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**Father's Day**  
**June 21st**

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9: What did the Jews try to prevent Paul from doing?  
 A- Leave Jerusalem  
 B- Visit Thessalonica  
 C- Speak of salvation to the Gentiles  
 D- Preach in the name of Jesus

10: What did Paul do when he couldn't bear to be away from the brethren at Thessalonica any longer?  
 A- Sent Timothy to encourage them  
 B- Wrote them a letter  
 C- Sailed from Athens to visit them  
 D- Prayed for God to comfort him

11: How were the Thessalonians told to keep their own bodies?  
 A- In faith and love  
 B- In sanctification and honor  
 C- In readiness for the Lord's return  
 D- In service to the Lord

12: God calls us to a life of holiness, but what are we told we are doing if we ignore this advice?  
 A- Dishonoring our body  
 B- Rejecting our brethren  
 C- Despising God  
 D- Shutting the door to the kingdom

13: What will happen to the believers alive at the return of Christ?  
 A- They will be made like the angels  
 B- They will be caught up together in the clouds  
 C- They will be taken up to the gates of heaven  
 D- They will be led before the judgment throne

14: When will Christ return?  
 A- Within the next year or so  
 B- He has already returned  
 C- On Easter day  
 D- The day is not known

15: Before Christ returns what will happen according to Paul's letter?  
 A- There will be a sign in the moon and the stars  
 B- There will be earthquakes in Israel  
 C- There will be a falling away of faith  
 D- The church will be divided

16: Why did Paul see fit to give thanks to God always for the brethren at Thessalonica?  
 A- Their love toward each other had increased  
 B- They had treated Paul well  
 C- Their work in the Lord's vineyard was fruitful  
 D- They had sent Paul a gift while he was in prison

17: What were they asked to pray for?  
 A- Paul's safe passage to Rome  
 B- That their faith would hold fast during trials they would face  
 C- The return of Christ  
 D- The rapid spread of God's word

18: What should they do with brethren who are not obeying the epistle's word?  
 A- Forgive them so they do not feel excluded  
 B- Have no company with them so that they are ashamed  
 C- Make them confess before the priest so that they may repent  
 D- Dress them in black and parade them before the Elders

19: In which province was Thessalonica located?  
 A- Macedonia  
 B- Galatia  
 C- Asia  
 D- Cappadocia

20: What was Paul's distinguishing mark in the letters he wrote?  
 A- His signature  
 B- He used red ink  
 C- He wrote in his own handwriting



## Wedding Anniversaries in June!!

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|----|-----------------------------|----------------|
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## QUIZ — THESSALONIANS

Please email your answers to  
[quiz@ststephensmtc.com](mailto:quiz@ststephensmtc.com)

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| 1: Why do believers need not worry about those Christians which have died?<br>A- They are assured of a place in heaven<br>B- They will be transformed into angels<br>C- Jesus will welcome them into the kingdom<br>D- They will be raised to life again | 5: What characteristics are attached to the breastplate mentioned in Thessalonians?<br>A- Hope and salvation<br>B- Love and charity<br>C- Faith and love<br>D- Sanctification and honor |
| 2: When must we be prepared for Christ to return?<br>A- At any time<br>B- During the day<br>C- During the night<br>D- Not at all   | 6: Paul, Timothy and who else sent their greetings to Thessalonica?<br>A- Titus<br>B- Barnabas<br>C- Silvanus<br>D- Peter   |
| 3: What must a Christian do to earn the bread they eat?<br>A- Pray without ceasing<br>B- Work diligently<br>C- Pay tithes<br>D- Give thanks always   | 7: Which two provinces looked up to Thessalonica as an example?<br>A- Macedonia & Achaia<br>B- Asia & Pisidia<br>C- Greece & Pamphylia<br>D- Lycia & Phrygia                            |
| 4: Who should you withdraw from, according to the epistles?<br>A- Idle brethren<br>B- Drunken brethren<br>C- Sinful brethren<br>D- Lying brethren  | 8: At what place had the writer been given a rough treatment?<br>A- Tarsus<br>B- Berea<br>C- Athens<br>D- Philippi  |

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# ACHEN'S MESSAGE!



## Birthdays in June!!

*Dearly Beloved in Christ,*

*I want to thank everyone who worked hard for the 10th parish Day celebration and the Sunday School anniversary programs. I also thank our Diocesan Episcopa for the leadership and guidance. I also congratulate the children and the teachers who presented the meaningful programs. Let us continue to strive for the spiritual growth and fellowship.*

*The month of June is the month of Roses. The spring ends and the summer begins.*

*Its the time that the flowers are beautiful. As James Whitecomb Riley writes " Then let us one and all, be contented with our lot; The June is here this morning, and the Sun is shining lot; Oh let us fill our hearts up with the glory of the day, and banish ev'ry doubt and sorrow far away. " which ( hope ) we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into t hat within the veil " [Heb.6:19 ]*

*A storm arises and the ship is caught at the sea, tossing and turning in the highwaves. The only thing that will save the ship is an anchor hopefully steadying it until the storm ceases. We are like the ship in this world being tossed to and fro, need something to steady our walk. The gospel of hope is our anchor for this steadiness and surety in the Lord.*

*Without this hope, Jesus Christ, we are lost out in the world today; being pushed and shoved, going nowhere. If you don't have the assurance of this anchor in your life, why not consider coming to Christ today?*

*On June 7th, we meditate on -- Education-True search for knowledge .We, as a church are observing the Clergy Day on the same day. Lets remember our Clergy in our prayers and thank God for them.*

