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**VBS**

**July 26--29**

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Thursday and Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00 pm  
 Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
 Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>

**REGISTER, COME &  
 BRING A FRIEND!!**



## EZEKIEL BIBLE QUIZ

Please email your answers to  
[quiz@ststephensmtc.com](mailto:quiz@ststephensmtc.com)  
*At the end of the year, your earned points will  
be totaled and the top scorers will get prizes!!*

1) God said he would forgive a remnant of the Israelites, and he would take their heart of stone and give them a heart of what?  
A - Gold, B - Flesh, C - Artichoke, D - Fire

2) God tells Ezekiel to dig a hole through the wall of the city, in order to prophesy what?  
A - The lack of water, B - 40 days of darkness, C - The flight of the king, D - his escape

3) God said that Jerusalem would not be saved even if three particularly just men were found in it. Who were these men?  
A - Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, B - Lot, Cornelius, Joseph, C - Noah, Daniel, Job  
D - Jehoshaphat, Jehu, Jesus

4) The king of Judah had tried to strengthen himself against Babylon by making an alliance with the king of what nation?  
A - Egypt, B - Babylon, C - Assyria, D - Tyre

5) In Ezekiel 18, God refers to the saying 'The fathers have eaten the sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge.' He then contradicts it with the phrase:  
A - By the swords of the mighty will I cause, B - So will I make my holy name known in the, C - I will accept you with your sweet savour, D - The soul that sins shall die

6) In chapter 21 of Ezekiel, referring to the reign of Zedekiah, God uses what words to emphasize the destruction?  
A - O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, B - A ruin! A ruin! I will make it a ruin!, C - Why have you forsaken me?, D - The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth

7) God also says that the kingdom will be no more, until when?  
A - the Kingdom of God shall appear, B - Babylon is overthrown, C - the battle of Armageddon, D - until he comes to whom it rightfully belongs; to him I will

8) God tells Ezekiel that someone he loves would die unexpectedly, who?  
A - his daughter, B - his wife, C - himself, D - his father

# ST. STEPHEN'S MARTHA THOMA CHURCH



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# ACHEN'S MESSAGE!



## Dearly Beloved in Christ

By the grace of God we are entering into the month of July which is an important time in the Church calendar. July 3<sup>rd</sup> is the St. Thomas Day. Let us thank God for the life and witness of St. Thomas, the apostle of the churches in India.

This month also reminds us the importance of the tithes. There is much in our society that we enjoy, but material things also pose grave dangers when we use them thoughtlessly.

“We are free to utilize but forbidden to idolize”  
(O.S. Guinness)

Are we using our material blessings to serve the Lord? Or have we become slaves to them? How we handle money reveals much about our priorities. We are only stewards for the money, time and talents. “If we pursue more earthly gain, we choose a path that ends in pain; but joy and peace are in our soul when we pursue a Heavenly goal.” Let us share what we have for the Glory of the Kingdom of God.

“For a quick check on your heart check out your checkbook.”

With prayers

Toji Achen

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## *Wedding Anniversaries in July!!*

1	Mrs. & Dr. Joemon Varughese
5	Mrs. & Mr. George Yohanan
7	Mrs. & Mr. Anil Mathew
11	Mrs. & Mr. Philip M. Thomas
12	Mrs. & Dr. Samuel Thomas
12	Mrs. & Mr. Jacob K. Sam
17	Mrs. & Mr. R. K. Mathew
17	Mrs. & Mr. Pramod R. Mathew
21	Mrs. & Dr. John Varghese
23	Mrs. & Mr. Philip C. Varghese
27	Mrs. & Mr. Mathew Johnson
29	Mrs. & Mr. Thomas Mathew
29	Dr. & Mr. Thomas Varkey
31	Mrs. & Rev Abraham Cherian
31	Mrs. & Mr. George Varghese

# Birthdays in July!!

1	Rachel Thomas	d/o Philip M. Thomas	(732) 382-0033
2	Lovely Prasad	w/o Philip Prasad	(732) 967-9272
3	Earlin O. George		(732) 494-5088
4	Mini V Cheriyan	w/o Shaiju K Cheriyan	(732) 593-8032
4	Joshua O. Lee	s/o Lee Oommem	(917) 468-6367
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10	George Varghese		(201) 707-1001
11	Amanda E. Thomas	d/o Saju Thomas	(609) 466-1474
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13	Anil Mathew		(732) 258-8997
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18	Joshua Jacob	s/o Jacob K. Sam	(732) 980-9154
18	Benjamin P. Joseph	s/o Joseph Philip	(732) 662-5813
20	Regi Mathew		(732) 727-3872
21	David J. Mathews	s/o Cecil Mathews	(732) 548-2248
22	Ponnamma J. Thomas	w/o Jos Thomas	(732) 356-8975
23	Bindu Abraham	w/o Byju Abraham	(908) 647-5362

# ANNOUNCEMENTS!



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The Mar Thoma Junior/Senior Conference will be held at Ramapo College, Mahwah, New Jersey from July 26<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The theme is "Young and Respected" (1 Timothy 4:12). The leaders for this conference are Rt. Rev. Dr. Euyakim Mar Coorilos, Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos and Mr. Rajan Mathews.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)**

VBS will be held on July 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> at our church. Please register your children.

