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8) Paul went to trial in this city, which was also the capital of the Roman Empire:

- A - Ephesus
- B - Rome
- C - Jerusalem
- D - Athens

9) Paul was born in this city:

- A - Tarsus
- B - Rome
- C - Carthage
- D - Constantinople

10) Which of the following was one of the seven cities which had one of the seven churches mentioned in the first couple chapters of Revelation:

- A - Laodicea
- B - Ekron
- C - Athens
- D - Rome

11) Jesus appeared to his disciples on the road to this city after his death and resurrection, but they did not recognize him at first:

- A - Bethsaida
- B - Emmaus
- C - Bethany
- D - Nazareth

12) In the parable of the good samaritan, the man who was assaulted by thieves was going from Jerusalem to this city:

- A - Gaza
- B - Hebron
- C - Jericho
- D - Ai

13) When the kingdom of Israel split, this city was most often the capital of the northern kingdom:

- A - Samaria
- B - Hebron
- C - Judah
- D - Jerusalem

14) When the kingdom of Israel split, this city was most often the capital of the southern kingdom:

- A - Samaria
- B - Hebron
- C - Judah
- D - Jerusalem



CITIES QUIZ

Please email your answers to
quiz@ststephensmtc.com

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

- 1) This city is the capital of Israel and the city of the great king:
A - Rome
B - Constantinople
C - Jerusalem
D - Hebron
- 2) Jonah preached to this city:
A - Nineveh
B - Rehoboth-Ir
C - Calah
D - Eber
- 3) Jesus was born in this city:
A - Nazareth
B - Jerusalem
C - Jericho
D - Bethlehem
- 4) Nebuchadnezzar was king in this city (his capital):
A - Babylon
B - Damascus
C - Nineveh
D - Cairo
- 5) This city was/is the capital of Syria:
A - Babylon
B - Damascus
C - Nineveh
D - Cairo
- 6) The Israelites marched around this city 13 times, and the walls came tumbling down:
A - Ai
B - Gath
C - Tyre
D - Jericho
- 7) Jesus grew up in this city:
A - Moab
B - Bethlehem
C - Bethany
D - Nazareth

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ACHEN'S MESSAGE!



Dearly beloved in Christ,

The recent cyclone and earthquake in Burma & China devastated the human situation, many died, more people in distress and shock. May God help them to face the miserable condition. Let us thank God for the "Vachana Ghoshanam", the messages were inspiring and challenge the hearers to be doers of the Word of God. I do appreciate the Edavaka Mission members for their earnest & prayerful support, a word of gratitude to Bro: George Cherian & family.

"Fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge but fools despise wisdom and discipline"[Prov:1.7] Standing on the shore of a great ocean, one is amazed at the force of the waves crashing on the rocks. Only a very foolish person would ignore the dangers presented by the sea and would not be attracted by its beauty. The ocean is to be feared and respected but it also to be experienced. The true enjoyment comes only when we enter in and understand its power. The same is true of God. Once we understand the power of our Lord, this fear enables us to be with Him, immersed in Him, but always respecting His might. Some of our children are graduating from different schools and colleges & preparing for higher studies. I appreciate all of them and wish all success for their future.

June 1st Sunday we do have our Holy Communion & Diocesan Reception to the Metropolitans at Bronx, NY. I urge all our members to attend the services prayerfully.

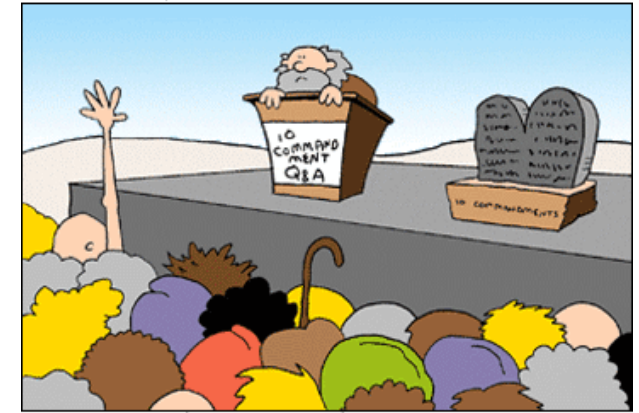
Our youth Retreat is to be held at Eddy Farm NY from June 6-8. Let us remember the programs in our prayers.

