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# BIBLE QUIZ

Please email your answers to [quiz@ststephensmtc.com](mailto:quiz@ststephensmtc.com)  
*At the end of the year, your earned points will be totaled and the top scorers will get prizes!!*

- 1) How many days did creation take?  
a)3 b)6 c)9 d)12
- 2) How many days did it rain initially during the flood?  
a)7 b)12 c)40 d)144
- 3) Which of the following events did NOT take 40 days  
a)Jesus' fast after his baptism b)Elijah's journey into the wilderness c)Paul shipwrecked on Melita d)Spying out the promised land
- 4) How many stones did David pick up before his encounter with Goliath?  
a)1 b)3 c)5 d)7
- 5) How many gates are there in the New Jerusalem?  
a)3 b)5 c)7 d)12
- 6) How many years did David reign in Hebron?  
a)7 1/2 b)12 c)40 d)55
- 7) How many days did Goliath parade before Israel?  
a)7 b)12 c)40 d)55
- 8) How old was Jesus when he began his ministry?  
a)20 b)25 c)30 d)35
- 9) How many years did Israel wander in the wilderness?  
a)24 b)40 c)100 d)144
- 10) How many golden lions did Solomon use on the steps of his throne?  
a)4 b)6 c)7 d)12
- 11) How many days was Jonah in the belly of the great fish?  
a)3 b)7 c)12 d)40
- 12) How many apostles did Jesus have?  
a)3 b)7 c)12 d)40
- 13) How many pieces of silver was Jesus betrayed for?  
a)30 b)50 c)70 d)100
- 14) How many sons did Ishmael have?  
a)3 b)7 c)12 d)40
- 15) How many of Job's friends came to comfort him?  
a)3 b)7 c)12 d)40

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# Happy New Year



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# ACHEN'S MESSAGE!



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

**G**reetings to you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let's once again open our hearts in thanksgiving for the love and mercy that we've received from God in the past year. We are alive to see a new year by the grace of God. For many people the past year had been one of painful experiences like loss of dear ones, loss of jobs, war afflictions, sickness, accidents, broken relationships and so on. They all need the renewing strength of the Lord and our prayer to live the new year.

Our Metropolitan Most. Rev. Philipose Mar Chrysostom Thirumeni is celebrating his 90th birthday on the 27th of April 2007. The Navathy Project is planning to construct 1500 homes for poor families this year. Let's thank God for our Metropolitan Thirumeni's life, vision and mission.

Our present Parish Ex. Committee will be in charge till the annual General Body in February. Let's thank God for the committed and able services of Ex. Committee members, especially the office bearers, for the parish. Many others rendered their voluntary services for the well being of the parish. All our parish organizations were active in the past year. At present our parish has 110 families and is expanding fast. Let's thank God for our St. Stephen's church and all the members. It is my prayer that God helps us to grow spiritually, mentally and physically in the coming years for His glory and service.

Let us strive to take up the following decisions given to us by our Metropolitan Thirumeni in the new year.

1. My family and I will grow in the salvation experience of Christ.
2. I'll have family prayer every day in my home.
3. I'll attend the Sunday worship as far as possible.
4. I'll pray for God's grace to love my neighbour as myself.
5. I'll abstain from all life styles that hurt God.
6. I'll use my time and income for the building up of the Kingdom of God.
7. I'll stand against all destructive works.
8. I'll co-operate sincerely with all works that help in the existence and promotion of life.

May God Almighty bless and guide you in the New Year.

Yours in the Service of the Lord.  
Thomas Paul Achen.

## Wedding Anniversaries in January!!

1	Benoy Thomas & Rachel Latha John	(732) 993-1120
1	Iype & Annie Thomas	(570) 620-0226
1	Sony & Lisa Cherukara	(908) 347-6650
1	Varghese & Molly Vaghese	(732) 577-0728
7	Sunil & Liju Kurien	(732) 677-0277
10	Shibu & Annu Abraham	(97) 388-1575
11	Abraham Pulimoottil & Aleyamma Abraham	(732) 283-4855
11	Cheriyal Thomas & Mariamma Thomas	(908) 925-9476
14	Rev. Mathew Skariah & Jisha Mathew	(215) 285-9476
16	Earlin George & Sajini Susan John	(732) 494-5088
18	Baji Thomas & Elizabeth Varghese	(973) 743-3452
22	K.K. Skariah & Rachel Skariah	(908) 822-2737
22	Philip Cherukara & Sumi Philip	(732) 381-3633
23	Shibu Varghese & Rani Shibu	(732) 494-4199
30	K.G. Mathew Kutty & Aleyamma Mathew	(732) 855-1719



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# Birthdays in January!!

