

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

7th MARCH, 2014 – FRIDAY – 07.30 A.M TO 09.30 AM
SEVENTH WEEK BEFORE EASTER
WOMEN'S DAY - MISSION OF WOMEN
HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE
Jud. 4:4-16, Ps. 14, Rom. 16:1-10, John.20:11-18

14th MARCH, 2014– FRIDAY – 08.15 A.M TO 09.55 P.M
SIXTH WEEK BEFORE EASTER (1st IN LENT)
WORSHIP SERVICE
THE CLEANSING CHRIST
Zech. 13:1-9, Ps.130, 1 John.1:5-10, Mark.1: 40-45

21st MARCH, 2014 – FRIDAY – 08.15 P.M TO 09.55 P.M
FIFTH WEEK BEFORE EASTER (2nd IN LENT)
HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE
THE FORGIVING CHRIST
Gene. 4:8-16, Ps.25, Rom.5:6-11, Mark.2:1-12

28th MARCH, 2014 – FRIDAY – 08.15 P.M TO 09.55 P.M
FORTH WEEK BEFORE EASTER (3rd IN LENT)
HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE
THE ACCEPTING CHRIST
Hosea. 2:14-23, Ps. 87, Philo. 1:1-21, Mathew. 15:21-28

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III. THE LENTEN SEASON IS THE TIME FOR SPECIAL PRAYER : During Lent many people give extra time to personal and public prayer. The traditional symbol for these forms of Lenten prayer is the pretzel. In the fifth century, Christians were known to make dough of flour, salt and water, which they shaped into the form of two crossed arms to remind themselves to pray. Pretzels stem directly from Lent. The crossed arms of the pretzel were intended by German bakers to represent a Christian at prayer, with his palms on opposite shoulders, making a crisscross of his forearms. The product was called little arms or bracellae, which later was called brezel or pretzel. The pretzel was only eaten during the season of Lent, as a reminder to pray. 2 Chronicles 7:14, If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

IV. THE LENTEN SEASON CAN BE A TIME OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL AND GROWTH : As Christ fasted and prayed in the desert for forty days, we try to be mindful of Christ for the standards by which we live our lives, with goals of self-giving and suffering love. With such high goals, any programmatic response may seem to fall short, yet an attempt to incorporate prayer, meditation, and use-ful action in the path of Christ into our lives, is invaluable. Luke 9:23 Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

V. THE LENTEN SEASON IS THE TIME TO SHARE WITH OTHERS THE HOPE FOUND IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST : Colossians 1:27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

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MOTTO 2014 (Pro. 16:3)

“Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.”

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FROM THE PRESBYTER'S DESK

My dear Brothers in Lord,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and redeemer Jesus Christ. As we are entering into the season of Lent through Ash Wednesday, we have been called to remember that lent is a period of corporate act for seeking remission of sins rather than individual piety.

WHAT IS LENT? 2 Corinthians 13:5,6 : Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test your-selves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?; unless in-deed you are disqualified. 6 But I trust that you will know that we are not disqualified.

The six weeks before Easter is called the "Lenten Sea-son". It is a time to focus on the suffering, death and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Because Jesus died, and thus paid for our sins, we have life. Because Jesus rose from the dead, we too will rise and enjoy heaven forever.

The word "lent" means "lengthen" and stands for that time in spring when the days grow longer. The original period of Lent was 40 hours. It was spent fasting to commemorate the suffering of Christ and the 40 hours He spent in the tomb. In the early 3rd century, Lent was lengthened to 6 days. About 800 AD it was changed to 40 days. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, 40 days before Easter. Sundays are not included in those 40 days. Those 40 days correspond with Christ's 40 days in the wilderness. Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday, is celebrated in many parts of the world with feasting. The French call it "Mardi Gras". The Germans call it "Fausching". The feasting comes from the custom of using up household fats prior to the 40 days of Lenten fasting, when no fat is used. Shrove Tuesday takes it's name from "shriving" or forgiving sins. The word "carnival", in relation to Mardi Gras means "good-bye to meat". During Bach's day, often the organ and choirs were silent during Lent. In early England, women of the parish traditionally spent Holy Week scrubbing the church, so it would sparkle for the Festival of Easter.

I. THE LENTEN SEASON IS THE TIME OF PREPARATION: The Lenten season is intentionally set aside for examination, instruction, re-pentance and prayer. This season is one of preparation for all the people of God. Galatians 6:3-5 For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For each one shall bear his own load.

II. THE LENTEN SEASON IS THE TIME FOR PENITENCE AND DISCIPLINE : Lent is the time for mourning, solemnity and sadness. In the Lenten season, self-examination is crucial. An individual's response to the call for purposeful reflection on one's need for God is an important factor in choosing a discipline with which to actively observe Lent. For some, fasting is a means of self-examination and denial; yet, fasting is not an appropriate discipline for all people. Cont. Page 2

BIRTH DAYS

Mithra Mary Mathew	01	Thomas Jacob Kunnil (Tijo)	18
Shilpa Susan Mathew	02	Smitha Jomon	20
Nevin Issac Lal	04	Facin A Mathai	21
Godly Sajan Thomas	05	Mini Mathew	21
Karen Kuruvilla	07	Sanjay Samuel Mathew	28
Minu Rose John	07	Alen Paul Luke	29
Joji Ipe	10	Manju Jubin	29
Annie Cherian	17	Sam Mathew	30
Emi Elas Georgi	18	Jagan Jacob	31
Jawin Jacob Thomas	18	Stafija Crips	31
Manju Thomas	18		



God's blessings be upon you as you celebrate yet another year on this journey with Christ and as you commit each day into the hands of the Lord.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

"You will eat the fruit of your labour; blessings and prosperity will be yours."

Psalms 128:2

Mrs & Mr. Babu Mathew K. George 15



May you truly sense God's love as you celebrate your wedding anniversary and see the future years together as memories to be made.

NEWS & NOTICES

- **Women's Day:** 7th March (Friday) will be observed as Women's day. Vanchika will be collected during the service.
- **General Body** and Election will be held on 4th April, 2014 Friday after the communion service. All are requested to attend the meeting. Also note that membership subscription has to be given to the treasurer before 31st March 2014.
- **Achen's Farewell meeting will be held on 25th April 2014, Friday .Time will be informed later.**

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The purpose of a Lenten discipline is to strip away those things which clutter one's life or impede one from being in relationship with God. It is also a time for people to experience and reflect on the sufferings of Jesus, in light of personal sin and unrighteousness. Hebrews 12:1-3 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. Cont. Page 4