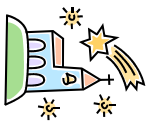


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March 28th

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JUDGES

Please email your answers to
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- 1) Who is the first judge mentioned in the book of Judges?
A - Ahab
B - Ehud
C - Othniel
D - Gideon
- 2) Who was instrumental in the downfall of Samson?
A - Tamar
B - Zerubabel
C - Jezebel
D - Delilah
- 3) Who was the fat king that Ehud killed?
A - Ekron
B - Eglon
C - Elah
D - Eker
- 4) Who was Jabin's commander?
A - Sippai
B - Sisamai
C - Sisera
D - Sotai
- 5) Where was the battle fought where Jabin's army was defeated?
A - River Kishon
B - River Jabbor
C - River Jordan
D - River Arnon
- 6) Who sang the song of victory for Israel?
A - Isaac and Rebekah
B - Moses and Aaron
C - Deborah and Barak
D - the angels
- 7) Where was Samson's wife from?
A - Gaza
B - Timnah
C - Shiloh
D - Bethlehem
- 8) Why did the Lord deliver Israel up to persecution?
A - They blasphemed
B - They did evil
C - They wanted their freedom
D - They had no leader
- 9) What was Gideons other name?
A - Ben Manoah
B - Ben Hur
C - Jerubbaal
D - Zerubabel
- 10) In Gideons first test of faith what was the dew on?
A - the grass
B - the ground
C - the clothes
D - the fleece
- 11) How many men volunteered to go with Gideon?
A - 32,000
B - 22,000
C - 10,000
D - 40,000
- 12) How many men did God choose to help Gideon?
A - 10,000
B - 3,000
C - 1,000
D - 300
- 13) What did these men do to be in Gideon's army?
A - they were strong
B - they were accurate shots
C - they lapped water
D - they were courageous
- 14) How did Gideon know he would beat the Midianite army?
A - the army was tired
B - a Midianite dream
C - he had faith
D - he had better weapons
- 15) How big was the Midianite/Amalekite army?
A - 185,000
B - Several Thousand
C - Unknown Multitude
D - One million men
- 16) Where did Jephthah live?
A - land of Uz
B - land of Israel
C - land of Canaan
D - land of Tob

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ACHEN'S MESSAGE!



Dearly beloved in Christ,

The month of March brings us the hope - the hope of the spring. As a parish we are looking forward to attend the new church dedication and enter into our own place of worship by end of March. Are we ready to enter the temple of God with all our heart ,mind and soul ? Let us prepare ourselves ,by keeping the words of the Psalmist David in ps.24:3--6. " Who may ascend the hill of the lord ? - who seek your face, O God of Jacob ."

And now what is our hope? O Lord , my hope is in you. [ps. 39:7]

Hope begins with compassion. Our hope is in studying his word and learning his ways, we may gain greater understanding of our Lord. Through the desert we walk weary and footsore, together we suffer: by day the heat and the dust, by night the cold and wild preying creatures. But we will continue the adventure, for we know that God is our strength, our shield, our stronghold. We know that in our moment of need, there will be Manna for us, even in the desert.

Together we have walked, suffered and have cried to God. He has sustained us and brought us to the place where we are. The land of God is here, the kingdom of God is in your heart. Trust Him and keep walking. " The righteous shall possess the land and dwell in it forever ". [ps. 37:29]

I urge all of you to continue to pray for the coming events and give generously for the fulfillment of the goal. Let 's continue to uphold the Lent season in our prayers and celebrate the passion of Christ .

March 7th is the World Day of Prayer. The coming Sundays we are learning about the approach of Xt to the outcaste, the gospel which breaks the barriers, the success of Christ over the evil forces and the servanthood of Jesus - a new vision.

May the everlasting God keep you in peace. May the crucified Christ sanctify our lives. May the Spirit of God comfort us with all goodness.

with prayers & best wishes

Toji Achen



Birthdays in March!!

21	Annamma John	w/o Joseph N John	(732) 752-5033
21	David Mathew Abraham	s/o Rev. Shibi Abraham	(732) 252-6226
22	Rev. Shibi Abraham	s/o A. Abraham	(732) 252-6226
22	Pushpa Varghese	w/o John Varughese	(973) 808-1799
22	Sarah Abraham	d/o Benjamin Abraham	(732) 617-2005
23	Gracekutty K. Varkey	w/o Shibu Varghese	(973) 743-3374
24	Aleyamma Panicker	w/o Jacob Panicker	(908) 994-0428
24	Issac John		(732)762-4538
24	Nebu Alexander		(973) 808-1799
26	K.G. Mathew Kutty		(732) 855-1719
27	Mammen T. Thomas		(732) 422-0707
27	Simon Mathews		(908) 889-8179
29	Elizabeth Jacob	w/o Jacob Chacko	(732) 249-7318
30	Kiran Thomas	s/o Sunil M. Thomas	(732) 750-5993
31	Anita Mathews	d/o John Mathews	(732) 356-6192



Wedding Anniversaries in March!!

7	Mr. & Mrs. George Thomas & Reene Thomas	732-321-4171
12	Mr. & Mrs. Vinoj Mathew and Mini Mathew	732-726-1714
31	Mr. & Mrs. Joemon K. Thomas & Saro Ann Thomas	617-959-5312



Birthdays in March!!