*On 14th , we are celebrating the Eco Sunday--- the integrity of creation-- A plan of God.*

*On 21st, we are looking into the challenges faced by the Christian Spirituality.*

*On 28th - the second Millennium Jubilee celebration of the conversion of ST. Paul - all hap-pened to the furtherance of the Gospel.*

*Let us also join the apostle Paul to proclaim the gospel and be firm in the calling. May God Almighty bless us and keep us.*

*with love & prayers  
Toji Achen*

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Date	Time	Celebrant	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
<b>Students' Sunday- Education: true search for knowledge, Clergy Medical Aid, 1st Sunday after Pentecost</b>						
7-Jun	10:00 AM	Divine Service	1 King 3 5 - 14	James 1 1 - 8	Philippians 4 4 - 9	Matthew 7 24 - 29
		<b>Integrity of Creation - Divine Plan, Environmental Sunday, 2nd Sunday after Pentecost</b>				
14-Jun	10:00 AM	Rev. Abraham Cherian Malayalam	Leviticus 25 8 - 24	Revelation 22 1 - 7	Romans 8 18 - 27	John 15 1 - 15
		<b>Challenges of Christian Spirituality, 3rd Sunday after Pentecost</b>				
21-Jun	10:00 AM	Rev. Abraham Cherian English	1 King 21 1 - 21	Acts 8 14 - 24	Judah 3 - 16	Luke 12 13 - 21
		<b>Second Millennium Jubilee of the Conversion of St. Paul, All happened to the furtherance of the Gospel, 4th Sunday after Pentecost</b>				
28-Jun	10:00 AM	Rev. Abraham Cherian Malayalam	Exodus 3 1 - 14	Acts 9 1 - 17	Philippians 1 12 - 26	Matthew 10 16 - 23
		<b>Happy Father's Day</b>				

# ANNOUNCEMENTS!



## Sunday School

This years' **VBS** will be held from Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> through Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>. Please complete the registration form, which can be found on the church website or contact Sunday School Superintendent.

Times are as follows:

June 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>      6:30 pm to 9:30pm  
 June 27<sup>th</sup>              9:30 am to 3:30 pm  
 June 28<sup>th</sup>              after church service.



Sunday School will also conduct a **Sports Camp** this summer. Dates are as follows:  
 August 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>,  
 August 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 August 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>.



Please contact Mr. Jacob Chacko for further details.

The 2009 Sunday School Competition will be held on Saturday Sept 19<sup>th</sup>. Details are posted on the church website.

## Edavaka Mission

Edavaka Mission prayer meeting will be held on Wednesdays 7:30 pm at church. All are request to attend the prayer meeting. Fasting prayer for this month will be on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at church.

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## Vajana Ghoshanam

We will have Vajana Ghoshanam — special meetings on  
Thursday June 18th 7:00 pm  
Friday June 19th 7:00 pm  
Saturday June 20th 9:00 am  
Speaker — Rev. Dr. A. P. Athyal  
Please attend these meetings with your family.

## Prayer Meetings

There will be a church prayer meeting at 6:00 pm at the residence of Mr. Shaffi Varghese 145 Hawkins Ave Parsippany, NJ on June 13<sup>th</sup>. All are encouraged to attend.

There will be a church prayer meeting at 6:00 pm at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph V. Joseph 2485 Bruen Lane, Easton, Pa 18040 (610) 438-1688 on June 27<sup>th</sup>. All are encouraged to attend.

## Youth Retreat

The Youth Retreat will be held at Ark Retreat Center, 632 Wesley Ave, Ocean City, NJ 08226 from June 5<sup>th</sup> to June 7<sup>th</sup>. Holy Qurbana will be held on Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Retreat Center.

## Summer Conferences

The XXVII Mar Thoma **Family** Conference will be hosted by Immanuel Mar Thoma Church, Houston at West Chase Marriott, Houston, Tx from July 2-5, 2009. All are encouraged to attend.

The Mar Thoma **Junior Senior** Student's Conference is open to all Mar Thoma Sunday School students who will be entering Grades 6-12 in September '09. The dates are July 16-19, at Ramapo College, Mahwah, NJ. All eligible students are encouraged to attend.

The XXX Mar Thoma **Youth** Conference will be hosted by Seattle Mar Thoma Church at the University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wa from July 23-26, 2009. All eligible youth members are encouraged to attend.

## Birth Announcement

Congratulations to the proud grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Kurien and blessed parents Mr. and Mrs. Sanjay Mathew on the birth of their granddaughter and baby girl Anjali Rachel Mathew. Anjali was born on May 14<sup>th</sup> Please keep the families in your prayers.

## Address Change:

Please note the new address for the family of Mr. Shaffi Varghese: 145 Hawkins Ave., Parsippany, NJ 07054

## Condolences

Beloved Brother-in-law of Mr. Joemon Varughese was called to eternity last month in Kerala.

Beloved Grandfather of Mr. Anup Cherian was called to eternity last month in Kerala. Appachen was 90 years old.

Beloved Uncle of Mrs. Mini Vinoj Mathew called to eternity last month in Kerala. Uncle (father's older brother) was 75 years old. We pray for God's comfort and we extend our deepest condolences to the bereaving families. Please keep the bereaving families in your prayers.

## Notice

Please keep our church sanctuary and church premise clean. Eating and drinking is not allowed inside the sanctuary at any time. Use the downstairs rooms for changing diapers, eating and drinking. If you eat or drink outside (parking lot or grass), please dispose the garbage properly. We all need to work together to keep **our church** clean.