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Message from Youth Chaplain



Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The church is observing the Great Lenten Season. For many Lent is a season for making resolutions. They give up chocolate or sweets. They're going to pray more or actually go to church every week. Beyond that, many of us have little understanding of what Lent is about.

To help us better understand what this looks like, we're looking at the story of a man who was not clearing a garden for growth, but clearing a kingdom. Asa was the king of Judah at a time when much of the nation had abandoned God. In 2 Chronicles 15:1-19 we find the story of how Asa and his entire kingdom sought God and made room in their lives for growth.

Azariah's message in verses 1-7 is: **SEEK THE LORD**. Seek him and you will find him. His message is not a casual recommendation to the king. He is imploring him to do something—to act. Azariah's message is not, "Wander through your life, Asa, and perhaps you will stumble upon God." No, he is challenging Asa to be intentional: seek the Lord.

How do we do that? What exactly does it mean to seek God? In verse 8, after receiving Azariah's message, Asa interpreted the command to seek the Lord in two ways.

a. First, he understood that he had to **REMOVE THE OBSTACLES** that were preventing him from finding the Lord. So Asa eliminated the detestable idols from the land: all of the other gods, shrines, and temples that were competing with God for the people's devotion.

b. There is a second thing Asa did to seek God. He not only removed the idols in his kingdom, but he also **REPAIRED THE ALTAR** to the Lord in front of the temple.

You could say that Asa was cleaning out his kingdom to make space for God. In a real sense our lives are like kingdoms. We each have a kingdom, a sphere of authority, a realm that we control as a ruler. The borders of this kingdom vary for each person, but generally we all have dominion over things like our time, our bodies, our relationships, our homes, our money.

Seeking God is not just about removing things from our kingdoms; it's also about building things, putting things in place that help connect us with the One we are seeking. There needs to be removing, and there needs to be building. We need to subtract some things so we may add others.

Lent is a time for all of us—those who have known Christ for many years and those who have yet to encounter him—to clarify and reaffirm our intentions. Do we desire to seek God? Will we, with intention, diligence, and discipline, seek him? Or will we just float along, hoping to stumble upon God here and there?

The season of Lent is about walking through the hills and valleys of our kingdom and tearing down the idols we find there. It means acknowledging, through confession, those things in our lives that have taken the place of God and prevented us from finding him. Maybe it's a schedule so full there is no time for prayer. Or a heart preoccupied with material things. Or a self-serving career that has stopped you from serving others. Lent is a time to clean out the debris in our lives to make room for new growth.

As we have 50 days of Sandhya Namaskaram I call upon the parishioners to actively be involved in this Lenten Season and Use this season wisely as a time of preparation for growth.

I earnestly pray that we may be able to use this season to walk the hills and valleys of our life and identify the obstacles preventing us from seeking God. Put in place good disciplines that will help you connect with God. Use this season of Lent to truly seek the Lord, the one who is longing to be found.

With prayerful regards
Jijo Achen

HOLY QURBANA LECTIONARY & AREA ACOLYTES

Date	Day-Time	Area Schedule	Holy Qurbana	First Lesson	Second Lesson	Epistle / Gospel
			Theme			
04-Mar-2022	Fri. 8:00 PM	MM	Gives Healing that Comfort ശ്യാന്തനം നൽകുന്ന സൌഖ്യം	2Kgs 5:1-14	Phlm 1:8-21	Phil 2:21-30 Mark 1:40-45
05-Mar-2022	Sat. 8:00 PM	MC				
06-Mar-2022	Sun 7:30 AM	DXG				
11-Mar-2022	Fri. 8:00 PM	NS	Healing through Forgiveness of Sins പാപമോചനത്തിലൂടെ ലഭിക്കുന്ന സൌഖ്യം	2Sam 12:1-13	Acts 8:9-17	1Pet 2:21-25 Mark 2:1-12
12-Mar-2022	Sat. 8:00 PM	English Service				
13-Mar-2022	Sun 7:30 AM	SAN				
18-Mar-2022	Fri. 8:00 PM	RCH	സാർവത്രിക രക്ഷ ക്രിസ്തുവിൽ	Isa 45: 1-8	Acts 10:34-43	1Cori. 1:18-25 Matt 15:21-28
19-Mar-2022	Sat. 8:00 PM	RSQ				
20-Mar-2022	Sun 7:30 AM	SCS				
25-Mar-2022	Fri. 8:00 PM	SUC	Worship - which gives Perfection to Personhood ആളത്യാതിൻറെ പൂർണ്ണത നൽകുന്ന ആരാധന	Isa 66:19-24	Acts 2:22-36	Rom 8:31-39 Luke 13:10-17
26-Mar-2022	Sat. 8:00 PM	ABC				
27-Mar-2022	Sun 7:30 AM	English Service				
01-Apr-2022	Fri. 8:00 PM	ACC	Christ who gives Hopeful Vision ക്രിസ്തു നൽകുന്ന പ്രത്യാശാ ദർശനം	Mic 7:7-20	Acts 9:10-18	Col 1:1-14 Mark 10:46-52
02-Apr-2022	Sat. 8:00 PM	AGM				
03-Apr-2022	Sun 7:30 AM	UAQ				

