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Sunday Service -10.30 AM



The Paschal Easter Greeting consists of a greeting and response.

Greeting - "Christ is Risen!"

Response - "Indeed, He is Risen!!"

கிறிஸ்தவுக்குள் பிரியமானவர்களே ,

இயேசுவின் இனிய நாமத்தில் வாழ்த்துக்கள்! இம்மாதத்தில், கிறிஸ்து இயேசுவின் பாடு, மரணம் மற்றும் உயிர்த்தமுதலை அதிகமாக தியானிக்க இருக்கிறோம்.

அப்போஸ்தலனாகிய பவுல், “அவருக்காக எல்லாவற்றையும் நஷ்டமென்று விட்டேன். குப்பையுமாக எண்ணுகிறேன்” என்று கூறுகிறார். எதற்காக? அவரையும் அவருடைய உயிர்த்தமுதலின் வல்லமையை அறிகிறதற்கும், அவருடைய பாடுகளின் ஜக்கியத்தை அறிகிறதற்கும், மரித்தோரிலிருந்து உயிரோடு எழுந்திருப்பதற்கு தகுதியாகும் படிக்கும் தான். இதற்காக அவர் இயேசுவுடைய மரணத்துக்கொப்பான மரணத்திற்குள்ளானதையும் குறிப்பிடுகிறார்.

Easter Symbol - Rabbit, hare, eggs



Symbol of new life and rebirth

நாழும் இவ்வாறு சுயவெறுப்பில் சுகித்திருப்பதிலும், மேலான ஆவிக்குரிய அறிவை அடைவதிலும், அவரின் பாடுகளில் பங்கு பெறுவதிலும் முன்னேற தேவன் தாமே நமக்கு கிருபை அருள்வாராக!

திருச்சபைப் பணிகளில், அருள்திரு. S. ஜான்.

The name Maundy is derived from mandatum (Latin, "commandment"), the first word of an anthem sung in the liturgical ceremony on that day.

Easter Symbol - Hot Cross Buns



Crosses represent the moon's quarters. Crosses also represent crucifixion of Christ

Based on the scriptural details of the Sanhedrin Trial of Jesus, and scientific analysis, the Crucifixion of Jesus was most probably on a Friday and is estimated as AD 34 by Isaac Newton via the differences between the Judean and Julian calendars and the crescent of the moon.



தியான வசனம்

நானே உயிர்த்தமுதலும் ஜீவனுமாயிருக்கிறேன், என்னை விசுவாசிக்கிறவன் மரித்தாலும் பிழைப்பான். யோவான் 11:25

Important Days in April

2 nd World Autism Day	9 th Maundy Thursday (7.30 PM service)	14 th Day of Justin Martyr
4 th Day of Ambrose of Milan	10 th Good Friday (8:00 AM service)	18 th World Heritage Day
5 th Palm Sunday	12 th Easter Day (6:15 AM service)	22 nd Earth Day
5 th National Maritime Day	7 th World Health Day (offer Self Denial offertory)	23 rd World Book and Copyright Day
6 th , 7 th , 8 th - Holy Week (7:00 PM Service)		25 th Day of Mark the Evangelist

As we remember Saint Mark this month.....

Saint Mark (Hebrew: கோபாம் :keerG ;காரம் was an apostle and the traditional author of the 2nd Gospel [written between 48 and 63 AD]. Mark accompanied St. Paul and St. Barnabas, on their mission to Cyprus. St. Mark is the patron of Venice and of its famous cathedral, where his relics are shown. His symbol as an evangelist is a lion. His

feast day is celebrated on 25 April, the anniversary of his martyrdom. St Mark was also the first bishop of Alexandria and the first Pope of Alexandria. He is considered the founder of the church in Alexandria, according to the Coptic Church understanding, and thus the founder of Christianity in Africa.

St. Mark's Martyrdom: The believers built a church in the place known as Bokalia (the place of cows), east of Alexandria on the sea shore. The day when they were celebrating the feast of the Resurrection in the year 68 A.D. coincided with the great pagan celebration for the feast of the god Syrbabis. Thus a multitude of pagans assembled, attacked the church at Bokalia, and forced their way in. They seized St. Mark, bound him with a thick rope, and dragged him with severe cruelty through the streets crying, "Drag the dragon to the place of cows.". His flesh was torn and scattered everywhere, and the ground of the city was covered with his blood. Finally, St. Mark delivered up his pure soul into the hands of God and received the crown of martyrdom.

Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the full moon which happens on or after March 21, the Spring Equinox.



Our Greatest Need

If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator.



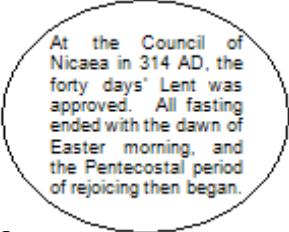
If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist.