1	John K. Varughese		(973) 808-1799
1	Mary Abraham	w/o Abraham Varghese	(732) 283-2777
2	Suma S. Cherian	w/o Sabu Cherian	(908) 927-9940
3	Alexander Mathews	s/o Simon Mathews	(908) 889-8179
6	Abel Paul	s/o Rev. Thomas Paul	(732) 602-9444
6	Anoop George	s/o George Abraham	(973) 992-0138
7	Jeffi Shaffi Varghese	s/o Shaffi Varghese	(973) 743-3374
9	Ravi Alexander		(732) 738-0721
10	Blessen Joseph	s/o Joseph V. Joseph	(610) 438-1688
10	Elizabeth Pramod	w/o Pramod Mathew	(732) 605-0370
10	Kevin Varghese	s/o Jacob Varghese	(732) 257-0094
10	Roohamma Joseph	w/o Joseph V. Joseph	(610) 438-1688
11	Dr. Suneeta Varkey	w/o Thomas Varkey	(908) 301-0084
11	Lizy George	w/o George Yohannan	(718) 317-2548
12	Abel Varughese	s/o Sunil. S. Varughese	(609) 275-9334
12	Megan George	d/o Earlin George	(732) 494-5088
14	Mercy Jacob	d/o Sam Jacob	(732) 549-8925
17	Sheba Mathew	w/o Thomas Mathew	(609) 799-5661
19	Sosa Thomas	w/o Saju Thomas	(609) 466-1474
21	Annu Abraham	w/o Shibu Abraham	(973) 886-1575
21	Rebekah Mathew	d/o Anil Mathew	(732) 258-8997
22	Lea Cherukara	d/o Philip Cherukara	(732) 381-3633
24	Saju Cherian Abraham		(732) 605-9888
24	Sara Mathew	d/o Thomas Mathew	(973) 285-4373
25	Jessy James	d/o James Varghese	(732) 568-1695
25	Suja Abraham	w/o Joseph Abraham	(732) 418-8840
30	Christy Abraham	s/o Joseph Abraham	(732) 418-8840
30	Rev. Thomas Paul		(732) 602-9444

# ANNOUNCEMENTS!



## PRAYER MEETING

There will be a prayer meeting on Saturday, January 13 at 5:00 P.M at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph V. Joseph, 2485 Bruen Lane, Forks, PA 18040. Their telephone number is 610.438.1688.

## BEREVEMENT

Mrs. Thankamma Kurien beloved mother of Molly Varghese (Appu & Molly) is called to eternity on Friday, December 22, at Kottayam. She was 84 years old. The funeral was on Saturday December 23.

St. Stephen's family expresses our condolence to the bereaved family.

## MAGAZINE

As announced in the church, our magazine project is in progress. Your article, poem, cartoon, painting, and short stories are required to publish. Those who have not given those items yet, please do so immediately, so that the magazine can be released on time.

## CAROL SERVICE

Our Choir, Sunday school and Youth Fellowship performed very well in our Carol service on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Their performance and talents were remarkable. We acknowledge and appreciate your hard work. It was coordinated by Earlin George, Jose Cherian, George Abraham, Shyla George, Tina Thomas & Suja Mathews with the help of our youths.

House carol was also arranged very well. We were able to visit most of our members, a time of sharing and caring. We have collected more than \$12,000 through caroling. Thanks to all the contributors and coordinators. Coordinators were Joseph V. Joseph, Philip Cherukara and Jose Cherian.

## ADDRESS CHANGE

Mathew M. Thomas and family moved to a new home, which is located at 117 East Calvert Avenue, Edison, NJ 08820. Tel: 732.549.1437.

# New Year's Celebrations

I don't know what your family does to bring in the new year, but it's celebrated in many different ways around the world.



In Japan, people dress in new clothes and decorate their houses with bamboo and pine branches—symbols of long life.

In Scotland, groups of friends or families get together for dinner at a host's house and exchange gifts soon after midnight.

In Greece, the children leave shoes by the fireplace, hoping St. Basil will fill them with gifts.

For many years, my wife and I have spent New Year's Eve with friends, eating dinner together, playing games, and enjoying good conversation. As midnight approaches, we read from the Bible and pray. We thank God for the year that has passed, and we ask Him to use us to accomplish His will in our troubled, suffering world in the year ahead.

The times and seasons and years, including this new year, are in God's hand (Psalm 31:15). As Christians, we have nothing to fear, for God's goodness is great (v.19). We can walk with Christ each day and join the psalmist in saying, "As for me, I trust in You, O Lord; I say, 'You are my God' " (v.14). —David C. Egner

*God will never fail us, He will not forsake;  
His eternal covenant He will never break,  
Resting on His promise, what have we to fear?  
God is all-sufficient for the coming year. —Havergal*

**The future is as bright as the promises of God.**



DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel	Sunday School
7 Jan	10.45 A.M	Rev. Thomas Paul (English)	Isaiah 56:1-8	Acts 17:18-31	Ephesians 4:25-32	John 12:20-26	No Sunday School
14 Jan	10.45 A.M	Rev. Thomas Paul (Malayalam)	Proverbs 23:19-34	Ephesians 5:1-21	Galatians 5:16-24	Luke 15:11-32	After Offertory
21 Jan	10.45 A.M	Rev. Thomas Paul (English)	Isaiah 60:1-7	II Peter 1:1-11	Ephesians 4:1-7	John 17:21-26	After Communion
28 Jan	10.45 A.M	Rev. Thomas Paul (Malayalam)	Genesis 1:26-31	Colossians 1:9-20	Romans 8:18-21	Matthew 6:25-34	No Sunday School