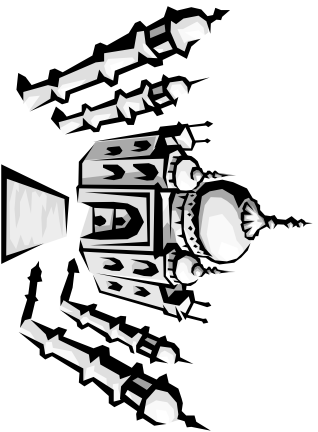


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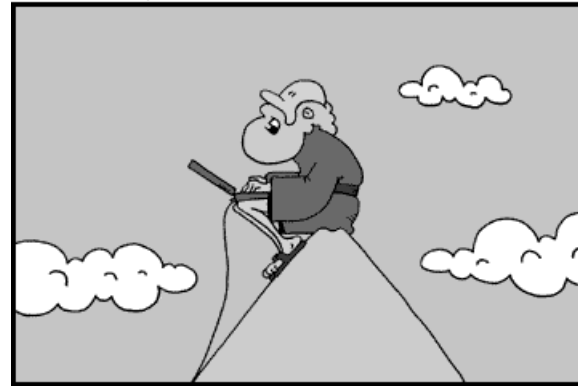


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BIBLE QUIZ

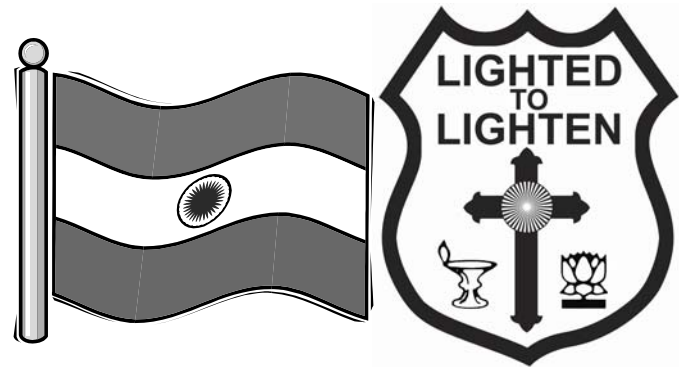


Please send your answers to Jose Cherian,
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At the end of the year, your earned points will be totaled and the top scorers will get prizes!!

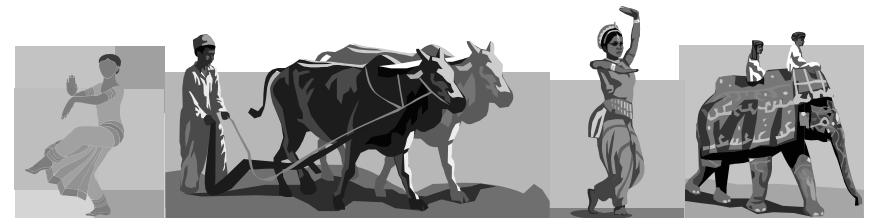
- 1) According to Psalms, how do mountains skip?
a) Like goats b) Like Children c) Like rams d) like antelopes
- 2) What is the name of the mountain of the Lord?
a) Gerizim b) Zion c) Sinai d) Hermon
- 3) Where did Solomon build the house of the Lord?
a) Mount Moriah b) Mount of Olives c) Mount of Carmel d) Mount Tabor
- 4) Which of the following notable events happened at Mount Sinai?
a) Jesus Crucified b) Jesus ascended c) Joshua defeats Moab d) Ten Commandments received
- 5) Moses saw the promised land from this mountain:
a) Ebal b) Hermon c) Tabor d) Nebo
- 6) What is an alternative name for Mount Hermon?
a) Zion b) Sirion c) Smyrna d) Sinai
- 7) As Jesus walked to the cross, he warned the 'Daughters of Jerusalem' that they would say this to the mountains:
a) Run from us b) Rise for us c) Fall on us d) Protect us.
- 8) Jesus was on this mount when he delivered a famous prophecy about the times of the end:
a) Mount of Olives b) Mount Sinai c) Mount of Olives d) Mount Zion
- 9) What Mount is a Sabbath day's journey from Jerusalem?
a) Mount Zion b) Mount Moriah c) Mount of Olives d) Mount Horeb
- 10) Where did Gideon have his army prior to confronting the Midianites?
a) Mount Gilead b) Mount Tabor c) Mount Gerizim d) Mount Gilboa

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ACHEN'S MESSAGE!

Dearly Beloved in Christ.

"Teacher, it is good for us to be here." (Mk.9:5a)



Jesus reveals His glory on the Mount of Transfiguration and thus Jesus affirms His disciples. This is a pre-taste of the eternal glory which is going to happen in future. The mission of the church is transforming the world for the experience of this divine glory.

Peter wants to stay on the mount longer with his Master because he once again recognizes Jesus as the Son of the living God. Do you spend time with your Master?

When Peter sees the real glory of Jesus he does not want to go anywhere. Later Peter says, "But we saw the greatness of Jesus with our own eyes...We heard that voice from heaven while we were Jesus on the holy mountain." (2.Pet. 1:16b, 18)

This is Peter's witnessing the glory he had seen. We are a people called out to witness Jesus' glory in this world. What is our attraction today, the glory of the material world or the eternal glory of God? Being with Jesus is very important before we step in to the world to transform it.

