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கிறிஸ்துவுக்குள் அன்பானவர்களே,

இறைவன் இயேசுவின் இனிய நாமத்தில் உங்களுக்கு வாழ்த்துக்கள்!



இந்த மாதத்தில் தீத்துவை நினைவு கூறுகிறோம். பசுலின் ஊழியங்களில், தீத்து கூட்டாளியும், உடன் வேலையாளமாய் செயல்பட்டார். நாமும், அவரைப் போல, ஆண்டவரின் ஊழியங்களில் நம்மை ஈடுபடுத்திக் கொள்வோம்.



மேலும் இம்மாதத்தில், ஸ்தேவானையும் நினைவு கூற இருக்கிறோம். இவர் சவிசேஷத்திற்காக முதலாம் இரத்த சாட்சியாக மரித்தார். சவிசேஷத்திற்காக இறுதி வரை துணிவாக நிற்க தேவன் தாமே நம்மை பலப்படுத்துவாராக!



ஆண்டவர் தாமே இந்த மாதத்திலும் உங்கள் ஒவ்வொருவரையும் தமது கிருபையினாலே தாங்கி, இந்த லெந்து காலம் முழுவதும் தமது தியாக சிந்தையிலே நிறைத்து வழி நடத்துவாராக!

திருச்சபை திருப்பணிவிடைகளில்,

அருள்திரு. S. ஜான்,
திருச்சபை ஆயர்.



Lent is a time to prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline and reflect on Jesus Christ, his suffering, his sacrifice, his life, death, burial and resurrection.

வாக்குத்தத்தம்



நான் உன்னைப் பெரிய ஜாதியாக்கி, உன்னை ஆசீர்வதித்து, உன் பேரைப் பெருமைப்படுத்துவேன்; நீ ஆசீர்வாதமாய் இருப்பாய். ஆதியாகமம் 12:2



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Important Days in February

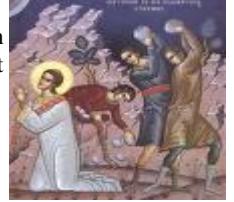
2nd Presentation of Christ in the Temple
5th Martyrs of Japan, 1597
6th Day of Titus, Companion of Paul
12th Day of Alexander Duff (Edu., Ev.) 1878
13th Day of Chritian Fredrerick Schwatz (Ev.) 1798

15th Day of Stephen, 1st Martyr
17th Day of Martin Luther, 1546
24th Day of Mathias (apostle)
25th Ash Wednesday (Service at 7:30 pm)
27th 1st Lenten Friday (Service at 7:00 pm)

As we remember Stephen this month.....

Saint Stephen (Greek: Στέφανος, Stephanos), known as the Protomartyr of Christianity, is venerated as a saint in the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Churches. Stephen means "wreath" or "crown" in Greek. He is thought to have been a deacon. Acts tells the story of how Stephen was tried by the Sanhedrin for blasphemy against Moses and God (Acts 6:11) and speaking against the Temple and the Law (Acts 6:13-14) and was then stoned to death (A.D. 34–35) by an infuriated mob encouraged by Saul of Tarsus, the future Saint Paul: "And Saul entirely approved of putting him to death" (8:1). Stephen's final speech is presented as making an accusation against the Jews of continuing to persecute prophets who spoke out against their sins:

"Which one of the Prophets did your fathers not persecute, and they killed the ones who prophesied the coming of the Just One, of whom now, too, you have become betrayers and murderers." (7:52)



Stephen is traditionally invested with a crown of martyrdom for Christianity and is often depicted in art with three stones and the martyrs' palm. In Eastern Christian iconography he is shown as a young beardless man with a tonsure, wearing a deacon's vestments, and often Saint holding a miniature church building and a censor. As he was on trial and being prosecuted, Saint Stephen experienced a theophany. His theophany was unusual in that he saw both the Father and the Son:

"Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God." (Acts 7:56). And falling on his knees, he cried with a loud voice, saying, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge". And when he had said this he fell asleep in the Lord.

ASH WEDNESDAY



According to the Didache, a second-century document that is an important record of early Christian beliefs and practices, Christians were to fast on Wednesdays and Fridays throughout the year. Emphasis on seasonal fasting became more pronounced in the second and third centuries when a stricter fast was observed from Good Friday until Easter. Eventually this shorter fast developed into the forty-day fast.

In 1099, Pope Urban II called the first day of Lent Feria quarta cinerum or Ash Wednesday. During the early centuries of the Church only persons who had committed grave sins received ashes and were asked to do public penance which usually lasted until Holy Thursday when they were reconciled to the Church through confession and the reception of Holy Communion. The custom, as early as the fourth century, was to "quarantine" (from the word "forty") or separate the penitents from the rest of the community during the forty days of Lent. Ashes were a sign of this separation. The penitential quarantine applied to poor and rich alike.

Give thanks to the Lord; His love endures forever. Ps. 106:1

May God bless all our members who celebrate their birthdays and wedding anniversaries.

