

EVENT CALENDAR

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| Saturday<br>3/4<br>@ 10.00 am  | <b>World Day of Prayer</b><br>At Church   |
| Saturday<br>3/4<br>@ 6.00 pm   | <b>North Area Prayer</b><br>Mrs. Mariamma & Mr. Abraham P. Mathew<br>7709 N Stagg Lane, Winnetka, CA 91335            |
| Sunday<br>3/5<br>@ 10.30 am    | <b>Diocesan Sunday</b> Malayalam Holy Qurbana<br><b>Rev. Shinoi Joseph</b><br>Long Island Mar Thoma Church, New York. |
| Wednesday<br>3/8<br>@ 8.30 pm  | <b>Western Regional MTVEA Tele Prayer</b><br>Conference No: (712) - 432 - 1500<br>Access Code No: 638599#             |
| Saturday<br>3/11               | <b>Field Trip</b><br><i>Aquarium of the Pacific</i>   |
| Saturday<br>3/11<br>@ 6.00 pm  | <b>East Area Prayer</b><br>Mrs. Annie & Mr. Thomas Mammen<br>1684 Lemonwood Street, La Verne, CA 91750                |
| Sunday<br>3/12                 | <b>Annual General Body Meeting</b><br>At Church after Worship Service   |
| Wednesday<br>3/15<br>@ 7.00 pm | <b>Edavaka Mission Bible Study</b><br>At Church   |
| Sunday<br>3/19                 | <b>Young Family Fellowship</b><br>At Church after Worship Service   |
| Sunday<br>3/26<br>@ 5.30 pm    | <b>San Diego (Holy Qurbana)</b>   |

Remember

Spring Forward

Sunday Morning | March 12

Dearly beloved in Christ,

What should I give up for LENT? Giving up some foods I like the most like - Meat? Fish? Sweets? Chocolate? Ice Cream? Beverages? Or Giving up the Social media - Twitter, Tumblr, Instagram, WhatsApp, Facebook, Snapchat, Viber, etc.

Many of us try to be more disciplined for Lent and give up something that we really like. That’s great!!! Fasting, Praying and Almsgiving has been an important tradition of Lent. Is giving up and living a disciplined life during this Lent help us to be transformed being? Let us take time to meditate on the verses and let this Lent be a time of transformation for us as a individual and as a community. Let us try at least few of these during this Lent:

- Give up Complaining & Focus on Gratitude:** *Phil. 2:14-15* “Do all things without murmuring and arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent...” *1 Thess. 5: 18* “Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Jesus Christ.”
- Give up Bitterness & Turn to Forgiveness:** *Eph. 4: 31* “Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.” *Eph. 4:32* “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”
- Give up Worrying & Trust in God:** *Matt. 6:25-27* “Do not worry about your life, ....Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?” *Matt 6: 33* “But seek first His Kingdom & His Righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”
- Give up Discouragement & Be Full of Hope:** *Deut. 31:8* “The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.” *Isa. 40:31* “but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”
- Give up Hatred & Return Good for Evil:** *1 Jn. 2:9* “Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister<sup>al</sup> is still in the darkness.” *Lk. 6:27* “...Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.”
- Give up Anger & Be more Patient:** *Matt. 5:22* “But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgement.” *Prov. 15:18* “A hot tempered man stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel.”
- Give up Gossiping & Control the Tongue:** *Ps. 34:13* “Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies.” *Prov. 21:23* “He who guards his mouth and his tongue keeps himself from calamity.”

Have a Blessed Lenten journey!!!

Yours in Christ’s service,

John Oommen Achen

Vicar’s Message



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## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

|      |                      |      |                        |
|------|----------------------|------|------------------------|
| 3/2  | Sheela Johnson       | 3/20 | George Mathew          |
| 3/3  | Ashish Zachariah     | 3/20 | Susan Varghese Jacob   |
| 3/3  | Isaac G. Karachepone | 3/21 | Kaitlin Elizabeth John |
| 3/4  | Shiny Jacob          | 3/21 | Lizabeth Mammen        |
| 3/5  | Rajesh John Mathew   | 3/21 | Annamma Mathew         |
| 3/5  | Anisha Ancy Job      | 3/21 | Bindhu George          |
| 3/6  | Biju Thomas          | 3/21 | Sosamma Mathai         |
| 3/6  | Sanju Varughese      | 3/22 | Mathew Kurian          |
| 3/7  | Sosamma George       | 3/23 | Renuka Abraham         |
| 3/8  | Mathai Samuel        | 3/24 | Veena Jace             |
| 3/9  | Aina Elsa Manoj      | 3/25 | Alan Thomas            |
| 3/11 | K. J. John           | 3/25 | Nita Eipe              |
| 3/12 | Alicia Mathew        | 3/26 | Vin Varghese Thomas    |
| 3/12 | Cibey Cherian        | 3/26 | James V. Mathew        |
| 3/13 | Aleykutty John       | 3/27 | Annie Varghese         |
| 3/13 | Tony Alex            | 3/27 | Dr. (Mrs.) Leela Jacob |
| 3/14 | Sherry Zachariah     | 3/27 | Thomas J. Mathews      |
| 3/14 | Ethan Kurian         | 3/28 | V. Z. Abraham          |
| 3/16 | Arun Itty Varghese   | 3/28 | Katherine A. Jonas     |
| 3/18 | George John          | 3/29 | Dr. Octavio Balbuena   |
| 3/20 | Mathai Mathew        | 3/30 | Rani.K. Mammen         |

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

|      |                                      |
|------|--------------------------------------|
| 3/9  | Shubham Mandloi and Lisa Jacob       |
| 3/12 | Daniel P. George and Susan K. George |
| 3/17 | Raju Skaria and Mini Raju            |
| 3/29 | Ginu Samuel and Suni Ginu            |

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE & LECTIONARY

| Mar | Time    | Service                   | Lessons                        | Epistle/<br>Gospel           | Theme                   |
|-----|---------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 5   | 10:30am | Holy Qurbana<br>MALAYALAM | Zech 13: 1-9<br>1 John 1:5-10  | Eph. 2:1-10<br>Mark. 1:40-45 | The Cleansing<br>Jesus  |
| 12  | 10:30am | Holy Qurbana<br>ENGLISH   | Gen. 4: 8-16<br>Acts. 16:11-18 | Rom. 5:6-11<br>Mark. 2:1-12  | The Forgiving<br>Christ |
| 19  | 10:30am | Holy Qurbana<br>MALAYALAM | Hos. 2:14-23<br>Phile. 1-21    | Gal. 6:1-5 Mat.<br>15:21-28  | The Accepting<br>Christ |
| 26  | 10:30am | Holy Qurbana<br>ENGLISH   | Exo. 3:1-10<br>Rom. 8:31-39    | Gal. 5:1-12<br>Luke.13:10-17 | Reverberating<br>Christ |



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