Many of our parish members are making long travels during this summer and let's uphold them in our prayers.

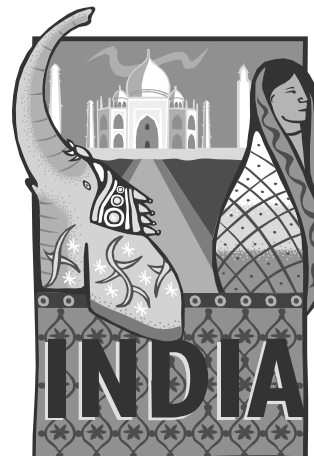
Yours in the love of Christ Jesus,
Thomas Paul Achen.

Wedding Anniversaries in August!!



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31	Ravi George & Susan Varghese	(732) 577-0728

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



“Long years ago we made a tryst with destiny, and now the time comes when we shall redeem our pledge...At the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom. A moment comes, which comes but rarely in history, when we step out from the old to the new, when an age ends, and when the soul of a nation, long suppressed, finds utterance”

-- **Jawaharlal Nehru** Claiming Independence from British

Midnight of August 14, 1947

Birthdays in August!!

1	Anna Thomas	d/o Thomas Abraham	(718) 967-7178
1	Michael Saju	s/o Saju Cherian Abraham	(732) 605-9888
1	Sini George	w/o Shaju George	(908) 668-4949
2	Angelica Varghese	d/o Joemon Varghese	(732) 422-7128
4	Annamma Jacob	w/o Jacob K.Sam	(732) 980-9154
17	Dr.Cecil Mathews		(732) 548-2248
20	Nisha John	d/o Rajiv John	(732) 752-5033
22	Cherin Jose	s/o Jose Cherian	(908) 851-0603
23	Saramma Cherukara	w/o Mathew Cherukara	(908) 686-1061
23	Ansu Ann Abraham	d/o Abraham Mathew	(203) 205-0764
24	John Matthews		(732) 356-6192
25	Akhil Varghese	s/o Shibu Varghese	(732) 494-4199
25	Devon Thomas	s/o Dr. Davis Thomas	(732) 918-1171
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27	Alan Mathew	s/o Thomas Mathew	(609) 799-5661
27	Tini Mathew	d/o C.Thomas	(908) 925-9476
30	Varughese Abraham		(732) 251-1728
31	Ruben Thomas	s/o Thomas John	(732) 651-8867



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



ANNOUNCEMENTS!

PARISH PICNIC Our Parish Picnic will be held on Saturday August 12, 2006 at TURKEY SWAMP PARK , FREE-HOLD. You are requested to participate in this fellowship. Guests are welcome.

PARISH CONVENTION Our Parish Convention will be held on **October 26-29, 2006**. Rev. Samuel T. Varghese will be the main speaker. Please set apart these days for our convention.

EDAVAKA MISSION PRAYER Edavaka Mission prayer will be held of Friday August 11, 2006 at 7.30 PM at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas John 1 Bucknell Drive, East Brunswick. Their telephone number is 732-651-8867. You are invited to attend in that meeting.

ADDRESS CHANGE Following families have moved to a new home. Their new addresses are below.

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Under His Wings

Indian evangelist Sundar Singh wrote about a devastating forest fire in the Himalayas where he was traveling. While many were trying to fight it, a group of men stood looking up at a tree with flames climbing up its branches. They were watching a mother bird flying frantically in circles above the tree. She was chirping out an alarm to her nest full of fledglings. As the nest began to burn, the mother bird didn't fly away; instead she zoomed down and covered her brood with her wings. In seconds she and her nestlings were burned to ashes.

Singh then said to the awe-stricken spectators: "We have witnessed a truly marvelous thing. God created that bird with such love and devotion that she gave her life trying to protect her young. . . . That is the love that brought Him down from heaven to become man. That is the love that made Him suffer a painful death for our sake."

The above story is a stirring illustration of Christ's love for us. We also stand in awe as we think of Calvary where the fire of holy judgment burned. For there Jesus willingly suffered and "bore our sins in His own body on the tree" (1 Peter 2:24).

Lord, thank You for dying in our place. How grateful we are for all that You have done! —Vernon C Grounds

*Under His wings I am safely abiding,
Though the night deepens and tempests are wild;
Still I can trust Him, I know He will keep me,
He has redeemed me and I am His child. —Cushing*

Christ endured the fires of judgment that we might enjoy the forgiveness of God.
From Our Daily Bread November 25, 2002

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel	Sunday School
6 August	10.45 A.M	Rev. Thomas Paul (English)	Exodus 24:12-18	Hebrews 12:18-29	II Peter 1:16-21	Mark 9:2-8	No Sunday School
13 August	10.45 A.M	Rev. Thomas Paul (Malayalam)	Daniel 3:1-18	Revelation 21:22-27	James 5:1-6	Luke 6:20-31	No Sunday School
20 August	10.45 A.M	Rev. Thomas Paul (English)	Isaiah 6:1-11	Revelation 21:1-7	I Thes. 4:13-18	Matthew 24:3-14	No Sunday School
27 August	10.45 A.M	Rev. Thomas Paul (Malayalam)	Genesis 35:1-15	Revelation 3:14-22	II Timothy 3:10-17	Matthew 23:1-12	No Sunday School