Palm Sunday
Jesus enters Jerusalem

Since 1970, the colour of the Good Friday vestments is red. Previously it was black.

If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist.



If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer.

But our greatest need was forgiveness, So God made his Son shed His blood for us.



Since the reform of Pope Pius XII, the Maundy Thursday Service is celebrated in the evening.

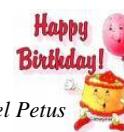
Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper of Christ with his Apostles and the institution of the Eucharist.

The Anglo-Saxon word for April was "Eostre-monath" (the month of openings). The word "Easter" comes from this word "Eostre". However, Christians celebrated the resurrection of Christ long before the word "Easter" was used. The word used for this celebration was "Pascha", which is linked to the Jewish festival of Passover.

அல்லேலுயா, கர்த்தரைத் துதியுங்கள், அவர் நல்லவர். அவர் கிருபை என்றுமுள்ளது. சங். 106:1
May God bless all our members who celebrate their birthdays & wedding anniversaries.

Birthdays

4 th Mr. Easter Prabhakaran	12 th Mr. Manohar Francis
4 th Mast. Timothy Anbu	12 th Mrs. Bakyam Ruban
4 th Mast. Jeremy Vijay Daniel	13 th Miss Sheryl Sylvester
6 th Mrs. Kalpana Simon	13 th Mrs. Leena Emmanuel Petus
6 th Mr. Jayaseelan Samuel B	13 th Mrs. Jenifa Jeyakumar
8 th Mr. James Peter	14 th Mrs. Stelma Easter
8 th Mr. Williams R.G.	14 th Mrs. G.P. Manohari Matthew
10 th Mrs. Indrani Chandran	15 th Mr. I. Irudaya Balasundaram
10 th Mr. Rajasekar	16 th Mrs. Burnice Padmavathy Samuel Raj



17 th Miss Monika
18 th Mr. Ruben D. Charles
18 th Mrs. Sheeba Dixon Jose
21 st Mast. Amrit Jeyakumar
25 th Mr. Joash John Amalraj
27 th Mr. John Arul Chelliah
27 th Mrs. Sumithra Baskaran
27 th Mr. Suresh Kumar
29 th Mr. Victor Jayaraj

Wedding Anniversaries

22 nd Mr. & Mrs. Arul Chelliah	22 nd Mr. & Mrs. Ruben Charles	25 th Mr. & Mrs. Jayaseelan Samuel B
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Sermon topics

DATE	TOPIC	BIBLE READING
5 th Palm Sunday	Christ enters Jerusalem to offer his life for the salvation of the world	Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12; Heb 5:1-10; Mark 14:1 - 15:39
9 th Maundy Thursday	Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment and institutes the Lord's Supper	Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; Jer.31:31-34; I Cor. 11:23-29 John 13:1-17, 34-35
10 th Good Friday	The victory of the cross	Genesis 22:1-18; Heb. 10:4-24; John 18:1 - 19:42
12 th Easter Sunday	The Lord is risen, he is risen indeed. Alleluia!	Exodus 15:1-2,19-21; Col.3:1-4 John 20:1-10
19 th , Sunday after Easter	Joy and peace, power and new life are given through the Resurrection of Christ	Acts 4:32-35; I John 1:1-7; John 20:19-31
26 th , Second Sunday after Easter	Witness to Christ's Resurrection	Acts 5:27-42; I John 2:18-25; Luke 24:36-48

Why Did Jesus Fold The Napkin???

The Gospel of John (20:7) tells us that the napkin, which was placed over the face of Jesus, was neatly folded, and was placed at the head of that stony coffin. சீமோன் பேதுரு சீலைகள் கிடக்கிறதையும், அவருடைய தலையில் சுற்றியிருந்த சீலை மற்றச்சீலைகளுடனே வைத்திராமல் தனியே ஒரு இடத்திலே சுருட்டி வைத்திருக்கிறதையும் கண்டான். And Simon Peter saw that the napkin, that was about his head was not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself. Is that important? Absolutely.. Is it really significant? Yes!

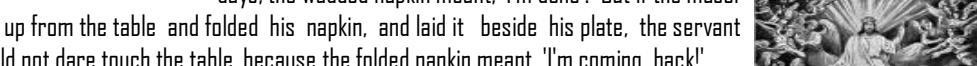
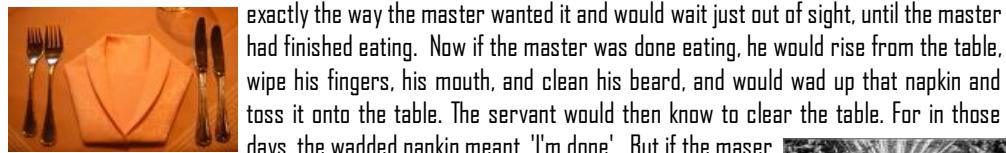


According to the Hebrew tradition of that day, the folded napkin had to do with the Master and Servant, and every Jewish boy knew this tradition. When the servant set the dinner table for the master, he made sure that it was

exactly the way the master wanted it and would wait just out of sight, until the master had finished eating. Now if the master was done eating, he would rise from the table, wipe his fingers, his mouth, and clean his beard, and would wad up that napkin and toss it onto the table. The servant would then know to clear the table. For in those days, the wadded napkin meant, 'I'm done'. But if the master

got up from the table and folded his napkin, and laid it beside his plate, the servant would not dare touch the table, because the folded napkin meant, 'I'm coming back'.

