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“For I know the plans I have for you” declares the Lord “plans to prosper you and not to harm you , plans to give you hope and Future” Jer 29:11

From Vicar’s Desk

By Rev Aju Abraham

Dearly beloved in Christ,

This month is so important for us Christians, because Christians all over the world are preparing to remember the passion of Christ as well as to celebrate Easter during this month.

The celebrations should help us to be like Jesus who showed as a model to follow and created a kingdom community to which we need to be aligned with. Jesus is the embodiment of God’s love (Agape) which is defined as more than feelings, more than liking, more than compassion from a distance. His love was unconditional; He washed the feet of the betrayers, forgave those who crucified Him, reappeared to those who left Him. Let us hold on to Jesus command “just as I have loved you, you also should love one another”. The church is blessed when it follows Jesus’ example.

From April 5th to April 12th, we are going to observe the Passion days of Jesus Christ. This is the time the entire faith community meditates on the ‘Cross’ very seriously.

For Atlanta Parish, what does the 'Cross' mean in this post-celebration year? In St. Luke 23: 34, the first word uttered by our Savior Jesus Christ on the cross was "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." The first message from cross to the faithful members of this church is 'Forgive each other'; this is the spirit we need to have for building strong bonds between all the members. When we meditate St. Mathew chapter 39 verses 44, three groups of people despise the glory of God. One, those who passed by, second the chief priest along with scribes and elders and third the robber himself. Even though they criticize and scorn Him, our merciful Lord continued to bless them all. In our spiritual journey, we tend to doubt and despise the ability of our parent God, but as Jesus Christ did, at our times of sadness, brokenness and struggles let us continue to spread the fragrance of love. The second message is of the Cross calling us to spread the fragrance of love in the midst of all our troubles. In St. John 19: 23, we see that after crucifixion the soldiers took the outer garment of our Lord and tried to divide among themselves. But there was a specialty about this garment, it was a one-piece tunic. This leads us to think about the unity of the body of Christ – the Church. In this year, let us understand the need to maintain unity of our church. The third message the Cross gives us is never let the body of Christ be divided for the cause of petty benefits for a few. The soldiers were trying to divide among themselves the garment of Jesus Christ. Church is a spiritual body and it is the duty of each member to strive hard to keep the beauty of unity. As a church, let us pray and continue to journey in the ways of the Cross. Let us pray..

1. Lord, help me to start everyday with prayer.
2. Lord, through prayer enlighten the eyes of my heart.
3. Lord, help me to realize that you love me without looking at my merits.
4. Lord, help me to understand the need of transformation in my life.
5. Lord, help me to drink the deceit less milk of the Word so that I can stay healthy in the spiritual life.
6. Lord, help me to do everything in my life, whether it is small or big with You.
7. Lord, help me to understand the need to listen to Your call.
8. Lord, teach me that observing lent is a responsibility and a call from You.
9. Lord, equip me to help our fellow beings without looking at who they are.
10. Lord, I surrender my life before You, who transformed the Cross.

Let us all look up to the resurrected glory of our Savior and build this church to ever newer heights. May God help you all to have a meaningful Easter and blessed days ahead.

"Even now" declares the Lord "return to me with all your heart with fasting, weeping and mourning "

Joel 2:12

May the Triune God help you to grow in true faith.

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Worship Schedule

Date	Time	Service
April 1 st and 2 nd	7:30 pm	Mid Lent Service
April 3 rd	7 :30 PM	40 th Friday Service
April 4 th	7:30 pm	Mid Lent Service
April 5 th	10:00 AM	Holy Communion Service in Malayalam – led by Thirumeni – Live Stream (Palm Sunday)
April 6 th , 7 th , 8 th	7:30 PM	Sandya Namasakaram
April 9 th	7:00 PM	Holy Communion Service in English led by Thirumeni – Live Stream (Maundy Thursday)
April 10 th	10.00 AM	Good Friday Service – 1 st Service Malayalam, 2 nd and 3 rd Service English (Live Stream led by Thirumeni)
April 12 th	10:00 AM	Holy communion Service in English - led by Thirumeni – Live Stream (Easter Service)
April 19 th	10:00 AM	Divine Service - Malayalam
April 26 th	10:00 AM	Divine Service - English

Lectionary

Date	Lessons	Epistle-Gospels
05 Sunday	Hosana-Christ the Lord of Peace	
	Zechariah 9: 1-12	Colossians 1: 15-23
	Hebrews 5: 1-10	Mark 11:1-11
12 Sunday	Easter-Celebration of New Life in Christ	
	Isaiah 60: 12-21	1 Corinthians 15: 20-28
	1 Corinthians 15: 42-58	Luke 24: 1-12
19 Sunday	Christ Lord and God to us	
	Genesis 3: 13-17	Colossians 1: 15-23
	Colossians 3: 1-11	John 20:24-29
26 Sunday	Invitation to Christ's Hospitality	
	Genesis 18: 1-10	Hebrews 13: 1-8
	Romans 12: 9-16	John 21: 1-14

