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Message from Vicar

Dearly beloved,

The Parish Managing Committee for 2019 has taken charge. The new vibrant members of the Managing Committee are already working on many proposals for the active and successful functioning of our church. I welcome and congratulate the new committee headed by Treasurer Shibu Cherian and Secretary Aji John. At the same time, may I solicit your support and cooperation for the current year activities. Only with the cooperation of all members, we can succeed in building a vibrant church.

Again, I remind you of the Jubilee Year. It is not just the celebration, but a more spiritual renewal that is needed when we are in the Jubilee Year. Let us make this year a Renewal Year. We overcame some issues in the past, but all are resolved by the grace of God. Now, let us be keen to make some spiritual awakening and growth.

We have to concentrate on our spiritual organizations. From March onwards, we have to restart functioning of our Area Prayer Groups. All the organizations have elected its new officials. I welcome them also and pray that their activities and leadership be beneficial to the people.

In my absence, if you have any need please contact our Treasurer Shibu Cherian at 647 625 0989 or Secretary Aji John at 905 320 8539. If necessary, you can reach me on my India contact number at 9147933190. You are all in my prayers. Please do pray for me.

Thank you and God bless you.

Yours in Him,

Daniel Achen

February 1, 2019.



Jonah Preaches at Nineveh

"In forty days' time, Nineveh will be overthrown!"

Nineveh Fast : Feb 11 - 13

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From the Office of the Parish Managing Committee

To improve transparency between the Parishioners and Managing Committee, please find below update of work activities from the Parish Managing committee.

1) Process improvement

- Invite Parish Members as volunteers to assist in various initiatives. Pursuant to this, the Church volunteer Web team was setup for managing church website.
- Requested Achen to complete the regular Sunday Holy Qurbana service by 12 noon.
- Publish monthly Cash flow statement on Church Notice Board

2) Work in progress

- Complete the handover from 2018 Parish Committee
- Release revamped church website by Feb' 2019
- Fix the bathroom issue related to leakage/foul smell

3) Work completed

- Update of Corporation Profile
- Corporation Profile records at Province Of Ontario from 21st Feb 1997 were updated to reflect change in Officers and Directors of the Corporation
- Officers and Director records at TD Bank were updated to align with Corporation Profile.
- New email addresses released:

treasurer@sgoctoronto.org [For contacting treasurer]
sgoctoronto@sgoctoronto.org [For contacting office / secretary]
web@sgoctoronto.org [For contacting web team]
news@sgoctoronto.org [For sending news articles for News bulletin]

4) Other items planned for consideration

- Create a procedure to ensure proper timely transition from one Parish Managing Committee to another
- Publish monthly summary of decisions taken in committee meetings after the minutes are approved.
- Activities to commemorate the 50th Golden Jubilee celebration of our Church
- Fund raising activities to improve cash flow
- Create a Parish Assembly Decision (PAD) book that will summarize decisions from the minutes made in all the past Parish Assembly meetings.
- Fix the Roof leakage issue
- Publishing the names of members who contributed \$5,000 or more in the church basement
- Payment of subscription via direct bank transfer
- For any queries, you may contact a committee member or email sgoctoronto@sgoctoronto.org

OBITUARY

1) It is with deep sadness that we announce the depaarture of Mr. A.D.John (97) in Kerala on Jan 19th at 9 pm (Indian time). He is the Father of our fellow member Mr. Alexander Vaidyan and member of St.Mary's Valliyapalli, Ayoor, Kollam Dist.

2) It is with great sadness that we learned of the untimely passing of Mr. John. K. Mathai on Thursday, January 31, 2019. He is a former member of this parish. He is survived by his Wife, Elizabeth John Mathai, and Sons, Nebu and Binu

We offer our deepest condolences to the families. We hope and pray that God Almighty comfort and strengthen the bereaving family members.

IMPORTANT CHURCH DATES

Ma'altho (Presentation of our Lord)
- February 2

St. Barsaumo
- February 3

St. Severus of Antioch
- February 8

Nineveh Fast
- February 11

St. Geevarghese Mar Dionysius Vattasseril
- February 23

St. Matthew The Evangelist
- February 24

4th Death Anniversary



T.C Kunjukunju
(Kunjukutty Sir, Rtd.H.M)
Mattappallil Meadows, Edamulackal, Anchal
By sorrowing family

VISITING PRIESTS

We extend our sincere thanks to Rev. Fr. Kuriyakose Achen and Rev. Fr. Sam Thankachen for their services during the leave absence of our Vicar.

PARISH CALENDAR - FEBRUARY 2019

Nineveh Fast (Special Service) : Holy Qurbana on Wednesday Feb 13th at 7:00 PM
(Rev. Fr. Sam Thankachan)

Sundays
Sunday School 9.00 am
Morning Prayer 9.30 am
Holy Qurbana 10.15 am
February 24 Sunday : Holy Qurbana in English

(After Holy Qurbana)
February 3 Sunday OCYM
February 17 Sunday Women's League
February 24 Sunday Children's League



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MGOCSM conducted their elections on January 13th for 2019.

**Senior Vice President - Alisha Varghese
Vice President - Theodore Vaidhyan**

**Secretary - Ashna Samson
Trustee - Vishal George**

Committee Members:

**Joel Mathew
Manu Mathew
George Thomas
Tricia Vaidhyan
Emil Mathew
Alvina Samson**

Congratulations

It gives us immense pleasure to congratulate you on obtaining your Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) on the topic of "A STUDY ON EFFECTIVENESS OF INSPIRATORY MUSCLE TRAINING AND AEROBIC EXERCISE TRAINING PROGRAMMES ON IMPROVEMENT OF INSPIRATORY MUSCLE STRENGTH AND REDUCTION OF DYSPNEA AMONG HEART FAILURE PATIENTS IN SELECTED CARDIAC REHABILITATION CENTRES OF DAKSHINA KANNADA DISTRICT" from the Faculty of Nursing of Yenepoya (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru.



Dr. Swapna Dennis

Wife of Dennis Jacob John

(Our Parish Member)

SAPTHATHI CELEBRATION OF OUR VICAR FR.DANIEL PULLELIL

Our Vicar is entering the age of 70 in 2019. To commemorate this important milestone, special events and activities was organized by the Kudassanad YMCA at the Kudassanad St. Stephens Cathedral Parish Hall. The event was attended by several dignitaries. A souvenir was released as part of this celebration. Thank you all for your support and prayers.



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