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*Dear Parishioners,*

*Most humans ask or think about suffering and its cause. Suffering is the part of this world. People undergo sufferings which make us upset sad helpless and hopeless.*

*Why do people undergo Sufferings trials and tribulations is not an easily answerable subject. Bible doesn't give us a direct answer to this. The more severe and intense the suffering often makes us no sense at all. We usually can't understand or realize why it is happened to us or somebody.*

*In the book of Job, it is described as: "Satan is allowed by God to sift you like wheat".*

*But the suffering or trial situation helps us to learn what God want us to learn. Through these trials, we are refined and purged. Thus we become priceless. The important thing is that "if we suffer, we shall also reign with Him: if we deny Him, He will also deny us". (2 Timothy 2:12)*

*Another answer is seen in St. Johns gospel where his own disciples asked him "Rabbi, who sinned, that he was born blind this man or his parents: The answer was: "Neither this man nor his parents sinned but that the works of god should be revealed in him". (John 9:2-3) We have to pray God to give us strength to face trials and tribulations.*

*God bless you all !      Thanking you.*

*Yours in Him,*

*Daniel Achen*

*Aug 1, 2018*



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## **WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS!**

**The following are the details of families who took membership in our church in July 2018**

### **1. Sam Oommen**

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Annamma Samuel (Spouse), Alan Mathew Sam (son), Ruth Sara Sam (daughter)

### **2. Philip Shibi George**

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Bindu Mary Philip (Spouse), Sharon Susan Philip (daughter), Hayden George Philip (son)

### **3. Praveen Joseph Jacob**

37 Altura Way Brampton L6P 4A2

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Jemy Anna Jose (Spouse), Anaia Elsa Praveen and Juana Sosa Praveen (daughters)

## **SUJITH THOMAS ACHEN'S SPECIAL VISIT**

Our Diocesan Secretary Sujith Thomas Achen visited us during July 7 and 8. Achen led the prayer meeting on that day. On Sunday, Achen celebrated Holy Qurbana in English and led a discussion for the MGOCSM and youth.

**SENIORS CLUB:** The seniors club (60 Plus) was held at our church on Sunday July 1st after the H. Qurbana. Participants discussed about the scope and future plans of the organization. The next meeting will be held after the H. Qurbana on Sunday August 26<sup>th</sup>

**CHURCH PICNIC:** Our year's picnic was held at the park adjacent to our church on Saturday July 21st. It started at 10 am. Barbeque, *CHAYAKADA*, sports entertainments and games were some of the events. Former Ontario Opposition leader and EX MP Patrick Brown was also present. Thank you everyone for making the picnic a grand success!

**YOUTH THATTUKADA:** OCYM Thattukada and Harvest Festival 2018 was conducted on Sunday July 15 after the Holy Qurbana. It was attended by Patrick Brown, the former MP and Opposition Leader of Ontario. He talked on the occasion appreciating the services of our church have been offering. Many people, including members of other churches, participated. Everybody enjoyed the Thattukada and auction at the Harvest Festival.

## **THE SENIORS FORUM**

The following persons were elected as officials of the Seniors Forum:

**George Varughese (Jomon) -Secretary**

**John Thomas & Saramma Thomas -Event Coordinators**

### **IMPORTANT CHURCH DATES**

- August 1 Wednesday - 15 day lent begins**
- August 5 Sunday - 1st Sunday after Pentecost**
- August 6 Monday - Transfiguration of Jesus**
- August 12 Sunday - First Sunday after Transfiguration of Jesus**
- August 15 Wednesday - Assumption of Virgin Mary and end of 15 Day lent**
- August 19 Sunday - First Sunday after Assumption**
- August 26 Sunday - Second Sunday after Assumption**

### **PARISH CALENDAR - AUG 2018**

#### **Sundays**

**Morning Prayer 9:00 am,**

**Holy Qurbana 9:45 am**

**Sunday School (Vacation)**

**Re-open in Sep 2018**

**Aug 5 Sunday OCYM Meeting**

**Aug 12 Sunday Intercessory Prayer,  
Women's League**

**Aug 14 Tuesday Assumption of Virgin Mary  
Holy Qurbana at 6.30 pm**

**Aug 20 Friday Get-together for second gen  
eration members**

**Aug 19 Sunday Children's Club, Seniors Forum**

**Aug 26 Sunday Holy Qurbana in English,  
MGOCSM**



# Church Family Picnic



*Malayalis all over the world celebrate the harvest festival. We will also have* **ONAM SADHYA ON AUG 26.**



## **Seniors Forum Sixty Plus (60+).**

There are currently 19 registered members in the group and we welcome other members sixty years of age and older to join. In addition, we request other church members to join and participate in the other activities.

**Birthday and Wedding Anniversary celebrations:** Birthday of Mr. John C Philip and Wedding Anniversary of Mr. John Thomas & Mrs. Saramma Thomas was celebrated by cutting the Cake.

### **2018-2019, Workshops :**

Workshop #1: Using Smart phones effectively: on Wednesday, August 22, (4 PM - 8 PM)

Workshop #2: Computer training: (Scheduled date -TBD)

Workshop #3: Wealth Management and Investment (Scheduled date- TBD)

Day trip to the shrine in Midland, Ontario: (Scheduled date- TBD)

Camping Excursion: May-June 2019: (Scheduled date- TBD)

Note: Please register via email at [seniorsforum60@yahoo.com](mailto:seniorsforum60@yahoo.com)

## **PRAYER GROUP MEETING FOR AUGUST**

**St. Mary's Area Prayer Meeting (Mississauga/Hamilton) will be held on Saturday, August 4 at the residence of Vincent Yohannan and Jessey Vincent, 284 Crafters Crescent, Stoney Creek at 5 pm.**

**St. George Area Prayer Meeting (Brampton) will be held on Saturday, August 11 at the residence of George Varughese (Jomon) 22 Sandyside Crescent Brampton Ontario L7A 3P8 at 5:00 pm.**

**St. Paul's Area Prayer Meeting (Markham, Thornhill, Aurora, New Market, Scarborough, Ajax, and Pickering) will be held on Saturday, August 18 at the residence of G. George at 23 Baylawn Dr. Markham L3S 2R6 at 5 pm.**

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