June 15th our Diocesan Episcopa is visiting the parish. We are also arranging the First Communion service for eight children of our parish. Let us uphold them in our prayers. The following Sundays we are looking into the importance of media in communicating the gospel, the call to take the cross, the apostleship of the people of God.

"O Lord help me to know fear in a positive way, and set my feet on the path to wisdom", Amen.

Yours in Christ

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Thanks to Miriam (See Exodus 20:1-21)

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IS THERE ANY CHANCE THAT WE CAN VOTE ON SOME OF THESE?

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Thanks to Hieu Nguyen (See Matthew 14:24-33)

05-05-2003

IT'S GOTTA BE THE SANDALS

Back On The Farm

From Our Daily Bread — August 15, 1997



As a 5-year-old keeping the cows out of my father's fields, I was awed by the sounds and sights of a North Dakota summer day. Only the occasional mooing of a cow or the whistling of a meadowlark broke the soft stillness. Shimmering heat waves danced across the prairie while a cautious coyote skulked nearby. Hungry hawks circled overhead as snow-white clouds lazily floated in the sky.

My parents taught me that far above the idyllic Dakota scene was a personal God, great and holy beyond all imagining. I felt small and vulnerable. But my parents also taught me that God loved me so much He sent Jesus to die for me, so I felt love for Him.

Children can sense those kinds of essential truths long before they understand terms like God's transcendence (His immeasurable difference from us) and His immanence (His nearness). I know the words now, but I still find it helpful to recapture that innocent wonder by imagining myself back on the farm as a child.

We can't relive our childhood, nor should we want to do so. But remember that the Lord lives "with him who has a contrite and humble spirit" (Isa. 57:15). Recall the wonder of your early days. Then, with a childlike sense of awe, reflect on the majesty of the "High and Lofty One." — Herbert Vander Lugt

*Across the expanse God stretched out His creation--
Established the stars, gave the earth its foundation;
His strength claims our worship, His power our fear;
Yet Calvary's cross sets us free to draw near. --Gustafson*

***The Creator hides secrets from sages,
yet He can be known by children.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS!



RECEPTION TO OUR METROPOLITANS

On June 1st, our diocesan is hosting a reception to our Metro-politans. The ceremony will begin with the Holy Communion Service at 9:00am, and followed by reception from 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm. Reception meeting will be presided over by Rt. Rev. Dr. Euyakim Mar Coorilos Episcopa. The venue is Dewitt Clinton High School, 100 West Mosholu Parkway South, Bronx (Van court Landt Park) New York.

Edavaka Mission:

We will have our Edavaka Mission meetings (Praise & worship, Bible Study) every Wednesday at 7:30pm in our church. All families should try to attend this meeting for your spiritual growth.

Parish Day & Bishop Visit:

We will be celebrating our Parish Day and first Communicant's service on June 15th at 11:00am. Our Bishop Rev. Dr. Euyakim Mar Coorilos Episcopa will be the celebrant.

Special Prayer Meeting:

There will be a special prayer meeting on 28th at the residence of Mrs. & Mr. Shaiju K. Cherian at 11:00am. Please join this special prayer meeting with your family. Their Address is 20 Pafsky Dr, Edison, NJ 08854 Phone: 732-593-8032.

All Prayer groups are encouraged to hold the area prayer meetings every Saturday at 7:00pm. Interested families please contact your Area Representatives.

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

Youth League Meeting:

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

Building Project update:

The Somerset Township Board of Adjustments will take again our application for hearing on **June 5th at 7:30pm**. All members who love our church should attend this meeting and it's very important that we show our solidarity towards our church. Please keep this in your daily prayers for a favorable outcome.

Condolences:

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

1. Father of Liza Mathew (W/o Thomas Mathew - Biji) aged 88 was called to eternity on 5/20/08. Home Phone number is (973) 285-4373.

