



Thanksgiving
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10) Wine is often equated with this other liquid:

- A - Tears
- B - Water
- C - Oil
- D - Blood

11) In Proverbs wine is described as:

- A - A Drink
- B - White
- C - A Mocker
- D - Red

12) When Jacob blessed this son he said his son would wash his garments in wine, his robes in the blood of grapes.

- A - Reuben
- B - Dan
- C - Benjamin
- D - Judah

13) This man drank too much wine and ended up naked in his tent!

- A - Nebuchadnezzar
- B - Nahum
- C - Noah
- D - Nehemiah

14) According to Hosea, which Middle East country is famed for its wine?

- A - Lebanon
- B - Syria
- C - Israel
- D - Egypt

15) Paul tells Timothy he should drink a little wine for this:

- A - his sorrow
- B - his joy
- C - his stomach
- D - his merriment

16) In Jesus' first miracle he turned this into wine:

- A - grapes
- B - milk
- C - honey
- D - water

17) What happens to new wine when put in old wineskins?

- A - skins burst
- B - it ferments
- C - it spoils
- D - it is drunk

18) The good samaritan poured on wine and _____ to heal the injured man.

- A - vinegar
- B - oil
- C - water
- D - disinfectant

19) Who was accused of being filled with new wine on the day of Pentecost?

- A - Pharisees
- B - Sadducees
- C - Jews
- D - Apostles

20) Jesus was offered wine to drink on the cross, but he refused to drink it. What was the wine mixed with?

- A - Gall
- B - Syrup
- C - Water
- D - Oil



QUIZ - WINE

Please email your answers to
quiz@ststephensmtc.com

1) This son of David had been drinking a lot of wine when he was killed:

- A - Adonijah
- B - Absalom
- C - Amnon
- D - Amminadab

2) Which Jewish feast would be celebrated once the produce of the wine-press was gathered in?

- A - Passover
- B - Hanukkah
- C - Feast of Tabernacles
- D - Purim

3) Who deceived Joshua with old skins of wine?

- A - Gileadites
- B - Gibeonites
- C - Gilonites
- D - Girgashites

4) Who supplied two skins of wine to David while he was a renegade?

- A - Ahinoam
- B - Jonathan
- C - Barzillai
- D - Abigail

5) During this 40 year period the Israelites drank no wine:

- A - Wilderness journey
- B - Reign of Saul
- C - Reign of David
- D - When Othniel was Judge

6) This man was not supposed to drink wine:

- A - Samson
- B - Jesus
- C - Jonah
- D - Samuel

7) The king of Susa had been drinking wine when he commanded this woman be brought out:

- A - Esther
- B - Zeresh
- C - Admatha
- D - Vashti

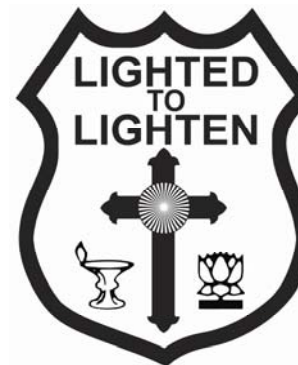
8) Lemuel is told in Proverbs that it is not good for people with this occupation to drink wine:

- A - Surgeons
- B - Kings
- C - Prophets
- D - Priests

9) However, the same chapter in Proverbs tell us that wine is good for people in this circumstance:

- A - At a wedding
- B - In their youth
- C - In anguish
- D - In a celebration

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ACHEN'S MESSAGE!



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Among the greatest struggles in Christian life are the 'little things.' The day today 'bad habits' by which we continually fall and which seem to trap us in our sin. Is there a way out? Even the forefathers found it hard in their life as a daily struggle and conquered it by the grace of God. How these habits enslave us- and most importantly, how we can overcome our shackles and progress toward the kingdom.

As St. Paul reminds us in Romans 7. 15 --- " For what I am doing, I do not understand, For what I will to do that I do not practice, but what I hate that I do." St John Chrysostom puts it, " there is no tyranny so unbearable almost called our second nature." So we should recognize it as our enemy who becomes our second nature and gradually overcome our true nature which was created in us by God.

The spiritual delusion proves itself a trap, a falsehood --every time we place a foot forward in the expectation of self - redemption, that's forward step brings us a thousand - fold further from our time goal. If we have a win in little things, we will be able to achieve great things . By addressing the little habits we are able to encounter great challenges in our daily life. Let's ask God to have mercy on us and to save us from the tyranny' by the grace of God.

