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SAND & STONE

Dearly beloved in Christ,
Let me share some special thoughts during this lent season.

Two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey, they had an argument and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything wrote in the sand.

"Today my best friend slapped me in the face."

They kept on walking, until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire! and started drowning, but the friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning he wrote on a stone.

"Today my best friend saved my life."

The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him, "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write on a stone why?" The friend replied,

"When someone hurts us we should write it down in sand, where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it."

Learn to write your hurts in the sand and to carve your benefits in stone.

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them.

Take the Time to Live!

Do not value the things

You have in your life, but value

Who you have in your life!

And if I happen to get it back,

Then I know my place in your Life.

"Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle."

May this message enlighten us through out our life. God bless you all.

Yours in Christ service,

Varghese Mathai achen.

UPCOMING EVENTS.....

General body meeting:

General body meeting of the Salem Mar Thoma Church will be held on March 28th, immediately after the worship service to present the accounts & audited report for the year 2009.

Holy Week Evening Prayer & Worship Schedule

Date	Time	Event
Mar 29 th (Mon)	7pm – 8pm	Evening Prayer
Mar 30 th (Tue)	7pm – 8pm	Evening Prayer
Mar 31 st (Wed)	7pm – 9pm	Mal. Holy Communion (*see note below)
Apr 2 nd (Fri)	9am – 1pm	Good Friday Service
Apr 4 th (Sun)	11:30am	Easter Sunday Service (Eng. Holy Communion)

Note: Our Maundy Thursday Evening Holy Communion service will be held on Wednesday March 31st from 7pm-9pm

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

From Vicar & All the Salem Members to....

Griffith	Mathew	Hicksville	March	1
Shana	Mathew	Hicksville	March	1
Luke	Alexander	Ronkonkoma	March	2
Thresiamma	Varughese	South Setauket	March	2
Dr. Mathew	George	Floral Park	March	9
Jeffrey	James	East Meadow	March	10
Joshua	James	East Meadow	March	10
Lissy	Jacob	East Meadow	March	12
Rubeena	Chacko	Commack	March	13
Mercy	Jacob	Lake Grove	March	13
Aleyamma	Yohannankutty	Deer Park	March	15
Jacob	Thadathel	East Meadow	March	16
Saramma	Mathew	Commack	March	16
Stanley	Johnson	Lindenhurst	March	20
Jerry	John	Northport	March	22
Jacob	Abraham	Hicksville	March	25
Mathews	John	South Setauket	March	25
Thomas	Abraham	Hicksville	March	25
Sebin	George	Hicksville	March	30
Sydney	Koshy	Hicksville	March	30
Aleyamma	Mathew	Hicksville	March	31
Alvin	Monachan	Bellerose	March	31

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS

From Vicar & All the Salem Members to....

Sam	George	& Sophy	West Sayville	Mar	2
Thomas	Thomas	& Mariamma	Queens Village	Mar	20

Sunday worship services

Date	Time	Worship
Mar. 7th	11:30 am	Mal (Holy Communion)
Mar. 14 th (*)	11:00 am	Eng (Holy Communion)
Mar. 21st	11:30 am	Mal (Divine Service)
Mar. 28th	11:30 am	Mal (Holy Communion)

Special note:

(*) There will be no Sunday school classes on March 14th due to Sunday school anniversary activities.

Lectionary

Date	1 st Lesson	2 nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
Mar 7 th	Isa. 45: 1-8	Act. 16: 6-15	Gal. 2: 11-21	St. Mat. 15: 21-28
Mar 14 th	Isa. 59: 12-21	Rom. 8: 31-39	Eph. 6: 10-20	St. Luke 13: 10-17
Mar 21 st	Isa. 42: 1-9	Act. 12: 1-11	1 Pet. 3: 8-22	St. Mark 10: 46-52
Mar 28 th	Zech. 9: 9-17	Col: 1: 15-23	Phil. 2: 5-11	St. Mat. 21: 1-11

Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date	Location
1	Mar. 6 th (Saturday) 6:00 pm	Mr. Mathew Kurian 43 Elder Drive Commack, NY 11725
2	Mar. 13 th (Saturday) 6:00 pm	Mr. Koshy Varghese 49 Ketchams Road Hicksville, NY 11801
3	Mar. 28 th (Sunday) 6:00 pm	Dr. Deepu Alexander 11 Daniel Court Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

Salem Organizations:

CHOIR

There will be a dedication service for the newly selected choir members, during the worship service on March 28th. All choir members are requested to attend this special service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School Anniversary will be held on Sunday March 14th along with the worship service on this day.

Our worship service will begin at 11 am and there will be no Sunday school classes on this day.

All families are invited and parents are encouraged to bring their children on time to the church on this special day.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Our Youth Fellowship is hosting the very first regional One day conference on Saturday April 3rd at Stony brook University & we are expecting close to 150 youth fellowship members from various parishes in our region for this event.

Episcopal Church bishop Rt. Rev. Johncy Itty will be the main speaker of this event. Financial donations & Adult volunteers from our families are most needed for this great event.

Please contact Ms. Christina Zachariah or Vicar for additional details & volunteering needs for this day.

Salem Organizations: (cont'd)

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

Yuvajana Sakhyam General Body meeting and monthly meeting will be held at our church on Friday March 12, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

Annual Report and Accounts for the year 2009 and Budget for the year 2010 will be discussed at the general body.

There will be a Bible study after the general body. All Yuvajana Sakhyam members & interested families are requested to attend at this meeting on time.

SEVIKA SANGHAM

Sevika Sangham prayer meeting will be held on Saturday March 27th at 10am at the residence of;

Mrs. Valsa Mathew
6 Klaibar Lane
East Northport, NY 11731
631-368-4031

EDAVAKA MISSION

Edavaka Mission family visits & prayer is scheduled for March 26th (Friday), 6pm at the parsonage.

From the Trustees

A friendly reminder to all Salem families that your voluntary subscription is most needed now. If you have not made any payments, kindly do so when you come to the church next time. Thank you all for your valuable donations & we appreciate it.