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Living With Expectation

Read: John 20:1-10

Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. So they both ran together. —John 20:3-4

When the dark day of Jesus' crucifixion drew to a close, it seemed that the most wonderful of all lives had come to an end. For a few brief years, Christ had astounded the crowds and His followers with the wisdom of His teaching and the wonder of His miracles. But Jesus chose not to save Himself from the cross, and now His life was over. It seemed that nothing more could be expected of Him.

Hope returned, however, on that first resurrection morning. A painting by Eugene Burnand portrays Peter and John running to the tomb. Shortly after dawn, Mary Magdalene had told them that she and her friends had found the tomb empty. In Burnand's painting, the faces of Peter and John show contending emotions of anguish and relief, of sorrow and surprise, of despair and wonder as they race toward the tomb. Their gaze is eagerly fixed forward, turning the viewer's attention to the sepulcher. What did they find? An empty tomb—the Savior was alive!

Christ still lives. But many of us go from day to day as if He were still in the grave. How much better to look beyond the empty tomb to the One who can fill our lives with the power of His resurrection! —Dave Egner

*Christ left the grave one glorious day
And vanquished death and sin;
He opened wide the gates of heaven
That we might enter in. —Anon.*

The victim of Good Friday became the victor of Easter.

<<<FROM OUR DAILY BREAD>>>



If you are not receiving regular emails regarding the activities of the church, join our email list. Just send an email to **addme@ststephensmtc.com**
Also, if you are a youth member and not receiving regular email updates, join the youth email list. Just send an email to **addmeyouth@ststephensmtc.com**



BIBLE QUIZ

Please send your answers to Jose Cherian,
E-mail: Jose_newjersey@hotmail.com.

At the end of the year, your earned points will be totaled and the top scorers will get prizes!!

ESTHER

- 1) At the beginning of the book of Esther, king Ahasuerus hosts a big party which lasts how many days? A - 7; B - 24; C - 150; D - 180
- 2) The king was enraged at the queen during the party because...
A - They ran out of wine; B - She disobeyed him; C - He was insane; D - She wouldn't dance
- 3) This advisor to the king suggests exiling the queen: A - Memucan; B - Bigthana; C - Harbona; D - Carkas
- 4) Esther did not reveal the fact that she was Jewish because:
A - of religious persecution; B - She was ashamed of the fact; C - She was an orphan and didn't know; D - Mordecai told her not to
- 5) Haman wrote an edict commanding that all Jews should be killed on what day? A - The sabbath; B - The twelfth day of the first month; C - The thirteenth day of the twelfth month; D - The sixth day of the fourth month
- 6) What was the name of the eunuch which attended Esther?
A - Bildad; B - Hathach; C - Hagar; D - Ebed
- 7) Esther invites the king to a banquet, and also invites one other guest... who? A - Haman; B - Mordecai; C - Hathach; D - Memucan
- 8) What were the names of the guards who conspired to kill the king? A - Ehud and Eglon; B - Memucan and Hammedatha; C - Agag and Hathach; D - Bigthana and Teresh
- 9) What was the name of Haman's wife? A - Hammedatha; B - Rachel; C - Zeresh; D - Lucinda
- 10) Who was the king REALLY talking about? A - Hatac; B - Haman; C - Memucan; D - Mordecai
- 11) Who was promoted to Haman's position? A - Mordecai; B - Esther; C - Hathach; D - Memucan

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ACHEN'S CORNER!



" But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be the younger and he who governs as he who serves." (Lk.22:26)

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Here the disciples of Jesus are ruled by the passion of position and power, the craze to be the first. In the Temptations of Jesus, we see Him conquering the human thirst for power and position, thus setting a great example to us in our day to day life. Jesus, as the most powerful, could have adopted different methods to attract multitudes and to defeat the enemies of God's Kingdom. But Jesus chooses the path of servant hood and humility. Thus the Lent challenges us to be Christ-like in a world ruled by material standards. We, as a parish, have been experiencing the guidance of God in our needs.

Jehovah leads His people to the promised land not through the straight paths but long and zigzag ways with a definite purpose. We have to understand that the same God is leading us today. God in his mercy has been shaping us to be a meaningful church before we acquire a church building of our own. Let God's Will be done in everything.

Expecting your prayerful participation with family in the Passion Week Services and sharing with you the victory, hope and joy of Easter.

Yours in the Love of the Lord,

Thomas Paul Achen

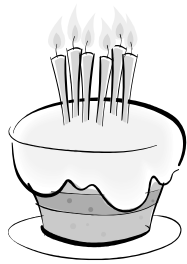
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Wedding Anniversaries in April!!



6-Apr	Mathew & Saramma Cherukara	(908) 686-1061
12-Apr	Joseph & Annamma John	(732) 752-5033
15-Apr	Sunil & Bindhu Phillip	(609) 936-9364
18-Apr	Samuel & Susamma Oommen	(908) 320-0412
23-Apr	Sunil & Sarah Thomas	(609) 275-9334
28-Apr	Saju & Sheeja Abraham	(732) 605-9888
28-Apr	Abraham & Susan Thomas	(908) 241-0638
30-Apr	Thomas & Vincy Kurien	(908) 216-5933

The St. Stephen's Family wishes you a Happy Anniversary!