1	Aleyamma Abraham	w/o A. Abraham	(732) 252-6226
1	Shibu Abraham		(908) 213-0087
1	Jojo K. Abraham		(732) 218-7483
3	Mathew Johnson		(732) 432-6444
3	Dilip Abraham	b/o Saju Abraham	(732) 605-9888
4	Philip Steaphen	s/o Dilip Steaphen	(973) 324-2205
4	Danielle Mathew	d/o Pramod Mathew	(732) 605-0370
5	Sherry Varghese	d/o Daniel Varghese	(908) 688-2830
5	Jennifer Kurien	d/o Thomas Kurien	(732) 845-0031
6	Tara Thomas	d/o John Thomas	(908) 470-1343
6	Sunil Thomas	s/o Iype Thomas	(570) 620-0226
6	Jonathan Mathew	s/o Cecil Mathews	(732) 548-2248
6	Jacob K. Sam		(732) 980-9154
7	Becky Joseph	d/o Joseph V. Joseph	(610) 438-1688
8	Neha Thomas	d/o George Thomas	(908) 668-9676
9	Sujit John	s/o John K Varghese	(973) 808-1799
10	Baji Thomas		(973) 743-3452
11	Ravi Varghese	s/o Varghese Varghese	(732) 577-0728
11	Jini S. John	w/o Jojo K. Abraham	(732) 218-7483
12	Aleyamma Abraham	w/o Abraham Pulimoot- til	(732) 283-4855
12	George Yohannan		(718) 317-2548
12	Binsu Elza Abraham	d/o Abraham Mathew	(203) 205-0764
13	Philip Cherukara		(732) 381-3633
13	Lizan Simon	w/o Ashby Simon	(732) 943-2103
15	Chacko Poovakunnel		(908) 964-0735
18	Pappen Varghese		(908) 281-2188
18	Sunil Kurian Cherian		
18	Jeremy George	s/o George Edukala	(732) 389-8482
18	Rohan Varkey	s/o Thomas Varkey	(908) 301-0084

ANNOUNCEMENTS!



Sunday School, Diocese Examination

Diocesan Examination for this year will be conducted on May 3rd 2009. All children above 5th grade are encouraged to participate. Parents, please prepare your children to part take in this exam.

Church Prayer Meeting

There will be a Church Prayer meeting at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Johnson, 31 Jensen Road, Sayreville, NJ 08873 (Phone# 732-432-6444) on Saturday 14th March 2009 at 7:00 p.m. All are requested to attend.

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 March at 10:00am at our Church (Hoy & Hamilton Ave., Fords, New Jersey). Please come and partake in this fasting prayer meeting with family and friends.

Sevika Sanghom

Sevika Sanghom prayer meeting will be held every Second and Fourth Fridays of the Month at 10:00 am at Our Church. All are encouraged to attend the meeting with prayer.

Change of Address

The new address of Mrs. & Mr. Sam Jacob 14 Mercer St. Metuchen, NJ 08840

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New Born

Mr. Shiju and Dr. Pamela Abraham are doubled blessed with their new born twins, Thomas and Grace. St. Stephen's heart felt congratulation to the blessed parents and grant parents (Mrs. & Mr. A. Abraham)

Mr. Santosh and Dr. Sini Varughese are Blessed with their new born Daughter, Isabella Mary. St. Stephen's heart felt congratulation to the blessed parents and grant parents (Mrs.& Mr. George Yohannan)

Dedication of St. Stephen's Mar Thoma Church 423 Dunham Corner Road, East Brunswick, NJ 08816:

God has answered our prayers!!!. Our Church dedication service will be held on March 28th at 5:00pm. Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius Episcopa Thirumeni will be the celebrant. A public meeting will follow immediately after the church dedication service. All are requested to attend the dedication service as well as the public meeting with family and friends. More details of the meetings will be announced later.

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Date	Time	Celebrant	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel	Sunday School
Christ and the Marginalize (Second Sunday in Lent)							
1-Mar	11:00	Rev. Abraham Cherian English	Exodus 3: 7 - 18	James 5: 1 - 11	Acts 16: 16 - 24	Luke 5: 12 - 16	No Sunday School
Jesus Who Forgive Sin (Third Sunday in Lent)							
8-Mar	11:00	Rev. Abraham Cherian Malayalam	Isaiah 1: 1 - 20	Hebrew 10: 1 - 15	1 John 1: 1 - 10	Mark 2: 1 - 12	Sunday School After Offertory
Gospel Breaks Barriers (Fourth Sunday in Lent)							
15-Mar	11:00	Rev. Abraham Cherian English	Isaiah 45: 1 - 8	Acts 16: 6 - 15	Galatians 2: 11 - 21	Matthew 15: 21 - 28	Sunday School
Christ's Victory Over Evil Powers (Fifth Sunday in Lent)							
22-Mar	11:00	Rev. Abraham Cherian Malayalam	Isaiah 59: 12 - 21	Romans 8: 31 - 39	Ephesians 6: 10 - 20	Luke 13: 10 - 17	Sunday School After Offertory
New Vision of Christ's Servanthood (Sixth Sunday in Lent) HOLY QURBANA AT OUR NEW CHURCH							
29-Mar	10:00	Rev. Abraham Cherian Malayalam	Isaiah 42: 1 - 9	Acts 12: 1 - 11	1 Cor 6: 1 - 11	Luke 10: 42 - 52	