For details, please contact Mr. Saju Thomas

VBS Class timings are:

Thursday and Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> in the evening 7-9 pm

Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> 10 am - 4 pm

Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> after the Holy Communion Service.

## **PRAYER MEETINGS**

Church Prayer Meetings:

There will be a Church prayer meeting on Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007 at 6:30 pm at the residence of Mrs. & Mr. Mathew M Thomas, 117 East Calvert Ave, Edison, NJ 08820 Tel: (732-549-1437)

There will be a Church prayer meeting on Saturday July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 6:30 pm at the residence of Mrs. & Mr. Saju C Abraham, 58 Avenue J, Monroe, NJ 08831 Tel: (732-605-9888)

## **SEVIKA SANGHOM**

There will be a Sevika Sangom Prayer meeting at the residence of Mrs. Rachel Skariah at 10AM on Monday July 16<sup>th</sup>. Tel. 908-822-2737

There will be a Sevika Sangom Prayer meeting on Friday July 27<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM at the residence of Mrs. Rani Sunil. Tel. 732-636-2838

## **Sevika Sangom National Conference**

8<sup>th</sup> National Sevika Sangom Conference will be held from 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2007 at the Holiday Inn Long Island, Islip, NY and is hosted by the Sevika Sangom of the Long Island Mar Thoma Church, Merrick, NY. For details contact Sangom secretary.

## **YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**

This year's National Youth Conference will be held on August 2<sup>nd</sup> through August 5<sup>th</sup> at University of Houston, Texas. The conference fee is \$165 per person and is open to the youths (18-35 yrs). Please contact youth secretary Josh John for more details.

## **NEW BORN**

Santhosh George and Judith are blessed with a baby girl, Joanna George on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2007. Congratulations to the proud parents.

## **BEREAVEMENT**

Beloved mother of Mr. Joseph V. Joseph and Mr. Joseph Abraham was called to eternity on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2007. She was 80 years old.

Funeral was held at Mallapally.

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

## **New Addition to St. Stephen's Family**

Mr. Shaiju Kalackattu Cheriyan & Mini Varghese Cheriyan, their children Alan Shaiju Cheriyan (s) and Aleena Mariam Cheriyan (d). They reside at 150 Keswick Drive, Piscataway, NJ 08854 Phone: (732)-593-8032

We, the members of St. Stephen's family welcome you all to our church.

## **CHURCH PICNIC**

The Church picnic will be held at Holmdel State Park, Holmdel NJ on Saturday August 11<sup>th</sup> 2007. Please come and enjoy the fellowship, BBQ and fulfilled outdoor activities of sports and games with your family.

## **Graduates**

Please give your name and detailed information to Church Secretary by July 15<sup>th</sup> 2007.

## **Friendly Reminder**

Church income through monthly subscription at the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter is lower than previous year, if your contribution is not yet remitted, please bring your portion soon as possible. Thank You!

Date	Time	Celebrant	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel	Sunday School
1-Jul	10:45	Rev. Abraham Cheriyan (English)	Exodus 36: 1-7	Acts 5: 1-11	2 Corinthians 9:6 -15	Luke 21:1-4	No Sunday School
8-Jul	10:45	Rev. P.M. Thomas (Malayalam)	Exodus 3:1-12	Acts 9:10-18	2 Timothy 4:1-5	John 21:15-19	No Sunday School
15-Jul	10:45	Rev. Abraham Cheriyan (English)	Micah 6:1-8	Colossians 1:9-23	1 Peter 2:1-12	Luke 6:27-36	No Sunday School
22-Jul	10:45	Rev. Abraham Cheriyan (Malayalam)	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Romans 10:1-15	2 John 1-12	John 20:11-18	No Sunday School
29-Jul	10:45	Rev. Abraham Cheriyan (Malayalam)	Genesis 7:1-16	1 Corinthians 12:12-27	Acts 2:37-47	John 15: 1-12	VBS 26th-29th