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Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you all. The Great Lent for 2019 started on March 4th. Lent is the solemn observance of the traditional Christian churches, a time to set aside for preparing spiritual renovations through fasting, charity and avoidance of certain foods. By this, we open our hearts to God widely and have a deeper experience with God. It is with this blessed experience that we approach the passion of Christ and Easter.

Lent means lengthen. It is to keep our spiritual experience longer. The original Lent was a period of 40 days. This corresponds with the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness. Later the Passion Week was also added to the 40 days Lent and thus now we have 50 days of Lent. At the Lenten time, we look ourselves and find out our iniquities and bottlenecks. It leads us to repentance. This is the preparation for Easter. It is a life with our Lord Jesus Christ. The experience resembles with that which we are going to get in heaven with God.

In early England, women of the church traditionally spent Holy week scrubbing the church so that it will shine for Easter. We have to be clean, soft hearted and sympathetic to others.

Let us enter the Lent, befitting a real Christian. Let us enjoy the spirit of the Lent.

God bless us all.

Yours in Him

Daniel Achen

March 1, 2019.



Mid-Lent

**(Prayer and Holy Qurbana on
March 27th at 7:00 pm)**

Matthew 6:16-18 "And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

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From the Office of the Parish Managing Committee

1) Announcements

- Cash flow statement as of Feb' 2019 has been published on the Notice Board. During Feb'2019, the Total Cash Inflow was \$12,273 while the Total Outflow was \$14,561 , indicating a shortfall of \$2,288. Year-to-date net cash flow is negative, - \$8,795.
- Contribution list as of Feb' 2019 has been posted on the notice board.
- Tax receipts for 2018 has been issued. Please contact Titus Vaidhyan if any one has any query or not received the tax receipt.
- OCYM Lenten Prayer List has been posted on the Notice Board. All members who wish to conduct a prayer meeting in their house are requested to note their names on the list.
- OVBS 2019 will be held from March 13 to March 16. The theme is "GOD MOLDS US", Isaiah 64:8.
- Committee sent a brief feedback to Bava Thirumeni regarding the Kalpana No.12/2019 together with a covering letter from Daniel Achen. The issue stated in Kalpana No. 12/2019 will be included as agenda item in the upcoming General Body.
- As you may have observed, some committee members have been visiting houses of those Parish members who are ailing or sick and are unable to attend the regular Sunday Service for extended periods of time. These visits are carried out with the intention to offer any assistance from Parish.

2) Work completed

- Thanks to some volunteers for taking the initiative to fix the bathroom issue related to leakage/foul smell at total cost less than \$200.
- Thanks to our parish web volunteer team, our refreshed website is live at <http://sgoctoronto.org> ! With improved user experience, you can also view the website on Mobile or Tablet. The web content update is in progress. For those parish members interested to be part of the Web team, please contact any committee member. Your feedback is welcome at web@sgoctoronto.org.
- On Sunday Feb 24, the Main Church Door near the south end was damaged due to heavy wind. The right hand side glass door almost came off the frame due to high wind. Fortunately no one was hurt. Thanks to volunteers, the damage was quickly repaired at no cost to the parish. However due to its inherent design issue, the same incident could reoccur during high winds and committee has been advised to explore options for mitigating this risk.

PARISH ASSEMBLY

PARISH ASSEMBLY IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON 24th MARCH 2019 AFTER THE HOLY QURBANA

OBITUARY

It's with heavy heart that we announce the untimely death of Mr. C.J. John (64) in Muthukulam Nilambur, Kerala. He is a member of St. Mary's Syrian Orthodox Church, Muthukulam, Nilambur and the beloved father of Mr. Dennis John who is a member of our Church. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to grieving family. May God almighty console and comfort the family, and strengthen them in this difficult time.

IMPORTANT CHURCH DATES

March 3rd
Kothne, Sunday of the feast of Cana (Pethratha)

March 4th
Great Lent begins (Shubkono)

March 9th
The Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebastia

March 10th
Great Lent 2nd Sunday
Sunday of the leper (Garbo)

March 17th
Sunday of the paralytic

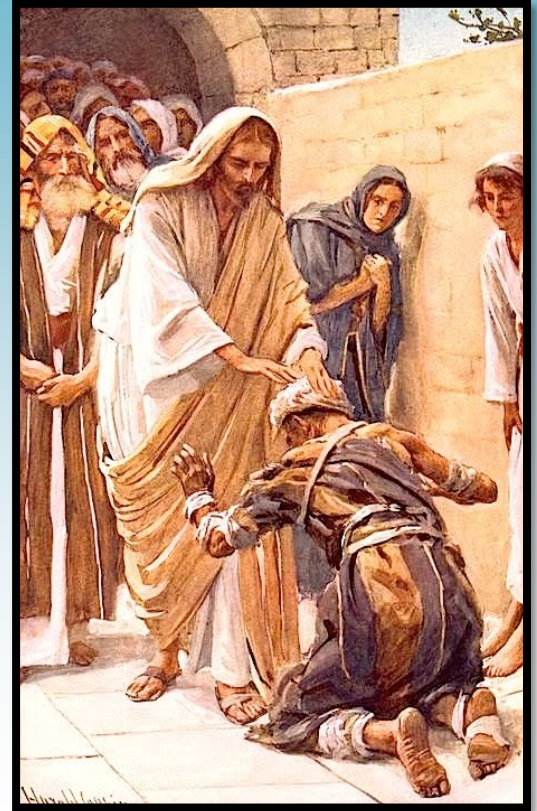
March 24th
Sunday of the Canaanite woman (Knanaitho)

March 25th
Suboro (Annunciation to Virgin Mary)

March 27th
Mid-Lent
(Prayer and Holy Qurbana on 27th at 7:00 pm)

March 31st
Sunday of Cripple woman (Kpiptho)

I am willing. Be clean!



Focus Verses: Matthew 8:1-3
1 When he came down from the mountain-side, large crowds followed him. 2 A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." 3 Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately he was cured of his leprosy

PARISH CALENDAR - MARCH 2019

Sundays	Sunday School	9.00 am
	Morning Prayer	9.30 am
	Holy Qurbana	10.15 am
March 31 Sunday : Holy Qurbana in English		

(After Holy Qurbana)

March 9 Sunday	OCYM
March 10 Sunday	MarthMariam Samajam
March 31 Sunday	Little Kids League



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**Congratulations to the new team and
thank you to the outgoing office bearers for their service.**

OVBS 2019

From 13th March till 16th March.

(Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday)

Theme: " God Molds Us". Isaiah 64:8

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