Birthdays



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| 2. Mrs. Thara Peter | 15. Miss Praisya Bestus | 22. Mrs. Selva Sundari Jairaj |
| 3. Mrs. Rosy Tennety | 15. Mrs. Beena Sathya | 25. Mr. Jameidas George |
| 5. Mrs. Sheeba Beniellraj | 16. Mrs. Vimala Rathnasamy | 25. Mr. Thomson Biju Jairaj |
| 5. Mr. E.B. Solomonraj | 17. Mrs. Pamala Samuel | 26. Mr. Bino Joseph |
| 8. Mr. Stephen Swami Pillai | 17. Mr. Martin R. Rao | 28. Miss. Florence Aruldas |
| 10. Mr. Naresh Mudliar | 17. Miss. Jemy John | 28. Miss. Stefi Shelton |
| 11. Mr. Andrews | 17. Mr. Suresh Sam Azariah | 28. Master D. Paulwin Kirubaharan |
| 14. Mrs. Arpita | 18. Mr. Bestus Navamani | |

Wedding Anniversaries

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| 4. Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Manoharan | 8. Mr. & Mrs. Jairaj M.G. |
| 6. Mr. & Mrs. Wilson Daniel | 12. Mr. & Mrs. Joshua N. Daniel |
| 7. Rev. & Mrs. Kenseelan Azariah | 14. Mr. & Mrs. Stephen V. |
| 7. Mr. & Mrs. David Aruldas | 21. Mr. & Mrs. Naresh Mudliar |
| 7. Mr. & Mrs. Robert Aruldas | 24. Mr. & Mrs. Andrews |



Sermon topics for this month

DATE	TOPIC	BIBLE READING
1 st February (6 th Sunday after Christmas)	God equips those who are called to Serve.	Jeremiah 1:4-10; Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 5:1-11
8 th February (9 th Sunday before Easter)	Signs of Providence	Genesis 9:8-16; Acts 17:22-31; Matthew 6:25-34
15 th February (8 th Sunday before Easter)	Thanksgiving for the faithful witness of Stephen	II Chr.24:20-22; Acts 7:51-60; Matthew 10:16-22
22 nd February (7 th Sunday before Easter)	Healing Ministry: Jesus the Healer	Isaiah 57:15-18; I Timothy 1:12-17; Mark 2:13-17

Stay Focused

We sometimes miss the great opportunities of life because we get sidetracked. A talented and gifted bloodhound in England started a hunt by chasing a full-grown male deer. During the chase a fox crossed his path, so he began now to chase the fox. A rabbit crossed his hunting path, so he began to chase the rabbit. After chasing the rabbit for a while, a tiny field mouse crossed his path, and he chased the mouse to the corner of a farmer's barn. The bloodhound had begun the hunt chasing a prized male deer for his master and wound up barking at a tiny mouse. It is a rare human being who can do three or four different things at a time--moving in different directions.



The Apostle Paul knew his number one priority in life was to live his life to the honor and glory of God by preaching the Gospel. However, we know that Paul is not in a plush hotel room but in prison. He receives a report that all is not well at the Church in Philippi. His very life could be ended at any moment. And the list goes on. However, the Apostle Paul would not allow anything to cross his path that would deter him from his priority. Paul knew that his new life was a gift from God, not from the promises of humanity. His life was to be lived for his master. Nothing would sidetrack him of that priority!

As we get ready to observe Lent, let us be focused on the Cross on which our Lord Jesus died for our sins. Let Him be our priority all through this Lent.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP &

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Free Order of Service

- 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sunday during the Service

- 2nd and 4th Sunday

after the Sunday Service

- 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday during the Service

- 4th Sunday (No Holy Communion)



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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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GUITAR CLASSES - 2nd & 4th Sunday after the Service.

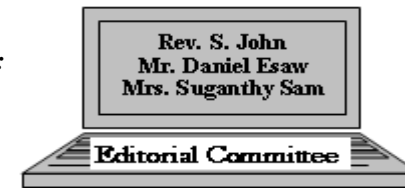
CHOIR PRACTICE - Every Sunday after the service.

Pray for our church-sponsored missionaries:

Mr. Vijay Babu (FMPB)

Mr. Prakash B. Balke (Vishwa Vani)

Mr. Anil Pilaji Lohar (GEMS)



Rev. S. John
Mr. Daniel Esaw
Mrs. Suganthy Sam

Editorial Committee

BIBLE QUIZ

February 2009

- > விடைகள் வசன ஆதாரத்துடன் இருக்கவேண்டும்.
- > விடைகள் போதகரிடம் வந்து சேர வேண்டிய கடைசி நாள் 15-2-2009.



- _____ என் தலையின் பெலன்.
- எங்கே பெலன் குடிக்கொண்டிருக்கும்?
- யார் மரிக்கும் வரை அவன் பெலன் குறையவில்லை?
- அரசாளுகிறதற்குப் பெலன் கொள்ளத்தக்க ஒருவரும் யார் குடும்பத்தில் இல்லாமற்போயிற்று?
- யாருடைய பெலன் குறைந்து போகிறது என்று யூதா மனிதர் கூறினர்?
- பார்வோனுடைய பெலன் யாருக்கு வெட்கமாக இருக்கும்?
- எது "உங்களுடைய பெலன்" என்றான் நெகேமியா?
- எதைப் போல் தாவீதின் பெலன் காய்ந்தது?
- பாவத்தின் பெலன் எது?
- எது பெலனுள்ளதாயிருக்கிறது?



Bible Quiz January 2009 விடைகள்:

1. பாரேஸ் (ஆதி. 38:27-30)	6. எலியாப் (Iசாமு. 17:28)
2. யூதா (ஆதி. 37:26, 27)	7. ஆரோன் (எண். 12 :1)
3. எப்பிராயீம் (ஆதி. 48:14, 20)	8. ஏசா (ஆதி. 27 :41)
4. யோவாப் அப்னேரைக் கொன்றான் (II சாமுவேல் 3:27; 2:22,23)	9. ஆசகேல் (II சாமு. 23 :24)
5. யோசேப்பு (ஆதி. 43:29-30)	10. கேனாஸ் (நியா. 1:13, 3 :9, யோசவா 15:17)



Winner of Bible Quiz January 2009-
Mrs. C. Angelin Charles



The liturgical color for Lent is purple, the color of repentance and sorrow for sin.

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