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**Snacks Sponsoring Families:**

1. March 03: Binu Cherian's Family
2. March 10: George Cherian's Family
3. March 17: Harish Sathri's Family
4. March 24: Jacob Chacko's Family
5. March 31: **Church Family**
6. April 07: Jiju Thankachan's Family
7. April 14: Johnson Stephen's Family
8. April 21: Joji George's Family
9. April 28: Joy John's Family

**Days to Remember**

**Sunday School: Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom. Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at Church, in person, after service.**

**Choir Practice: Every Sunday after Church Service**

**Women's Group meeting: Every 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays After Church Service**

**March 03: General Body meeting after Church Service**

**March 08: Committee meeting by Zoom at 8:00 p.m.**

**March 10: Daylight Savings (Spring forward: One hour at 2:00 a.m.)**

**March 24: Palm Sunday**

**March 28: Maundy Thursday, Holy Communion service in Malayalam at 7:00 p.m.**

**March 29: Good Friday, Malayalam service at 7:00 p.m.**

**March 31: Easter**

**April 21: Spring Clean Up of Church (inside and outside)**

**May: 05: Parish Day**

**May 09: Ascension of Jesus**

**Motto 2024: "New Ways of Participating in God's Mission."**

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## Church Messenger

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### From the desk of: Lawrence Achen

**Cross: The Sign of Reconciliation, hope, and salvation for the world.**

We are in the Lenten season and will soon be entering Holy Week. Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter are the most important occasions for Christians worldwide and for us.

Lenten season is a time to confess our sins, repent, and reconcile with God. Confession of our sins requires humility to accept that we fall short in our responsibilities toward God and fellow humans. Repentance is our determination to return to the right path, reconcile with God and humans, and lead a new life.

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### Birthdays

#### March

1. Hima Lawrence	11-Mar
2. Bobi Chandy	11-Mar
3. Gabriel Thomas	16-Mar
4. Sharon Mary Jacob	17-Mar
5. Daniel George	28-Mar
6. Ammanda Susan Oommen	31-Mar

#### April

Rachel Ann George	4-Apr
Isaac Abraham	10-Apr
Sarah Thomas	12-Apr
Smera J Sathri	15-Apr
Sophia Mariam George	16-Apr
Mincy Thomas	25-Apr
Abigail Mariam George	30-Apr

### Wedding Anniversaries

Mrs. & Mr. Harish Sathri	23-Mar
Mrs. & Mr. Mathew M Oommen	24-Apr

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In Palm Sunday, Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Jesus Christ showed us that he is the king of love and peace and wants to live in our hearts. Large gatherings of people in Jerusalem Temple for Passover festival, who waited for a Messiah, greeted Jesus with palm leaves, shouted “Hosanna, Hosanna” (save us now), and accepted him as the Lord and Savior of their lives. Today, if we open our hearts and receive him as Lord and Savior and commit ourselves to do His will, he will live in our hearts and bring us peace and joy of salvation.

Jesus’ cross and resurrection stand before the world as a sign of forgiveness, reconciliation, hope, and salvation for humanity. Billions of people, through the centuries, have found salvation and eternal life through this. By identifying with Christ’s suffering and death, we participate in his resurrection. Therefore, even in our struggles of life, sickness, and death, we sing, thank God, and live as a people of hope.

May God bless our families and church family on this most auspicious occasion in the Christian calendar. May God bring new life to us through our worship. Let us prayerfully worship God and accept Him as the Lord and Savior in our lives. **Amen.**

**COME & SHARE THE EXPERIENCE OF WORSHIP**

**SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS**

**Sunday, March 03, 2024**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Easter (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent)**  
Holy Communion service in Malayalam  
**Theme:** Persistence in Prayer

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: 2 Kings 20: 1-11 (Warden)  
Psalm: 116 (Joji George’ Family)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: 1 Thess. 5: 12-22 (Joy John’s Family)  
Gospel: Mark 7: 24-30  
Elements: Mathew M. Oommen’s Family

**Sunday, March 10, 2024**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Easter(4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent)**  
Holy Communion Service in English  
**Theme:** True Worship that Liberates

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Exodus 3: 11-18 (Warden)  
Psalm: 137: (Liby George's Family)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: Acts 16: 25-34 (Mathews Jacob’s Family)  
Gospel: Luke 13: 10-17  
Elements: Mathew Varghese’ Family

**Sunday, March 17, 2024**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Easter (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent)**  
Holy Communion service in Malayalam  
**Theme:** Cross: **(Passion Sunday)**

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Duet. 18: 15-22 (Warden)  
Psalm: 73 (Mathew C. Mathews’ Family)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: 2 Cor. 1: 3-11 (Mathew M. Oommen’s Family)  
Gospel: Luke 18: 35-43  
Elements: Ponnamma Kurian’s Family

**Sunday, March 24, 2024**  
**Palm Sunday**  
Holy Communion Service in English  
**Theme:** Hosanna: New King in the Temple

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Isa 56: 1 - 8 (Warden)  
Psalm: 24: (Mathew Varghese’ Family)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: 1 Cor 3 :16- 23 (Ponnamma Kurian’s Family)  
Gospel: Matt 21: 1- 17  
Elements: Robin C. Varghese’ Family

**Thursday, March 28, 2024**  
**Maundy Thursday**  
Holy Communion service in Malayalam  
**Theme:** Eucharist: The Remembering Jesus

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Exodus 12: 1-17 (Warden)  
Psalm: 116 (Robin C Varghese' Family)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: I Cor. 11: 23-34 (Robin Mundakkal's Family)  
Gospel: Matthew 26: 17-30  
Elements: Robin Mundakkal's Family

**Friday, March 29, 2024**  
**Good Friday**  
Worship Service in Malayalam  
**Theme:** Cross: Death of Death

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Numbers 21: 1-9 (Warden)  
Psalm: 22 (Saraja Samuel’s Family)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: 1 Cor. 15: 50-58 (Sunith George’s Family)  
Gospel: Matthew 27:1-56  
Elements:

**Sunday, March 31, 2024**  
**Easter**  
Holy Communion Service in English  
**Theme:** Resurrection: Celebrating the Joy of Salvation

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Exodus 14: 5-31 (Warden)  
Psalm: 118: 14-29 (Aneesh Abraham’s Family)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: Col. 3: 1-11 (Biji Thomas’ Family)  
Gospel Matthew 28: 1-10  
Elements: Saraja Samuel’s Family

**Sunday, April 7, 2024**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Easter**  
Holy Communion service in Malayalam  
**Theme:** Encounter with the Risen Lord

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Genesis 32: 22-32 (Warden)  
Psalm: 40 (Bino Thomas’ Family)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: Acts 9: 1-18 (Binu Cherian’s Family)  
Gospel: John 20: 24-29  
Elements: Sunith George’s Family

**Sunday, April 14, 2024**  
**2nd Sunday after Easter**  
Holy Communion Service in English  
**Theme:** Identifying Risen Lord in the Work Place

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Ruth 2: 1-18 (Warden)  
Psalm: 15: (Bobi Chandy’s Family)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: Acts 9: 36-43 (George Cherian’s Family)  
Gospel: John 21: 1-14  
Elements: Aneesh Abraham’s Family