

# St. Matthew's Tamil Church



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Sunday Service -10.30 AM

## News Letter - November 2008

(For private circulation only)

Dear in Christ,

*I greet to you all in the name of Jesus! I thank all who have attended the Annual Convention meetings. God had really blessed the Convention with His word. I also thank those who have participated in our Church Retreat. It was a real meaningful and blessed time! Let us thank God for His presence in the Convention and the Retreat.*

*On this month, we are going to have our Thanksgiving Sunday and the Harvest Festival on the 9th (Sunday). The Service will be at 3.30 P.M. Please bring your thanksgiving items and thanks-giving covers to be offered during service. I encourage you all to offer to the Lord your one day's income. Let us honour God who has done wonderful things with our offerings! Please actively participate in the harvest festival sale which will be followed by the service. Give your name and details to the Harvest Festival organizers to put up stalls, games stalls, sponsoring stalls and also generously contribute towards the Harvest Festival's Sale of works.*

*On the 16th, we are having our Confirmation Service. Please pray for all those who are participating in the same.*

*May God bless you all with His grace!*

*With prayers,*

*Yours in His Service,*

Rev. S. John

Presbyter-in-charge

(St. Matthew's Tamil Church)

### PROMISE FOR THE MONTH

ஏசாயா 41:10 நீ பயப்படாதே, நான் உன்னுடனே இருக்கிறேன்; திகையாதே, நான் உன் தேவன்; நான் உன்னைப் பலப்படுத்தி உனக்குச் சகாயம்பண்ணுவேன்; என் நீதியின் வலதுகரத்தினால் உன்னைத் தாங்குவேன்..



Retreat at Nasarapur



## Important Days in November

14 November  
16 November  
20 November  
20 November  
25 November  
29 November

Children's Day ( in India )  
International Day of Tolerance  
Africa Industrialization Day  
Universal Children's Day  
International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women  
International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian People.



### As we remember Andrew this month.....



Saint Andrew (Greek: Ανδρέας, Andreas [means manhood, valour]) is a Christian Apostle and the younger brother of Saint Peter. The New Testament records that St Andrew was a son of Jonah, or John, (Matthew 16:17; John 1:42). He was born in Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee (John 1:44). Both he and his brother Peter were fishermen and Jesus called them to be his disciples by saying that He will make them "fishers of men". At the beginning of Jesus' public life they occupied the same house at Capernaum (Mark 1:21-29).

The Gospel of John teaches that Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist, whose testimony first led him and John the Evangelist to follow Jesus (John 1:35-40). Andrew at once recognized Jesus as the Messiah, and hastened to introduce him to his brother (John 1:41). Thenceforth the two brothers were Disciples of Christ.

Andrew is said to have been martyred by crucifixion at Patras (Patrae) in Achaia. Though early texts, such as the Acts of Andrew known to Gregory of Tours, describe Andrew bound, not nailed, a tradition grew up that Andrew had been crucified on a cross of the form called Crux decussata (X-shaped cross) and commonly known as "Saint Andrew's Cross"; this was performed at his own request, as he deemed himself unworthy to be crucified on the same type of cross on which Christ was crucified. It is believed that Andrew died on the last day of November, 69 AD.



**All Saint's Day** originated as a feast of All Martyrs in honour of all the saints, sometime in the 4th century. On May 13, Pope St. Boniface IV (608-615) restored and rebuilt an ancient Roman temple which pagan Rome had dedicated to "all gods", the Pantheon. The pope re-buried the bones of many martyrs there, and dedicated this to the Mother of God and all the Holy Martyrs on May 13, 610. About a hundred years later, Pope Gregory III (731-741) consecrated a new chapel in the basilica of St. Peter to all saints (not just to the martyrs) on November 1, and he fixed the anniversary of this dedication as the All Saint's day.



**All Soul's Day** celebrated on November 2 commemorates the departed faithful who have attained the beatific vision (i.e. the reality and goodness of God and heaven). While the Feast of All Saints is a day to remember the glories of Heaven and those there, the Feast of All Souls reminds us of our obligations to live holy lives and that there will be purification of the souls of those destined for Heaven.

