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**11)** This child was dropped by his nurse, and was crippled for life

C - Adonijah  
D - Isaac

A - Evil-Merodach  
B - Adonibezek  
C - Mephibosheth  
D - Balaam

**17)** This boy was 13 years old when he was circumcised

A - Jesus  
B - Gershom  
C - Abihu  
D - Ishmael

**12)** This man raised the son of a widow from the dead

A - Peter  
B - Elisha  
C - Jeremiah  
D - Elijah

**18)** Jesus said 'Talitha koum' to a certain girl, and she arose from the dead. How old was she at the time?

A - 7  
B - 14  
C - 9  
D - 12

**13)** Jesus said we must receive the kingdom of God as little children, or else:

A - We will not enter it.  
B - We will burn in hell.  
C - We will be servants in it.  
D - We will perish in this life

**19)** This man raised a child from dead, after which the child sneezed seven times

A - Elisha  
B - Silas  
C - Paul  
D - Elijah

**14)** This boy was 8 years old when he began to reign

A - Joash  
B - Rehoboam  
C - Ahaziah  
D - Josiah

**20)** This child was born as his mother heard news of his father's death, and his name reflects it

A - Benjamin  
B - Joel  
C - Ichabod  
D - Jonadab

**15)** According to scripture, children will play here in the Kingdom of God

A - The nearest playground  
B - The middle of the street  
C - The hole of the cobra  
D - Under their vine and fig tree

**16)** This child fought his brother even before he was born

A - Nadab  
B - Esau



## QUIZ - CHILDREN IN THE BIBLE

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

**1)** This boy was 12 years old when his parents lost track of him in Jerusalem

- A - David
- B - Jesus
- C - Jehu
- D - Joshua

**2)** This man put his least favorite wife and children ahead of his favorite wife and children when going to meet a possible adversary.

- A - Hezekiah
- B - Uriah
- C - Ben-hadad
- D - Jacob

**3)** The children of this town were killed mercilessly by a paranoid ruler

- A - Bethlehem
- B - Hebron
- C - Jericho
- D - Hamath

**4)** This king was seven years old when he began to reign

- A - Joash
- B - Josiah
- C - Solomon
- D - Manasseh

**5)** This child found a mandrake and brought it to his mother

- A - Gad
- B - Isaac
- C - Reuben
- D - Ishmael

**6)** This boy's mother brought him a little coat each year

- A - Jesus
- B - Josiah
- C - Abel
- D - Samuel

**7)** This child was hidden at the edge of a river to avoid being killed

- A - Absalom
- B - Moses
- C - Joash
- D - Paul's nephew

**8)** This king was 12 years old when he began to reign

- A - Josiah
- B - Manasseh
- C - Joash
- D - Solomon

**9)** This young man was 17 when he was sold into slavery

- A - Jonah
- B - Isaiah
- C - Phillip
- D - Joseph

**10)** This king threatened to cut a child in half

- A - Solomon
- B - Jeconiah
- C - Nimshi
- D - Ahab

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# ACHEN'S MESSAGE!



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

We are entering into the 10th month of the year. The first frost usually happens in October in the North Temperate zone. Leaves change to their brilliant colors and began to fall, making the ground a beautiful haven of color. Jesus Xt told us that he came to make all things new. His death on the cross can have a profound impact on our life. We have to ask ourselves, Is this the life for us ? Take a look at your life. How would you describe it? Contented? Rushed? Exciting? Stressful? Moving forward? Holding back? For many of us it's all of the above at times.

There are things we dream of doing one day and there are things we wish we could forget. The Bible says " God is perfect, powerful and yet personal. God is Rock. His work is perfect. Everything He does is just and fair.  
[ Deut. 32:4 ] Let's strive for the purpose and plan of God.

October 4th is the Voluntary Evangelists Association day to prepare the local parishes for the mission. We should focus more on the activities of Edavaka Mission for the spiritual growth of the parish.

