosamma K. Mathew Spring Valley, NY 10977	
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Yonkers North	Sunday 6/28/2015 6:30 PM		eph C. Jacob s, NY 10703
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Event	Date &	Time	Location
rayer Meeting	6/6/2 7:00		Parsonage Basement
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# Sevika Sangham

Event	Date & Time	Location
Friday	6/5/2015	Mrs. Rachel George
Prayer	10:00 AM	Yonkers, NY
Friday	6/12/2015	Parsonage Basement
Prayer	10:00 AM	Yonkers, NY
Friday	6/19/2015	Mrs. Mary Varghese
Prayer	10:00 AM	Yonkers, NY
Friday	6/26/2015	Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas
Prayer	10:00 AM	Yonkers, NY

# **Edavaka Mission**

Event	Date & Time	Location
Wednesday	6/3/2015	Mr. Abraham Koshy
Meeting	7:00 PM	Pelham, NY
Wednesday	6/10/2015	Mrs. Marykutty Varghese
Meeting	7:00 PM	Yonkers, NY
Wednesday	6/17/2015	Mr. Joseph C. Jacob
Meeting	7:00 PM	Yonkers, NY
Monthly Fasting Prayer	6/20/2015 10:00 AM	Mrs. Saramma Thomas Hartsdale, NY
Wednesday	06/24/2015	Mr. Joseph Eapen
Meeting	7:00 PM	Yonkers, NY

# Parish Picnic

Parish picnic will be held on Saturday August 1, 2015 at Rockland Lake State Park, Congers, NY. All members are requested to save the date and participate.

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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