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

May the God bless all our members who celebrate their birthdays and

wedding anniversaries

3 Mrs. Margaret Jothimani

5 Mr. C. Chellam

6 Miss. Nimmi Janet

7 Mr. Tony Arul Chelliah

8 Mr. Bevan Rendyl Gunaseelan

11 Mr. Baskaran Johnson

12 Mr. Steven David Aruldas

13 Mr. Jesudass Ruban

13 Mr. Rajan J.

13 Mr. J. Philip Wilson

15 Mrs. Rani Satish Madankumar

15 Miss Shereen Matthew

16 Mr. Daniel Selvin Pillai

16 Mrs. Malliha Isaac

17 Mrs. Susheela Thomas

17 Mr. Jason John Amalraj

17 Mrs. S. Usha Elizabeth Nelson

18 Mr. Andrewson Andrews

18 Mrs. Rabina Charles

19 Master. Ivan Prince Sylvan Lawrence

23 Mrs. Esther Janaki Pillai

23 Mrs. Jessie John Amalraj

24 Mr. Y.S. Swami Pillai

24 Mrs. Shanthy Ebenezer Mahilarasi Noble

25 Mrs. Sujana N. Mudliar

26 Baby Katherine Dixson Jose

26 Miss. Kasturi Padmini Clare Samuel

26 Miss. Esther Sylvia

27 Miss. Jeeva Merlin A.

28 Mrs. Paripuranam Jayaraj

28 Mrs. Melita Samuel

28 Mrs. Victoria Ravikumar



## Wedding Anniversaries

7 Mr. & Mrs. Justin Lawrence

8 Mr. & Mrs. Joshua Alexander Matthew

8 Mr. & Mrs. Joshua Sunderraj

14 Mr. & Mrs. Jesudass Ruban



16 Mr. & Mrs. John Moses

19 Mr. & Mrs. Sunder G. Gunaseelan

25 Mr. & Mrs. Isaiah Tenny

28 Mr. & Mrs. Samson S.

## Sermon topics for this month

**2nd November** Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Isaiah 25:6-9; II Corinthians 5:1-10; John 11:21-27

**9th November** Christians cannot expect to be shielded from all trails  
Job 2:1-10; Romans 8:18-25; Matthew 24:3-14

**16th November** Jesus has brought us out of darkness into light  
Job 3:1-10; Colossians 1:9-14; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

**23rd November** We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ  
Ezekiel 34:17-24; 1st John 3:16-21 Matthew 25:31-46

**30th November** Andrew, Apostle & Martyr Zechariah 8:20-23; Romans 10:9-18; John 12:20-26

## Pray for church sponsored Missionaries

**Mr. Vijay Babu- FMPB**

**Mr. Prakash B. Balke**

**(Vishwa Vani)**

**Mr. Anil Pilaji Lohar**

**(GEMS)**



Many times we feel that God is not in control of our situation and especially when we go through difficult times. We tend to question God and His authority. But to encourage our faith here is a small story.

The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him, and every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming. Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect himself from the elements, and to store his few possessions. However one day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, the smoke rolling up to the sky. The worst had happened - everything was lost. He was stunned with grief and anger. "God, how could you do this to me?" he cried. Early the next day, however, he was awakened by the sound of a ship that was approaching the island. It had come to rescue him. "How did you know I was here?" asked the weary man of his rescuers. "We saw your smoke signal," they replied. It's easy to get discouraged sometimes when things appear to be going badly. But we shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of pain and suffering. Remember, next time your little hut is burning to the ground, it just may be a smoke signal that summons the grace of God! For all the negative things we have to say to ourselves, God has a positive answer for it. Amen

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

**YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday during the Service

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP &**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

after the Sunday Service

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

- Every Sunday after the service till Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>

**GUITAR CLASSES**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Service.

**CHOIR PRACTICE**

- every Sunday after the service.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday during the Service

30<sup>th</sup> November - Final Exam

## PORTION FOR CHURCH BIBLE QUIZ - EZEKIEL

## BIBLE QUIZ

November 2008

- விடைகள் வசன ஆதாரத்துடன் இருக்கவேண்டும்
- விடைகள் போதகரிடம் வந்து சேர வேண்டிய கடைசி நாள் 16-11-2008



1. பிதாக்கள் செய்த அக்கிரமத்தைக் கர்த்தர் எத்தனை தலைமுறைமட்டும் விசாரிக்கிறார்?
2. ஆரோக்கியமான வசனங்களின் சட்டத்தைக் கைக்கொண்டிரு என்று யார் யாரிடம் சொன்னது?
3. "மனுஷன் உம்மை மேற்க்கொள்ள விடாதேயும்" என்று ஜெபித்தது யார்?
4. குரங்கு என்ற வார்த்தை பரிசுத்த வேதாகமத்தில் இருக்கும் இரண்டு இடங்கள் எவை?
5. ;-----,-----ஆகியோரை நம்புவதை பார்க்கிலும் கர்த்தர் பேரில் பற்றுதலாய் இருப்பது நலம்.
6. ஏனோக்கு தேவனோடே எவ்வளவு நாட்கள் சஞ்சரித்துக்கொண்டிருந்தான்?
7. ஆயிரமாயிரமான பரிசுத்தவான்களோடு தேவன் நியாயதீர்க்க வருகிறார் என்று பழைய ஏற்பாட்டில் முதலில் கூறியவர் தீர்க்கதரிசனம் உரைத்தவர்) யார்?
8. தரியு ராஜா அரசாண்ட நாலாம் வருஷம், கிஸலே என்னும் ஒன்பதாம் மாதம், நாலாந்தேதியிலே யாருக்கு கர்த்தருடைய வார்த்தை உண்டாயிற்று?
9. தூரவிலிருந்து ஒருவரை காப்பாற்றியவன் யார்?
10. யாருடைய சரீரத்தைக்குறித்து யார் பிசாசுடனே தர்க்கித்துப்பேசினது?

Bible Quiz September 2008 விடைகள்:

1. ஆதியாகமம் 10:14 கஸ்லூகீம்	6. நீதி 28:9 வேதத்தைக் கேளாதபடி தன்செவியை விலக்குகிறவனுடைய ஜெபம்
2. ஏசாயா 42:19 கர்த்தருடைய ஊழியக்காரன்	7. அப்போஸ்தலர் 6:15 ஸ்தேவான்
3. அப்போஸ்தலர் 7:59 ஸ்தேவான்	8. மத்தேயு 23:35, லூக்கா 11:50 பரகியாவின் குமாரசனாகிய சகரியா
4. II இராஜாக்கள் 11:3 யோவான்	9. ஓசியா 14:3
5. அப்போஸ்தலர் 27:24 பவுல்	10. ஏசாயா 43:13 நாள்



Winners of October Bible Quiz 2008 – Mrs. C. Angelin Charles

Mrs. Johnsy Bestus

Mrs. Jebaleela Sugumar

Mrs. Prema Samson

Mrs. Shanthy Noble

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