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**114th
Maramon
Convention**

Feb 15—22

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QUESTIONS BY A. ABRAHAM

Please email your answers to
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1. As the boy Samuel was sleeping in the temple, he heard someone calling him. He thought it was:
 - a. Eli. -1
 - b. God.
 - c. Elkanah
 - d. Hannah
2. How did Samuel respond to the last call?
 - a. Lord, I am only a boy.
 - b. Lord, Speak, your servant is listening
 - c. Why, me Lord?
 - d. Here I am Lord, is it I?
3. The Magi (wise men from east) came to see Jesus at:
 - a. Jerusalem
 - b. Nazareth
 - c. Egypt
 - d. Bethlehem
4. The birth of Jesus is precisely stated as:
 - a. In Bethlehem of Judea
 - b. In a Manger in Bethlehem.
 - c. In a cave
 - d. In the Inn.
5. The first plot to kill Jesus was undertaken by:
 - a. Pilot
 - b. Herod
 - c. Jews
 - d. High Priests.
6. Jesus is called Nazarene, because:
 - a. His followers came from Nazareth.
 - b. Joseph was from Nazareth.
 - c. He returned from Egypt and lived in Nazareth
 - d. Nazareth was the principle city in Galilee.
7. John baptized all those who came to him,
 - a. and asked for it.
 - b. and confessed their sins
 - c. asking for a sign to identify the Lamb of God
 - d. As a ritualistic necessity of that time.
8. The relationship between Jesus and John the Baptist is:
 - a. Jesus is a cousin to John
 - b. There is no relationship except John is the fore-runner of Jesus.
 - c. John was Jesus' uncle
 - d. John is the disciple of Jesus
9. Who asked for the head of John the Baptist?
 - a. Herodias.
 - b. Daughter of Hereodias
 - c. King Herod the great.
 - d. King Herod Antipas
10. Matthew the tax collector is also known as:
 - a. Bartholomew.
 - b. Nathaniel
 - c. Levi
 - d. None of the above.
11. Disciples replaced Judas by the man known as:
 - a. Barnabas
 - b. Mathias
 - c. Paul.
 - d. Silas.
12. Which of the Ten Commandments has a blessing attached to it?
 - a. First
 - b. Forth
 - c. Fifth
 - d. Seventh.
13. From Ur, Abraham went to:
 - a. Shechem
 - b. Haran
 - c. Cannan
 - d. Bethel
14. Which tribe of Israel was consecrated for the service of the tabernacle?
 - a. Judah.
 - b. Ruben
 - c. Manasseh
 - d. Levi
15. Who did say "Cast not your pearls before swine."
 - a. Moses.
 - b. Solomon
 - c. Peter
 - d. Jesus

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ACHEN'S MESSAGE!



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are privileged by our Lord to be part of an auspicious occasion of the swearing-in ceremony of the new President Barack Obama. It was a historic moment watched by millions around the world. The dreams and prayers of the marginalized and oppressed community has become a reality. We as a church, pray that the new team will be a blessing to the nation and the whole world. Let us remember the famous chorus — " we shall overcome, we shall overcome some day, oh deep in my heart, I do believe, we shall overcome some day."

114th Maramon Convention begins on 15th Feb '09. Let's uphold the convention and its arrangement in our daily prayers. The Great Lent [Valia Nombu] starts on 22nd Feb '09. The fifty days of the Lent, a time of meditation of the Word, prayer and reflecting on the passion and work of Jesus Christ. Its also a time of repentance and reconciliation through a right relationship to God, fellow human beings and nature.

What is true Fasting? To loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke [Isa. 58: 6- 8]

1st Sunday of Feb, we are learning about Healing — wholeness in Christ. [Medical Mission Sunday]

On 8th Feb-- Sin - alienation from God and Creation, on 15th — Live according to the Word and 22nd — the Transforming Lord .

Let us also pray for the church project and participate in various needs earnestly. May God help us all to lead a meaningful life in the light of the Word of God.

with prayers & best wishes
Toji Achen



Birthdays in January!!

21	Dylan Abraham	s/o Leni Abraham	(609) 448-2312
22	Julie Rachel Varghese	d/o Varughese Abraham	(732) 251-1728
24	Rachel Skariah	w/o K.K. Skariah	(908) 822-2737
24	Sunil Kurian	s/o Abraham Kurien	(732) 677-2507
24	Clariss Ann Jacob	d/o Shaji Jacob Koshy	(732) 203-0503
25	Terry J Thomas	s/o John Thomas	(908) 470-1343
26	Esther Vinoj Mathew	D/O Vinoj Mathew	(732) 726-1714
26	Mathews Philip		(732) 297-8303
26	Alexander Jacob Varghese	s/o Santhosh C Varghese	(732) 873-0811
29	K C Abraham	F/o Saju Cherian Abraham	(732) 605-9888



Wedding Anniversaries in January!!

2	Mr & Mrs. John Thomas & Rachel J. Thomas	(908) 470-1343
2	Mr & Mrs. Anup Cherian & Chanchal A. Cheeran	(732) 318-6925
7	Mr & Mrs. Mammen T. Thomas & Mariamma Thomas	(732) 422-0701
10	Mr & Mrs. K S Philipose & Leelamma Philipose	(732) 662-5813
11	Mr & Mrs. Santhosh V. George & Judith C Joy	(732) 297-8412
14	Mr & Mrs. Chacko S. Poovakunnel & Molly M. Sajan	(908) 964-0735
26	Mr & Mrs. Pappen Varghese & Rina Varghese	(908) 281-2188



Birthdays in January!!