On 11th October, we are set apart the Sunday for the differently able. As we all know, there are variety of possibilities in their lives to use for the kingdom of God.

18th Sunday is the youth Sunday to rededicate our youths for the kingdom values. Dear youth members, give your lives for a meaningful life with Christ and use your talents for the Lord by participating in the programs of the church and society.

On 25th we are celebrating it as the Family Sunday. " Family is instituted by God and it is divinely protected "  
There is love & harmony. Nowadays there is a tendency to live together with common interests and to leave the values aside.

So we should take life seriously and promote the importance of family and life. Our parish convention starts on 16th and ends on 18th oct - 09. We are hosting the zonal Sunday school teachers conference on 17th and south east region sevika sangham meeting on 31st .I urge all of you to attend the coming events with your family. May God Almighty bless us all.

with love & prayers  
Toji Achen



## Birthdays in October!!

22	Preethy Ravi	w/o Ravi Varghese	
23	Vinay I Thomas	s/o Bobby Thomas	(732)-873-7580
24	Mariamamma Cherukara	m/o Mathew Cherukara	(732) 381-3633
24	Joanna Susan Varghese	d/o Varughese Abraham	(732) 251-1728
25	Suresh Babu		(732) 494-0561
26	Anosh Philip Abraham	s/o Byju Abraham	(908) 647-5362
26	Gabriel Abraham Saju	s/o Saju C. Abraham	(732) 605-9888
27	Anish Mathew	s/o Dr. Mathai Cherian	(732) 561-2181
28	Reuben Kurian Thomas	s/o Jomon K thomas	(732) 543-0683
28	Alex James	s/o James Varghese	(732) 568-1695
29	Shruthi Elsa Mathew	d/o Dr. Mathai Cherian	(732) 561-2181
29	Smrithi Ann Mathew	d/o Dr. Mathai Cherian	(732) 561-2181
31	Reji K. Thomas		(732) 568-1754
31	Joshua Varughese	s/o Philip Varghese	(908) 380-0599
31	Benjamin S Mathew	s/o Bobby P Mathew	(908) 281-0101
31	Stephen Johnson Thomas	s/o Thomas John	(732) 651-8867



## Wedding Anniversaries in October!!

6	Dr. and Mr. Thomas & Usha Abraham	(718) 967-7178
12	Drs. Joseph & Elizabeth Prasad	(732) 845-0703
18	Mrs. and Mr. Jacob & Mini Varghese	(732) 257-0094
21	Mrs. and Mr. Reji K. & Susan Thomas	(732) 568-1754
21	Mrs. & Mr. Abraham & Anne George	(973) 992-5425
30	Mrs. and Mr. Sunoj & Leena S. Mathew	(732) 855-1719
30	Mrs & Mr. Leni Abraham & Greena Rajan	(609) 448-2312



# Birthdays in October!!

1	Asheem James Jacob	s/o Jacob Karimpil	(908) 289-1789
2	Molly Varghese	w/o Varghese Varghese	(732) 577-0728
4	Sosamma Varghese	w/o Daniel Varghese	(973) 729-9863
4	Mini Vinoj	w/o Vinoj Mathew	(732) 726-1714
4	Kamal S Steele	gs/o Joseph N.John	(732) 752-5033
6	Christopher P Mathew	s/o Promod R.Mathew	(732) 605-0370
6	Jolly M Mathew	w/o Manoj Mathew	(732) 855-1719
7	Bindhu A Mathew	w/o Anil Mathew	(732) 258-8997
7	Elsa Anna Abraham	d/o Benjamin Abraham	(732) 834-0024
7	Justin John	s/o Sunny John	(732) 845-9250
8	Daniel Varghese		(973) 729-9863
10	Deepthi Issac	W/o Joseph John	(732) 253-7020
12	Elizabeth Mathew	w/o Thomas Mathew	(973) 285-4373
12	Thomas Mathew		(609) 799-5661
13	Veena Ann Steaphen	d/o Dilip Steaphen	(973) 324-2205
14	Suzanna Marie Mathews	d/o Dr. Cecil Mathews	(732) 548-2248
15	Mathew A Cherukara		(908) 686-1061
16	Greena Rajan	w/o Leni Abraham	(609) 448-2312
16	Leelamony George	w/o George Edukala	(732) 389-8482
19	Jacob Elcob	s/o Jacob Chacko	(732) 249-7318
19	Shannon Thomas	d/o Mammen T.Thomas	(732) 422-0701
19	Joemon T Varughese		(732) 422-7128
21	Megha Elizabeth Thomas	d/o Reji K.Thomas	(732) 568-1754
22	Sachin John Mathew	s/o Mathew P. Keecheril	(732) 418-1548
22	Anil Mathews	s/o Philip Mathews	(732) 297-8303