2. Father of Mr. Varughese Abraham (Joy) aged 91 was called to eternity on 5/20/08. Home Phone # (732) 251-1728

3. Father of Mrs. Molly Varghese (w/o Varghese Varghese - Appu) aged 87 was called to eternity on 5/20/08. Their home phone # is (732) 577-0728

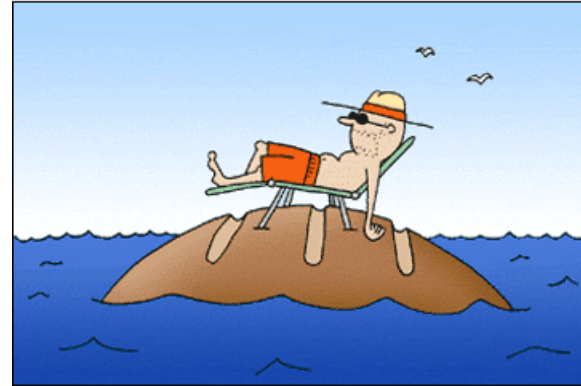
Refreshments:

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

Wedding Anniversaries in May!!

5	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph V. & Roohamma Joseph	(610) 438-1688
6	Mr. & Mrs. Sunny & Susan John	(732) 845-9250
13	Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Varghese & Mary Abraham	(732) 283-2777
17	Mr. & Mrs. Sunil M. Thomas & Rani K. Rajan	(732) 636-2838
29	Mr. & Mrs. Mathew M. & Lizy M. Thomas	(732) 549-1437

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Birthdays in May!!

1	Georgie Varughese	(732) 355-0830
2	James Varghese	(732) 568-1695
3	Sanjini S. John	w/o Earlin George (732) 494-5088
6	Rajiv John	s/o Joseph N. John (732) 752-5033
7	Mariam Thomas	w/o C. Thomas (908) 925-9476
7	Sisilly Jacob	w/o Mohan G. Jacob (973) 992-0138
8	Megan M. Thomas	D/o Jomon K. Thomas (617) 959-5312
9	Naomi Elizabeth	W/o Jicku Mathew
10	Noel Varughese	s/o Sunil Varughese (609) 275-9334
11	Thomas Abraham	(718) 967-7178
13	Neha R. John	D/o Rajiv John (732) 752-5033
13	Joanna George	D/o Santhose George (732) 297-8412
17	Maegan thomas	d/o Robie Thomas (732) 707-0984
18	Benjamin Joseph	S/o Joseph Philip (732) 662-5813
20	Leelamma Philipose	m/o Joseph Philip (732) 662-5813
21	Thomas Mathew	(973) 285-4373
21	Riya C. Varkey	d/o Thomas Varkey (908) 301-0084
22	Celine Varghese	w/o George Varghese (570) 476-6055
22	Shirley M. Thomas	w/o Philip M. Thomas (732) 382-0033
22	Namita R. Thomas	d/o Regi Thomas (732) 568-1754
23	Annamma Mathews	w/o Simon Mathews (908) 889-8179
26	Benjamin Abraham	(732) 617-2005
27	Aaron M. George	S/o Shaju George (908) 668-4949
28	Tony M. Cherukara	(908) 397-2621
29	Mathew J. Thomas	s/o Jos Thomas (732) 356-8975
29	Betsy Mathew	d/o Mathew M.Thomas (732) 549-1437
30	Nancy Joseph	w/o Joseph Philip (732) 662-5813
30	Jacks George	s/o George Edukala (732) 389-8482