Fasting prayer Every Sunday at 10:00 AM (Zoom Platform)

" Participate, pray and get the Healing Touch from our Almighty God."

Contact Lay Leaders.

Lay Leaders : Mr. Anil V Mathew (A-185) -0505182585 | Mr. Shibu Thomas (S-106) -0505373928

Parish Spiritual Organisations - Events

Sunday School

Headmistress : Mrs. Mercy Mathew (M-02) 050 5275432

Asst. Headmistress : Mrs. Sosamma Eapen (J-45) 050 1354246

Secretary : Mr. Suraj Thomas (S-239) 055-1438682

- **New Admission Open for all Classes. Online Forms available in Parish Website**
- **Admission for Nursery 1: For those Student, whose Birthday falls between 1-1-2018 to 31-12-2018**
- **Saturday Session classes on all Saturdays from 10.30am**
- **Sunday & UAQ Sessions on every Sundays from 10.30am**
- **Teens Meet on 27th Sunday for classes from Inter 1 to YA2 from 10.30am**

Parish Mission

Vice President: Mr. Jayan T. John (J-189) 050-7360263

Secretary: Mr. Koshy Abraham (K-57) 050-5245663

Yuvajana Sakhyam

Vice President: Mr. Niren K. Abraham (N-21) 050-7690802

Secretary: Mr. Rubin Raju (R-227) 052-5426826

Lady Secretary: Mrs. Serene Thomas (S-596) 056-5970258

Sevika Sangham

Vice President : Mrs. Annamma Cherian (C-11) 055-355-7077

Secretary : Mrs. Kavitha Biju (B-105) 050-173-8616

Church Choir

Vice President : Mr. Mathew M. Johnson (M-56) 055-9860375

Secretary : Mr. Titus mathew (T-283) 050-8365198

Senior Citizens Forum

Vice President : Mr. C.C Thomas (T-17) 050-8951260

Secretary : Mr. Saji Thomas Kaithamukkil (S-52) 050-7976396

Youth Fellowship

YF Coordinator : Mr. Jestin M Johnson (M-56) 054-5227370

Hearty Welcome to New Members



Mathew P Baby (M-311) DXG

050-8920841
Bethel Mar Thoma Church
Oottupara, Konni



Bilji John Philip (B-350) ABC

056-4480840
Immanuel Mar Thoma Church, Nerul
Mumbai



Jobin Sam Mathew (J-643) RSQ

050-9793451
Bethel Mar Thoma Church, Ulanad
Kulanada



Jelton Mathew Joy (J-642) SAN

055-1839100
Immanuel Mar Thoma Church
Nellikunnam, Kottarakara



Arun Thomas Raju (A-447) MC

052-7276907
Immanuel Mar Thoma Church
Chirayirambu, Maramon



George Zachariah (G-197) SUC

050-7858753
Mar Thoma Church
Punthala



Manu Lukose (M-312) SUC

056-1658495
Bethel Mar Thoma Church
Panavelly

KIDS & TEENS MEETINGS

Date	Day	Time	Area
18-March-2022	FRIDAY	5:00 PM	ACC
18-March-2022	FRIDAY	6:00 PM	AGM
18-March-2022	FRIDAY	6:00 PM	AJC
19-March-2022	SATURDAY	5:00 PM	ALK
19-March-2022	SATURDAY	5:00 PM	BMW
19-March-2022	SATURDAY	6:00 PM	IM
20-March-2022	SUNDAY	4:00 PM	MC
20-March-2022	SUNDAY	5:00 PM	MM
20-March-2022	SUNDAY	6:00 PM	RCH
20-March-2022	SUNDAY	6:00 PM	RSQ