As we enter into another liturgical year let us cleanse our thoughts & actions for a new beginning. Let us aim towards a resolution of cutting off our spiritual self-will & pride, of renewing a sacred and living obedience, which can bring us a new spiritual innocence before our creator.

November is the month of Thanksgiving in United States. 1st Sunday is celebrating as All Saints Day & World Sunday school Day -- to grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ.

On 8th, our church celebrates the Festival of Unity with C.S.I & C.N.I churches. May the Holy Spirit guide our church's unity into higher levels.

On Nov 15th we are entering into the advent season and preparing ourselves for the coming of the Lord.[The annunciation to Zechariah]

On 22nd, the annunciation to Virgin Mary who encounter the challenges for the Kingdom of God.

On 29th, the visitation of Virgin Mary towards Elizabeth-- the celebration of the Good News.

May I wish & pray the coming services and celebrations be a meaningful time of thanksgiving in our families as well as in the nation as a whole.

With love & prayers, Toji Achen



Birthdays in November!!

24	Mathew M. Thomas		(732) 549-1437
26	Thomas P. Abraham	s/o Abraham Pulimoottil	(732) 283-4855
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Birthdays in November!!

1	Mary James	w/o James Varghese	(732) 568-1695
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PRAYER MEETINGS

There will be an area prayer meeting of Area #5 on Saturday, November 7th at 6:00 pm at the residence of Mr.& Mrs. Jacob Varghese, 15 Fela Drive, Parlin, NJ. (732) 257-0094

Please contact Achen, Church Secretary or your Prayer Group Representative, if you would like to conduct Prayer Meeting at your home.

Thanksgiving Service

Thanksgiving Service will be on **Sunday November 22nd 2009.**

The Annual Thanksgiving "Bring and Buy" fund raising sale will be conducted on November 22nd 2009. Please bring items and keep them downstairs. All are encouraged to bring and purchase one or more item to make this event successful.

Sunday school

The South-East Regional Competition will be held on November 14, 2009. Please contact Sunday School Head Master for further details.

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Upcoming Events

Shine Night

Youth Fellowship is conducting Shine Night on November 14th at 7:00pm at church. All are encouraged to attend.

House Caroling

This year's houses to house Caroling service will start from November 15th. The details will be announced at Church or sent out via e-mail for your convenience. Your whole hearted participation is needed for its success. Our team member will be contacting you approximate ten days before the scheduled date.

Please contact Mr. Jomon K Thomas for details.

Carol Service:

Our Christmas Carol service will be held on December 19th at our Church at 3:00pm.

Please keep all these activities in your prayers.

Friendly Reminder: Any dues to subscription or any other donations for church please send the check to trustee in the following address.

Date	Time	Celebrant	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel	Sunday School
1-Nov	10:00 AM	Koodash Eetho - Sanctification of the Church - All Saints Day; World Sunday School Day					
		Rev. Abraham Cherian English	Deutro.6:1-9	Eph.5:1-10	Rom. 12:1-11	St. Luke 2:42-52	9:00 AM Sunday School
8-Nov	10:00 AM	Hudos Eetho - Renewal of the Church - CSI-CNI-Mar Thoma Church's Festival of Unity					
		Rev. Abraham Cherian Malayalam	Micah.6:1-8	Eph.2:11-22	2 Cor.4:7-15	St.Luke.10:1-9	9:00 AM Sunday School
15-Nov	10:00 AM	Annunciation to Zechariah:					
		Rev. Dr. Philip Varghese English	1 Chro. 24:1-19	Rev. 8:1-8	Heb. 5:1-10	St. Luke. 1:5-23	9:00 AM Sunday School
22-Nov	10:00 AM	Annunciation to Virgin Mary: Thanks Giving Day Service					
		Rev. Abraham Cherian Malayalam	Zech.2:10-13	Gal.4:21-31	Eph.1:3-14	St. Luke.1:26-38	9:00 AM Sunday School
29-Nov	10:00 AM	Visitation of Mary towards Elizabeth: Inauguration Day of the Church of North India					
		Rev. Abraham Cherian Malayalam/Divine Service	Gen.18:1-16	Heb.2:1-10	1 John.5:13-20	St. Luke. 1:39-45	No Sunday School