Date	Time	Celebrant	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel	Sunday School	Refreshment
Wisdom and Knowledge - Gift of God - Student's Sunday								
1-Jun	9 am	Reception to Metropolitan - In Bronx (No service at our Church)	Pro 2:1-12	James 3:13-18	Rom 11:25 -36	St. Luke 2:41-52	No Sunday School	
Environment Sunday - Integrity of Creation								
8-Jun	11 am	Public Service (Malayalam)	Lev 25:8- 25	Rev 22:1-7	Rom 8:18- 25	St. John 1:1-12	No Sunday School	
Media and Communication of the Gospel								
15-Jun	11 am	Rt. Rev. Dr. Euyakim Mar Coorilos Episcopa (English)	1 King 19:11-18	Heb 1:1- 14	2 Cor3:1-11	St. Mark 12:1-11	No Sunday School	First Communicant's Parents
Discipleship - call to take up the cross								
22-Jun	11 am	Rev. Abraham Cherian (Malayalam)	2 Kings 2:1- 15	1 Pet 4:12- 19	Phil 2:12- 18	St. Luke 14:25-33	No Sunday School	Mrs. & Mr. Reji K.Thomas
Apostolate of the People of God - St Peter's and St. Paul's Day								
29-Jun	11 am	Rev. Abraham Cherian (English)	Joshua 1:1 -9	1 Peter 2:1 -10	Gal 2:1-10	St. Mark 6:7-13	VBS Final Day	Mrs. & Mr. Mathew M. Thomas

Events Calendar 2008

Date	Events	Time	AM/ PM	Day
June				
6/1/2008	Reception to Metropolitans - In Bronx	9:00	AM	Sunday
6/6/2008	Youth Retreat - EddyFarm Retreat Center			Friday
6/7/2008	Youth Retreat - EddyFarm Retreat Center			Saturday
6/8/2008	Youth Retreat - EddyFarm Retreat Center			Sunday
6/15/2008	Bishop Visit, First Communion Service, Parish & Father's Day	11:00	AM	Sunday
6/26/2008	Vacation Bible School (VBS)	7:00	PM	Thursday
6/27/2008	Vacation Bible School (VBS)	7:00	PM	Friday
6/28/2008	Vacation Bible School (VBS)	10:00	AM	Saturday
6/29/2008	VBS Final & Graduation Appreciation day	11:00	AM	Sunday
July				
7/10/2008	Junior-Senior conference			Thursday
7/11/2008	Junior-Senior conference			Friday
7/12/2008	Junior-Senior conference			Saturday
7/13/2008	Junior-Senior conference			Sunday
7/24/2008	Diocesan Family Conference, Santa Clara, CA			Thursday
7/25/2008	Diocesan Family Conference, Santa Clara, CA			Friday
7/26/2008	Diocesan Family Conference, Santa Clara, CA			Saturday
7/27/2008	Diocesan Family Conference, Santa Clara, CA			Sunday
August				
8/2/2008	Picnic - Echo Lake Recreation Center	9:00	AM	Saturday

Events Calendar 2008

Date	Events	Time	AM/ PM	Day
September				
9/7/2008	New School Year (Children's) Dedication	11:00	AM	Sunday
9/13/2008	Volleyball Tournament - Duke Island Park.	9:00	AM	Saturday
9/20/2008	Sunday School Competition	10:00	AM	Saturday
9/26/2008	Convention day 1	7:30	PM	Friday
9/27/2008	Apple Picking	10:00	AM	Friday
	Convention day 2	7:30	PM	Saturday
9/28/2008	Convention day 3	11:00	AM	Sunday
October				
10/18/2008	Youth Shine Night	6:00	PM	Saturday
	Sunday School Regional Competition?			
	Sunday School Anniversary?			
November				
11/23/2008	Thanksgiving Service & Auction	11:00	AM	Sunday
11/29/2008	X'Mas House to House Carol	10:00	AM	Saturday
11/30/2008	X'Mas House to House Carol	3:00	PM	Sunday
December				
12/6/2008	X'Mas House to House Carol	10:00	AM	Saturday
12/7/2008	X'Mas House to House Carol	3:00	PM	Sunday
12/13/2008	X'Mas House to House Carol	10:00	AM	Saturday
12/14/2008	X'Mas House to House Carol	3:00	PM	Sunday
12/20/2008	Christmas Carol	6:30	PM	Saturday
12/25/2008	Christmas Service	7:00	AM	Thursday
12/31/2008	New Year's/Watch Night Service	10:00	PM	Wednesday