A very Happy Wedding
Anniversary wish to

Name	Name	Date
Abraham O. Abraham	Mariamamma Abraham	Apr-5
Linu Joseph	Sancy Sara Linu	Apr-5
Sam Koshy	Saramma Sam	Apr-11
Thomas Mathai	Jessy Thomas	Apr-11
Shajan Thomas	Sheeja Shajan	Apr-12
Biju M. Koshy	Dency Thomas	Apr-13
Geevarghese Samuel	Siji Varghese	Apr-13
Nibin J. Mathews	Minu Johnson	Apr-14
Rajukutty Mathew	Gracy Mathew	Apr-16
Mannil V. George	Money George	Apr-17
Michael N. Ezzo	Saramma Jacob	Apr-17
Jithesh M. Thomas	Hope Thomas	Apr-18
Noble Jacob	Vinitha Granson	Apr-18
Jogy John Mathew	Anu Mathew Cheriapunamadathu	Apr-18
Anish George	Priya george	Apr-19
Tiji Mathew	Rashmi Agrawal	Apr-20
Jacob Cheriyan	Kunjamma Jacob	Apr-22
Titus Mathew	Bobina Titus	Apr-22
Abraham John	Merly S. Abraham	Apr-23
Nelkuppa Alexander	Glory Alexander	Apr-25
John Thomas	Gracy J. Thomas	Apr-27
Midhun V. Mathew	Sheila M. Mathew	Apr-27
Benny George	Jessy B George	Apr-29

Birthday Wishes

Name	Bday
Mrs.Chitra Varghese	Apr-1
Mrs.Saramma Itty	Apr-3
Ms.Alexis Suzanne Joseph	Apr-3
Ms.Annie Jacob	Apr-4
Dr.Suku George	Apr-4
Mr.Thomas Mathai	Apr-4
Mr. Anil P Thomas	Apr-5
Mr.Alex B. George	Apr-6
Dr.Juliet J. Thomas	Apr-6
Ms.Neethu A. Varghese	Apr-6
Mrs.Seema George	Apr-6
Mrs.Freni Lavos	Apr-7
MrsAnnamma Jacob	Apr-7
MrIssac Koshy Panicker	Apr-7
Ms.Sheena Varghese	Apr-8
Ms.Stephanie Koshy	Apr-9
Mrs.Money George	Apr-10
Mrs.Sheeja Shajan	Apr-10
Ms.Rinu S. Sabu	Apr-11
Mrs.Mariamamma Johnson	Apr-13
Mrs.Elizabeth Varghese	Apr-13
Mr.Mathew Alexander	Apr-14
Ms.Pearl Jacob	Apr-14
Mr.Eben Samuel	Apr-14
MrsAnu Mathew Cheriapunamadathu	Apr-14
Mrs.Margaret Alex	Apr-15
Mrs.Elizabeth Samuel	Apr-15
Mrs.Jessy Thomas	Apr-17
Mr.Philip Mathew	Apr-17
Mr. Robin Varughese Jacob	Apr-17
Ms.Elizabeth Abraham	Apr-18
MrCharles I John	Apr-18

Name	Bday
Ms.Jocelyn M. Joseph	Apr-19
Mr.Robin Thomas	Apr-19
Mr. Skareah Eattivilayil Skareah	Apr-19
Mrs.Mariamamma Kurien	Apr-20
Mrs.Annamma Jacob	Apr-20
Mr.Sunil V. Kochukunjan	Apr-21
Mr.Jijo Mathai	Apr-21
Mr.Abraham Abraham	Apr-22
Mrs.Shiji Koshy	Apr-22
Mrs.Anitha E. Ninan	Apr-23
Mrs.Rashmi Chacko	Apr-23
Ms.Neyah R. Thomas	Apr-23
Mr.Jeremy G. Thomas	Apr-23
Mr.Robin Alex	Apr-23
Mrs.Rashmi Agrawal	Apr-24
Mrs.Saramma Samuel	Apr-25
Mr.Joju S. Abraham	Apr-25
Mrs.Sarah George	Apr-25
Ms.Merin George	Apr-27
Mr.Reuben T. Varghese	Apr-27
Mrs.Jolly Mathai	Apr-27
Mast.Swithin Sagin Mamman	Apr-28
Mr.Benal J. Thomas	Apr-28
Ms.Nia George	Apr-29
Mr.SAm Korah Itty	Apr-29
Ms.Renea Alex	Apr-29
Mr.Samuel Thomas	Apr-29
Mr.Finley Jaise John	Apr-29

Area Prayer

April 4th 5.00 pm	Lawrenceville	Online Prayer
April 5th	Tucker/NorthLake	Online Prayer
April 18th	Suwanee / Cumming	Online Prayer
April 12th	Grayson / Loganville	Online Prayer
April 19th	Alpharetta / Marietta	Online Prayer
April 25th	Snellville / Lilburn	Online Prayer

Organizations

Sunday School		Online classes are arranged by Teachers
Edavaka Mission	Every Friday after Easter	Online
Sevika Sangam	April 11 th at 10 am	Online
Yuvajana Sakhyam	April 4 th at 3pm	Online
Youth Fellowship	April 18 th	Online
Young Family	April 25 th at 3pm	Online
Senior Citizen	April 4 th at 10 am	Online

Fasting Prayer on April 25th at 10 am through Online.

Other Events

- a. Please keep our parish members in your daily prayers as everybody are going through this coronavirus ordeal. Let this be a time to reflect and be a motivation for others in our communities.
- b. Office bearers along with Achen and Diocese are evaluating the situation on a weekly basis to decide on best ways of organizing various events. Due to the Stay at home orders, everybody is encouraged to follow the rule of Law.
- c. Church payments can be still be done using Online Bill Pay from your banks or using mail. Address of the Church is: Marthoma Church Atlanta, 6015 Old Stone Mountain Road, Stone Mountain, GA
- d. In case of pastoral needs, please contact Achen as required.
- e. Office bearers are constantly looking for new ideas keeping in mind of all our constraints. If you have any ideas please reach out to Achen or Secretary.