Farewell



Mr. Kurian David (K-9) DXG
Mar Thoma Church, Chalissery, Palakkad

Farewell



Mr. Samuel Mathew (S-480) SUC
St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Variyapuram

Farewell



Mr. Thomas John (T-94) ABC
Mar Thoma Church, Maramon

Sandhya Namskaram Areawise Schedule

Date	Day	Area
1-Mar-22	Tuesday	Senior Citizen
2-Mar-22	Wednesday	Yuvajana Sakhyam
3-Mar-22	Thursday	Sevika Sangham
6-Mar-22	Sunday	ABC
7-Mar-22	Monday	ACC
8-Mar-22	Tuesday	AGM
9-Mar-22	Wednesday	ALK
10-Mar-22	Thursday	AJC
13-Mar-22	Sunday	BMW
14-Mar-22	Monday	CA
15-Mar-22	Tuesday	DXA
16-Mar-22	Wednesday	DXG
17-Mar-22	Thursday	IM
20-Mar-22	Sunday	KHS
21-Mar-22	Monday	MC
22-Mar-22	Tuesday	MM
23-Mar-22	Wednesday	NS
24-Mar-22	Thursday	RCH
27-Mar-22	Sunday	RSQ
28-Mar-22	Monday	SAN
29-Mar-22	Tuesday	SCS
30-Mar-22	Wednesday	SUC
31-Mar-22	Thursday	UAQ

Ponnomanakal

Exclusive fellowship for specially talented ponnomanakal and their parents will be held on Saturday 26th March 2022 at 4.00 PM

CONDOLENCES



Mr. SAM K JOHN (52 Years) (ID S-58) IM Area
Koduruzhathil House, Keekzhoor, Ranny

**We express our heartfelt condolences on the
demise of our member.**

- ◆ **Mrs. Sosamma Thankachan**, 86 years, Mother of Mrs. Mariamma Varghese (W/O Mr. P.C. Varghese, V-26, AJC Area Prayer Group) was called to the heavenly abode. Funeral service held on 8th February 2022 at St. Mary's Orthodox Church, Perinad, Kollam
- ◆ **Mr. George Mathew**, 89 years, Father of Mrs. Annieamma George (W/O Mr. Koshy George, K-10, NS Area Prayer Group) was called to the heavenly abode.
- ◆ **Mr. C. T. George**, 77 years, Father of Mrs. Jyothi George, (I-24, SAN Area Prayer Group) was called to the heavenly abode. Funeral service held at Konni, Poovanpara Salem Mar Thoma Church.
- ◆ **Mr. P. T. Mathew**, Father of our former vicar *Rev. Sibi T. Mathews* and Mrs. Lyse Annamma Mathews (w/o Mr. Mahew Philip, M-188, UAQ area prayer group) was called to the heavenly abode. Funeral service held at St. Pauls Mar Thoma Church, Othara.
- ◆ **Mrs. Elsamma Prasad**, 63 years, Mother of Mr. Ninan Saji Prasad (N-33, SAN Area Prayer Group) was called to the heavenly abode. Funeral service held on 22nd February 2022 at Sewree Christian Cemetery.
- ◆ **Mr. Cheriyan Varghese**, 86 years, Father of Mr. Santhosh Cheriyan (S-309, DXG area prayer group) was called to the heavenly abode. Funeral service held at Pattoor St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church.

The Sharjah Mar Thoma Parish expresses heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members on the demise of their beloved ones. May God's care strengthen and comfort them.



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President Mob.050-6793842

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Trustee : Mr. Manoj Abraham
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Secretary Mob.055-3695399

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