1	Susan Thomas	w/o Regi K.Thomas	(732) 568-1754
3	Lisa Kurien	w/o Sony M. Cherukara	(908) 366-0501
3	Eric George	s/o Santhosh George	(732) 297-8412
4	Sam Jacob		(732) 549-8925
4	Merlyn Oommen	d/o Thomas Oommen	(732) 906-8830
4	Saro Ann Thomas	w/o Jomon K. Thomas	(732) 543-0683
7	Aleyamma Mathew	w/o K.G Mathewkutty	(732) 855-1719
8	Thomas Varkey		(908) 301-0084
8	Sheeba Johnson	w/o Mathew Johnson	(732) 432-6444
8	Varghese Varghese		(732) 577-0728
11	Lisa Mathews	d/o Philip Mathews	(732) 297-8303
12	John Thomas		(908) 470-1343
13	Nikhil Thomas	s/o George Thomas	(732) 321-4171
13	Saju Thomas		(609) 466-1474
15	Philip M Thomas	s/o Philip M Thomas	(732) 382-0033
16	Joel Dilip Abraham	s/o Dilip Abraham	(732) 605-9888
17	Sophy M Cherukara	d/o Philip Cherukara	(732) 381-3633
17	Smita Rajiv John	w/o Rajeev John	(732) 752-5033
17	Susan Mathews	w/o Philip Mathews	(732) 297-8303
17	Joshua Varughese	s/o Geogie Varughese	(732) 355-0830
18	Thomas Oommen		(732) 906-8830
20	Jerrin Philip Koshy	s/o Koshy Philip	(732) 286-0924
21	Abraham Varghese		(732) 283-2777

ANNOUNCEMENTS!



Church Renovations

As we are in the process of making renovations to our newly purchased church, I am targeting to move in and start our worship in the new church by end of March. Keep this in your daily prayers.

We need to raise at least \$100,000 for the completion of renovations and to purchase all required furniture/items for our church. I would urge our members to sponsor the furniture/items required and to make the promised contribution towards the church purchase. Members who didn't rise to the occasion by contributing for the purchase, please make your contribution now, so we can complete the renovations.

Maramon Convention

The 114th Maramon Convention will commence on Sunday, February 15th and will conclude on February 22th. Please remember Maramon Convention in your daily prayers.

The Great Lent:

The Great Lent (Valliya Noyambu) will begin on 22th February.

Edavaka Mission

Edavaka Mission prayer meeting will be held at our church on every Wednesday at 7:30 pm. All are encouraged to attend the meeting with prayer.

Edavaka Mission Fasting Prayer will be held on Saturday, 14th February at 10:00am at the residence of Mrs. and Dr. Mathai Cherian. Their address is 525 Spotswood Gravel hill Road, Monroe Township, NJ 08831, Phone: 732-561-2181. Please partake in this fasting prayer meeting for your spiritual nourishments.

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Church Prayer Meeting

All Prayer groups are encouraged to hold the area prayer meetings every week. Interested families please contact your Area Representatives.

Youth League Meeting

There will be youth league meetings on 2nd and 4th Fridays at 7:00pm.

Bereavement:

Beloved brother of Mrs. Leelamony George (w/o Edukala George) was called to eternity on January 1st, 2009 in Kerala.

We, the St. Stephen's family express our deepest condolence to the bereaved family.

Refreshments

Families are encouraged to sponsor/provide refreshments on Sundays. If you are interested, please contact the Secretary.

Church Premise Cleaning

Prayer group 2 members will be responsible for cleaning the Church premise after Sunday's church service for this month. Members please volunteer.

Change of Address

The new address of Mrs. & Mr. Koshy Philip is 1120 New Dover Rd., Edison, NJ 08820

Date	Time	Celebrant	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel	Sunday School	
1-Feb	11:00	Healing: Wholeness in Christ (Medical Mission Sunday)						No Sunday School
		Rev. Abraham Cherian English	2 Kings 5: 1-14	Rev. 22: 1 - 7	James 5 : 13 - 19	Mark 7 : 31-37		
8-Feb	11:00	Sin: Alienation from God and Creation						Sunday School
		Rev. Abraham Cherian Malayalam	Genesis 6 : 1 - 13	2 Peter 2 : 1 - 10	Romans 3: 21 - 30	Luke 15 : 1 - 7		
15-Feb	11:00	Live according to the Word of God (First Day of the 114th Maramon Convention)						Sunday School
		Rev. Abraham Cherian English	Jeremiah 7 : 1 - 11	Hebrew 2 : 1 - 13	1 Thess 1 : 1 - 8	Matthew 7 : 15 - 27		
22-Feb	11:00	Transforming Lord: Beginning of Great Lent (Last Day of Maramon Convention)						Sunday School
		Rev. Abraham Cherian Malayalam	Exodus 15 : 22 - 27	Romans 12 : 1 - 8	Ephesians 4 : 17 - 24	John 2 : 1 - 11		