# ANNOUNCEMENTS!



## **Church Convention:**

This year's our Church Convention will be held from October 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>.

The main speaker will be Rev. Vinoy Daniel (Diocesan Secretary).

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October** at 7:30 pm

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October** at 6:30 pm

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October** (immediately after Service)

## **Diocesan Convention: South east region:**

Our regional convention will be held from October 30<sup>th</sup>-Nov 1<sup>st</sup> at Ascension Mar Thoma Church, Philadelphia. Times and other details will be announced later. Your prayerful presence and support is requested.

## **Prayer Meetings:**

There will be a Church prayer meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the residence of Mrs. & Mr. Shibu Varghese, 92 Princes Drive, North Brunswick. (Tel # 732-348-8165). All are encouraged to attend.

Prayer meeting of the Area prayer group #3 will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the residence of Mrs. & Mr. Jomon K Thomas, 749 Village Drive, Edison. (Tel # 732-543-0683). Area group members, please attend.

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## Sunday school:

Sponsors needed: Sunday school is in need of items like partitions, boards, crayons etc. If you are interested in sponsoring any of these items for Sunday school, please contact Mr. Saju Thomas Sunday School superintendent.

**All those who are interested in participating in this years' Christmas Carol Show, please see Miss. Becky Joseph or Mrs. Tina Thomas. Practice will begin first Sunday in October.**

## Sevika Sangom:

One day regional conference of the south east region will be held on **October 31<sup>st</sup>** at our church. The registration will start at 9:00 am.

All Sangom members are requested to participate in this one day conference.

## Notice

Please keep our church sanctuary and church premise clean. Please do not bring any food inside the sanctuary. Use downstairs rooms for changing diapers, eating or drinking. Also, 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.

Date	Time	Celebrant	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel	Sunday School	
4-Oct	10:00	<b>Voluntary Evangelists Sunday</b>						9:00 AM
		Rev. Abraham Cherian (English)	Nehemiah 2:11-18	2 Timothy 4: 1-18	Ephesians 4: 11-16	St. Matthew 5: 13-16	St. Matthew 5: 13-16	
11-Oct	10:00	<b>Sunday for Physically and Mentally Challenged</b>						9:00 AM
		Rev. Abraham Cherian (Malayalam)	2 Samuel 9: 1-13	Hebrews 12: 12-17	Acts 3: 1-10	St. Matthew 15: 29-31	St. Matthew 15: 29-31	
18-Oct	10:00	<b>Youth Sunday: In Search of a Meaningful Life and Concluding day of Church Convention</b>						9:00 AM
		Rev. Vinoy Daniel (English)	Ecclesiastes 11: 9-12	Hebrews 12: 1-11	1 Timothy 4: 4- 16	St. Matthew 6:24-34	St. Matthew 6:24-34	
25-Oct	10:00	<b>Christian Family Day: Warmth and Love in the Family</b>						9:00 AM
		Rev. Abraham Cherian (Malayalam)	Genesis 27: 1-29	1 John 2: 7-17	2 Timothy 1: 3-14	St. Luke 15: 11-32	St. Luke 15: 11-32	