Birthdays in April!!

*The St. Stephen's Family wishes you a
Blessed New Year!*

1	Josh A. Cherian	s/o Sabu M. Cherian	(908) 927-9940
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ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Prayer Meeting

There will be an area prayer meeting on Sunday April 2, 2006 at 6.30 PM at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Thomas, 2-Ledgerrock Court, Morris Plains. Telephone number is 973-538-1192.



Passion week

There will be an evening worship from **Monday through Wednesday (April 10 thru 12)** at 7.30 PM in the Church.

On **Thursday April 13** there will be Holy Qurbana at 7 PM in the Church.

Good Friday service will be at 9:30AM in the Church.

Please note that on **Sunday April 16 Holy Qurbana** will be at **7 AM**

You are requested to attend the above services during this Passion week.

Diocesan Sunday

We celebrated Diocesan Sunday on March 5th, 2006. As per the kalpana, \$2600 is our share to the Diocese, which has not been collected yet. You are requested to make the payment towards the Diocesan Sunday collection. We are expecting a minimum of \$50 from each family for this cause.

News Letter

Your articles, short stories, poem or any other matters which encourage our Christian faith and practice can be published in the news letter. If you are interested to do so, please email them to Achen or the secretary.



Birth Announcements!!

Vinoj & Mini Mathew are blessed with a baby girl on 03/05/2006. Baby's name is Esther.

Rev. Shibi Abraham & Sheeba Kochamma are blessed with a baby boy on 03/22/2006. Baby's name is David.



Youth League ANNOUNCEMENTS

On April 7th our youth league will be visiting Isaac Achen in PA for the last time before he leaves.

April 15th is the Spring One Day Conference hosted by Philadelphia Mar Thoma Church.

Basketball Practices for Tournament every Sunday after church.

Our youth league will be selling raffle tickets for Mexico Mission soon. Tickets are \$10 and put you in the running for some fabulous prizes.

Sunday School Announcements

Sunday School Schedule for April:

2nd: No Sunday School

9th: Sunday School after offertory

16th: No Sunday School

23rd: Sunday School after offertory

30th: Sunday School after Communion

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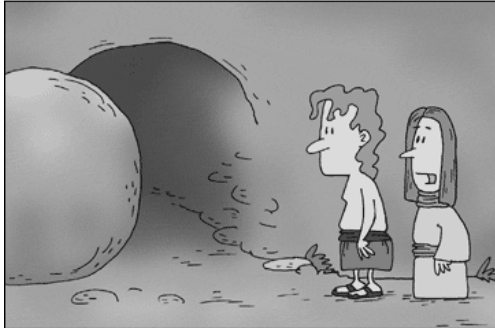


(See John 20:1-18)

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I WANT YOU TO FOLD UP MY BURIAL CLOTHES, WAIT FOR MARY, AND REMEMBER THAT THIS IS SERIOUS ... NO HIDING AND YELLING "BOO"

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Thanks to Pam Winn (See John 20:1-18)

04-12-2004

NOTHING IS CERTAIN EXCEPT WHAT AND TAXES??!

DATE/TIME	SERVICE	CELEBRANT	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
2-Apr 10:45 A.M	Holy Qurbana English	Rev. Thomas Paul	Isai 42:1-9	Acts 16:19-34	2Cori 11:18-28	Mark 10:45-52
9-Apr 10:45 A.M	Holy Qurbana Malayalam	Rev. Thomas Paul	Zech 9:9-17	Ephe 2:11-22	Colo 1:15-24	John 12:12-19
10-Apr 7:30 P.M	Evening Worship	Rev. Thomas Paul	Isai 63:1-19	Hebr 2:1-18		Matt 22:15-33
11-Apr 7:30 P.M	Evening Worship	Rev. K. A. Abraham	Numb 21:1-16	Ephe 2:1-22		Matt 24:1-28
12-Apr 7:30 P.M	Evening Worship	Rev. Thomas Paul	Levi 16:1-28	1Pete 4:1-19		Matt 25:14-46
13-Apr 7:00 P.M	Holy Qurbana Malayalam	Rev. Thomas Paul	Exod 12:1-28	Hebr 9:1-15	1Cori 11:23-34	Matt 26:23-30
14-Apr 9:30 A.M	Good Friday Service	Rev. Thomas Paul	Isai 53:1-12 Zech 13:1-9 Numb 21:1-9	1 Pete 1:1-25 Gala 3:1-22 Hebr 3:1-19		Matt 26:47-55 Matt 27:1-44 Matt 27: 45-56
16-Apr 7:00 A.M	Holy Qurbana Malayalam	Rev. Thomas Paul	2King 4:27-37	1Cori 15:1-20	Colo 3:1-11	Luke 24:3-12
23-Apr 10:45 A.M	Holy Qurbana Malayalam	Rev. Thomas Paul	Job 19: 1-27	Acts 9:1-18	2Timo 2:1-13	John 20: 19-29
30-Apr 10:45 A.M	Divine Worship English	Rev. Thomas Paul	1King 19:1-16	Reve 2:1-7	Phil 1:8-18	John 21:1-14