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### Year of Renewal

**"Put on the new self , created to be like God"**  
**[Ephesians.4: 24]**





## Presbyter's Desk

March 2024

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ. Easter denotes east, the direction to which Christians turn to pray. The reason is that sunrise reminded to them the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ for whom the title "the Sun of Righteousness" was claimed by Christians from the Old Testament prophets, "But for you who reverse my name the sun of righteousness shall arise, with healing in its wing." (Malachi 4:2). Accordingly, the church buildings were built with altar facing east, and even if the altar was not on the eastern direction yet that end of the church was called east-end.

The festival Easter is at the heart of Christian faith. Here God's plan of our salvation is finally revealed. In fact, each Sunday is an Easter. For this reason, Sunday is never a day for fasting even in the lent time. We will recall that Easter was celebrated the resurrection of the Lord Jesus in the Christian festival of Passover. You will remember that God passed over Egypt killing the first born but sparing the homes splashed with the blood of lamb. This was the full moon night for the Hebrews to start their journey to the land of liberty.

Jesus also made his journey from death to life on Jewish Passover on the moon night. Hence the Easter is also kept on a Sunday after the full moon night at the end of spring (lent) season. This could be any night after the 20<sup>th</sup> of March. Easter is the Sunday after the full moon night. If the full moon is on a Sunday, then the Easter is on the following Sunday. This was to ensure that the Easter celebration avoids coinciding with the Jewish Passover. That is why date for Easter keeps shifting every year.

God created the world out of nothing, but later the people of God were made slaves in Egypt, then God saved them freed them from Pharaoh. They travelled through the water of the Red sea to promised land of Canaan. The readings (Genesis 1:15, 26-28, 31, Exodus 4:27-5:1, Exodus 14:21-31, Romans 6:3-11 and Matthew 28:1-10) then tell the story of Jesus and his journey through death and resurrection which complete our salvation from the power of tyranny, sin and death. All these symbolize Christian baptism. Easter is a special day for Baptizing people. In our Baptism we also die to our old nature and like Christ we are resurrected to a new life. We also are freed from slavery of this sinful world and we enter the liberty of the Church of God. What happened to the Lord Jesus Christ occurs in us too. In this way we are joined to Christ in His death and His life.

Yours in His Ministry,

Rev. Sam Raju

# NEWS & EVENTS

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| 03/03/2024 | Women Sunday                   | Spoke Persons Of Sacrificial Love              | Proverbs 31:15-31<br>Psalm 20<br>1 Peter 4:14-19<br>Luke 1:28-38           |
| 10/03/2024 | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent | True Worship that Liberates                    | Exodus 3:11-18<br>Psalm 137<br>Acts 16:25-34<br>Luke 13:10-17              |
| 17/03/2024 | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent | Cross: A new Vision of the Messianic Age       | Deuteronomy 18:15-22<br>Psalm 73M<br>2 Corinthians 1:3-11<br>Luke 18:35-43 |
| 24/03/2024 | Palm Sunday                    | Hosanna: New King in the Temple                | Isaiah 56:1-8<br>Psalm 24<br>1 Corinthians 3:16-23<br>Matthew 21:1-17      |
| 28/03/2024 | Maundy Thursday                | Eucharist: The Re-membling Jesus               | Exodus 12:1-17<br>Psalm 116<br>1 Corinthians 11:23-34<br>Matthew 26:17-30  |
| 29/03/2024 | Good Friday                    |  |  |
| 31/03/2024 | Easter                         | Resurrection: Celebrating the Joy of Salvation | Exodus 14:5-31<br>Psalm 118:14-29<br>Colossians 3:1-11<br>Matthew 28:1-10  |

**Women's Fellowship Sunday:** It will be held on 03<sup>rd</sup> March 2024. The Holy Communion service will begin at 9.30 a.m. The office bearers of Delhi Diocesan Women's Fellowship will be participated in this worship service. The meal fellowship will be arranged after worship service.

**Cottage Prayers (Area Prayers):** Area prayer group members are requested to attend the prayer meetings.

1. 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 6.30 pm : Residence of Mr. Jilow John Jacob, Flat No. 14-B, Pocket C, SFS Flats, Mayur Vihar Phase 3, Delhi-110096.
2. 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 6.30 pm : Residence of Mr. M.A. Jose, F-167/F2, Ocean Apartments, Dilshad Colony, Delhi-110095.
3. 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 6.30 pm : Residence of Mr. Iype Varghese, 152, Pocket D, Mayur Vihar Phase 2, Delhi-110091.
4. 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.00 PM: Dilshad Garden Area prayer
5. 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.00 PM: Mayr Vihar Area prayer
6. 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.00 PM: Phase1 Area prayer

**Financial Year Ending:** As the financial year ends on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024. All the members are requested to settle all the dues/accounts (subscription, auction, etc.) related to Church and Women's Fellowship as early as possible.

**Condolence:** Mrs. Sosamma Varghese (75), sister of Mrs. Sophy Jacob, Indirapuram, called into eternal abode on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and Funeral service was held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at St. Thomas orthodox Church, Chakanchira, Kottayam, Kerala. May the Lord Almighty comfort the family members with His everlasting peace.



| Date       | Name                    |                          |
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| 02/03/2024 | Mr. Saju Mathai         | S/o Mr. T.V. Mathai      |
| 05/03/2024 | Dr. Prabhu Kishore      |                          |
| 10/03/2024 | Mr. M.A. Jose           |                          |
| 11/03/2024 | Mr. Jinsu Koshy         | S/o Mr. Koshy K. Koshy   |
| 13/03/2024 | Mr. Jeevan Jacob        | S/o Mrs. Valsamma Jacob  |
| 16/03/2024 | Mr. Aju Koshy           |                          |
| 27/03/2024 | Mr. Ben Vincent Mathews | S/o Mr. Anish C. Mathews |
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| 01/03/2024 | Mr. & Mrs. Mathew George & Mrs. Annie Mathew |
| 27/03/2024 | Mr. Christin Joseph & Mrs. Raaga Christin    |