Let us wait for the Lord our master, who would be coming back again...



OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Youth Fellowship	- 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Sunday during the Service
Men's Fellowship &	- 2 nd and 4 th Sunday
Women's Fellowship	after the Sunday Service
Sunday School	- 2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th Sunday during the Service
Free Order of Service	- 4 th Sunday (No Holy Communion)



Guitar Classes	- 2 nd & 4 th Sunday after the Service.
Choir Practice	- Every Sunday after the service.

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29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2



BIBLE QUIZ

April 2009

- விடைகள் வசன ஆதாரத்துடன் இருக்கவேண்டும்.
- ஒரு கேள்விக்கு ஒரு பதில் மட்டும் எழுத வேண்டும்.
- விடைகள் போதகரிடம் வந்து சேர வேண்டிய கடைசி நாள் 12-4-2009.
- Refer New International Version Bible to answer in English.

1. How is the inclination of the man's heart all the time? மனுஷனுடைய இருதயத்து நினைவுகளின் தோற்றுமெல்லாம் நித்தமும் எப்படி இருக்கிறது?
2. _____ prayed and said: my heart rejoices in the Lord..... “என் இருதயம் கர்த்தருக்குள் களிக்குறித்து” என்று ஜெபம் பண்ணியது யார்?
3. Who looks at the heart? யார் இருதயத்தைப் பார்க்கிறார்?
4. What does the heart of David do at the night? இராக்காலங்களில் தாவீதின் உள்ளிந்திரியங்கள் என்ன செய்யும்?
5. “My heart is steadfast, O God, My heart is steadfast”.. Where do we read this? என் இருதயம் ஆயத்தமாயிருக்கிறது; தேவனே, என் இருதயம் ஆயத்தமாயிருக்கிறது. வசன இருப்பிடம் குறிப்பிடுக.
6. Where is the heart of the wise? ஞானிகளின் இருதயம் எங்கு இருக்கும்?
7. Which one is deceitful above all things and beyond cure? எல்லாவற்றைப் பார்க்கிலும் திருக்குள்ளதும் மகா கேடுள்ளதுமாயிருப்பது எது?
8. What brings joy to the heart? எது இருதயத்தைப் பூரிப்பாக்கும்?
9. Who will see God? யார் தேவனை தரிசப்பார்கள்?
10. Whose heart is like a watercourse in the hands of the Lord? யாருடைய இருதயம் கர்த்தரின் கரத்தில் நீர்கால்களைப் போலிருக்கிறது?

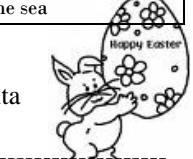


Bible Quiz March 2009 விடைகள்:

1. II Kings 3:22. குரியன் தண்ணீரின் மேல் பிரகாசித் ததினால் because the sun shone upon the water
2. Rev. 14:20 நகரத்திற்குப் புறம் பேயுள்ள ஆஸவிலிருந்து ஆயிரத்தறுநாறு ஸ்தாதி தாரத்திற்கு. Out of the winepress by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.
3. Gen.4:9-10 காயீன் சகோதரனாகிய ஆபேல் Cain's brother Abel
4. Rev.6:12 ஆட்டுக்குடியானவர் ஆறாம் முத்திரையை உடைத்தபோது when the Lamb had opened the sixth seal
5. I Sam.25:32,33 தாவீது அபிகாயிலை நோக்கி David to Abigail
6. Zep.1:17 மனுஷர் கர்த்தருக்கு விரோதமாய்ப் பாவங்கெய்தபடியால் because they have sinned against the LORD
7. Prov.6:17 குற்றமற்றவர்களுடைய innocent
8. II Kings 9:30,33 யேசுபேல் Jezebel
9. Gen. 9:6 மனுஷன் தேவசாயலில் உண்டாக்கப்பட்டபடியால் for in the image of God made man.
10. Rev.16:3 இரண்டாம் தூதன் தன் கலசத்திலுள்ளதைச் சமுத்திரத்திலே ஊற்றின உடனே when the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea

Winners of Bible Quiz March 2009	
Mrs. C. Angelin Charles	Mrs. Prema Samson
Mrs. Shanthi Noble	Mrs. Geeta Daniel
Mr. Thomas Rajan	Miss Punita
	Miss. J. Lily Madhupreetha

Congratulations!



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