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Year of Renewal

“Put on the new self , created to be like God”

[Ephesians.4: 24]





Presbyter's Desk

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Dearly Beloved in Christ,

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

The risen Lord ascended on high to God in heaven. Luke records this with details than the other gospel writers. Read Luke 24:50-51 and Acts 1:1-12. His ascension occurred on the fortieth day after his suffering (acts 1:3). During the forty days after his resurrection, he appeared to his disciples and strengthened them in faith clarifying them of the prophecies and the Kingdom of God. The emphasis of Ascension is on the exaltation of Christ as the Lord of the universe who gave gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (Acts 1:8). Theological reflection on ascension helps us to understand that God the Father was not alone; rather He was with His Son and the Holy Spirit which they were to send to the world later on the day of the Pentecost.

Two white robed messengers, similar to those at the resurrection, can be associated with the symbolism of baptism. In other words, they in white clothes can represent the baptized believers who would testify to the resurrection and ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ. Perhaps the writers of the gospels with a hindsight associated themselves in these figures of angles i.e. messengers of the gospel.

The festival of Ascension has been celebrated since the earliest was placed in different days of the year albeit always after Easter. However, as the cycle of the year become more and more fixed on the chronological sequence of the gospel record, Ascension came to be fixed on the fortieth day after Easter which falls on a Thursday. Accordingly it is called the 'Ascension Thursday'. This change has been noticed since the end of the fourth century. However, for convenience we are allowed to celebrate Ascension on Sunday following the Thursday week. The Lord Jesus in his ascension has been glorified by God to sit at his right hand in heaven in power and authority. Although Jesus after the ascension was wonderfully changed yet we still recognize him as the same Jesus who took children in his arms and blessed them. Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. He still meets us particularly in the Word of the scripture, in prayer and in the bread of communion.

In his earthly life Jesus used to preach, teach and heal the disadvantaged (poor) and Vulnerable (sick) and untouchables (leprosy affected). After his ascension Jesus changed his ministry. Now in heaven before his Father he intercedes, mediates and empowers us to continue his *seva* of preaching, teaching and healing of the disadvantaged (poor) and vulnerable (sick) and untouchables (Dalit). This fundamental change must be understood and internalised by the believers. We must remember that although we do not see the ascended Christ, but we are not see altogether ignorant of him because the larger part of the New Testament, from Acts to Revelation, is about Christ after his Ascension. This tells us plenty about what he is for us now.

In His Ministry,
Rev. Sam Raju

NEWS & EVENTS

Almanac for the month of March 2024

Date	Name of Sunday	Theme	Lessons
02/06/2024	2 nd Sunday after Pentecost	People of God salt and Light	Isaiah 49: 1-7 Psalm 27 Ephesians 5:1-5 Mathew 5:13 -16
09/06/2024	Environment Sunday	Creation That Years for Renewal	Hosea 2:14 -23 Psalm 65 Revelation 21:1-8 Luke 12: 22-31
16/06/2024	4 th Sunday after Pentecost	Workship the Lord in Truth and Spirit	Isaiah 6: 1-8 Psalm 139 2Thessalonians 2:13-17
23/06/2024	5 th Sunday after Pentecost	Cost of Discipleship	Daniel 6:11-23 Psalm 34 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 Mark 10:35-45
30/06/2024	Students Sunday	Wisdom from Above	1King 3:16-28 Psalm 119:33-40 James 1:1-8 Luke 10:21-24

Holy Matrimony

Our good wishes to newly marriage couples

1. Mr. Abhishek Reji & Miss Neetu Varghese who were joined as a family through Holy matrimony on 11th April 2024 at Immanuel Church , Mayur Vihar, Delhi.
2. Miss Athulya John Benzon & Mr. Ashwin John Mammen who were joined as a family trough Holy matrimony on 20th April 2024 at Marthoma Church, Chet pet Chennai.

Annual General Body Meeting

It was held on 5th May 2024. The following members are elected to the Parish Committee.

- 1) Mr. Benzon John (Secretary)
- 2) Mr. Sunil George (Treasurer)
- 3) Mr. Raju Jacob (Jt. Treasurer)
- 4) Mr. Koshy K. Koshy
- 5) Mr. Kuruvilla M. Chacko
- 6) Mr. Vishal Roy
- 7) Mrs. Elizabeth Jose
- 8) Mr. Ashley Jayraj
- 9) Mr. C.V. John
- 10) Mrs. Susy Sarah John (WF Representative)
- 11) Mr. Nirmal George (Youth Representative)
- 12) Mr. Nithin Mathew (Choir Representative)

Delhi Diocesan Council Members :

- 1) Mr. Benzon John
- 2) Mr. K. M. Chandy
- 3) Mrs. Susy Sarah John



Birthday Greetings To

Date	Name	
June 01	Mr. Jacob P Koshy	
June 02	Mrs. Accamma Abraham	
June 05	Mrs. Susamma Mathew	W/o Mr. M C Mathew
June 06	Mast Aron John	S/o Mr. C. V John
June 07	Mr. Sijo John	S/o Mr. Joseph John
June 09	Miss Angel Johnson	D/o Mr. K.C Johnson
June 10	Mrs. Leenu Thomas	W/o Mr. K.M Thomas
June 10	MS. Sandra Mary Jose	D/o Mr Joseph John
June 12	Mr. T.V Mathai	
June 13	Mrs. Jomol Jacob	W/O Jacob P Joshua
June 14	Mr. Edward Jayraj	
June 19	Miss Riya Ann Jose	D/o Mr. M.A Jose
June 19	Mrs. Aleyamma Mathew	
June 23	Mrs. Rani Reji	W/o Mr. Reji Chacko
June 24	Mrs. Sunitha Liju	W/o Mr. Liju Oommen
June 26	Miss Jeslin Mathew	D/o Mr. M.C Mathew
June 26	Mrs. Kavitha Eby	W/o Mr Eby John
June 27	Mrs. Jiby John	w/o Ashish Thomas
June 29	Mast Kevin Jilow	S/O Jillow Jacob



Wedding Anniversary Greetings To

Date	Name
01/05/2024	Mr. Abraham George & Mrs. Mini Shaji Mathew
10/05/2024	Mr. Philip C Paul & Mrs. Ruby Philip
10/05/2024	Dr. C Prabhu Kishore & Dr Serah Paul





*'If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord.
So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.'*

Romans 14:8

*In loving memory
of*



Molly Thomas

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY

21.10.1956 - 27.05.2023

"For as long as there is a memory of them,
they live on in our hearts"