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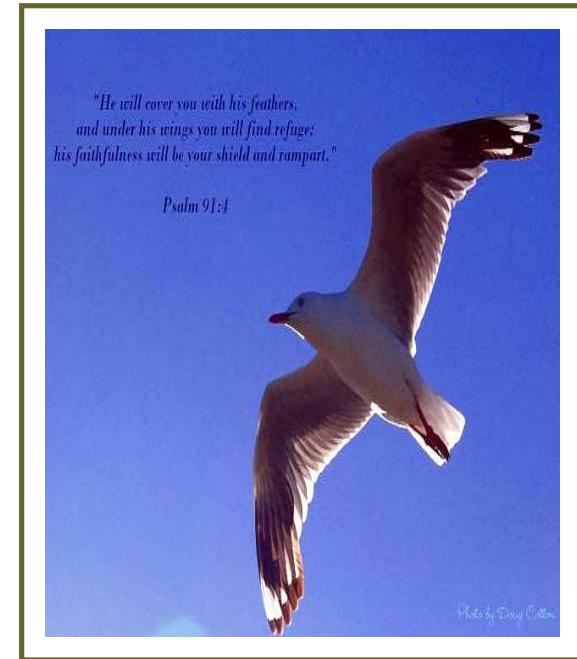
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JOURNEY WITH GOD

PSALM: 91

Dearly beloved in Christ,

New Year Greetings! We have entered into this year with great expectations and also with apprehensions, perhaps. What does this psalm teach us as we begin our journey with God, this year?

Assurance of God's protection: "shadow"(vs.1),"feathers", "wings"(vs.4) - these words show us how closer the Lord is to his children, to comfort and console them. The words like "shelter" (vs.1), "refuge", "fortress"(vs.2),"shield"(vs.4) show the safety that we have in our Lord. When we are redeemed by the blood of Jesus, we become his sure heirs and he promises to protect us from every possible danger. What a great assurance for us as we step into a New Year!

Possible dangers: The psalmist gives an account of all possible dangers that can strike any one both in the day and in the night. "Fowler's snare", "deadly pestilence"(vs:3),"terror of the night", "arrows that flies by day"(vs.5),"pestile that stalks in the darkness", "plagues that destroys at midday"(vs.6) and "thousand fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand" give us the gruesome picture of the dangers lurking at us. But be assured, God's protection is guaranteed against any kind of crisis.

It is right for us to look to him everyday: This psalm is written as if a priest or Levite of the Temple admonishes a worshipper. At the end of this psalm, however God himself is speaking, declaring His love for His own (vs.14-16). Retain these words in our mind and let us enter this year with confidence: He is our Refuge; He is our Guide; He is Immanuel!

Let us commit ourselves this year to God, the Most High and Almighty.

Yours in Christ service,
Varghese Mathai Achen.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS

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

Christin	Varughese	&	Reena	Smithtown	Jan	5
Idiculla	Zachariah	&	Suja	Selden	Jan	9
Bobby	Raju	&	Smitha	Hauppauge	Jan	10
Shabu	Abraham	&	Lisa	Deer Park	Jan	10
Dr. Puthanparambil	Philip	&	Valsa	Commack	Jan	17
Varughese	Thadathil	&	Mariamamma	College Point	Jan	25
George	Mathew	&	Valsa	East Northport	Jan	31

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

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

Vinod	Mathew	South Setauket	Jan	3
Thomson	Alexander	Dix Hills	Jan	4
Liju	Koshy	Hicksville	Jan	5
Chachyamma	Verghese	Lindenhurst	Jan	5
Moncy A.	Plamoottil	Lake Grove	Jan	6
Mariyamma	Jayan	Bellerose	Jan	7
George	Thomas	Deer Park	Jan	10
GeeVarghese	Raju	Hauppauge	Jan	12
Susan	Jacob	Floral Park	Jan	13
Susan	Mathews	South Setauket	Jan	15
Georgekutty	Varughese	Commack	Jan	20
Jiju	Sam	Centereach	Jan	20
Thomas	Mathew	West Sayville	Jan	21
Andrew	George	Hicksville	Jan	23
Suja	Johnkutty	Old Bethpage	Jan	25
Calvin	Thomson	Dix Hills	Jan	25
Suja	Zachariah	Selden	Jan	26
Zachariah	Samuel	Old Bethpage	Jan	26
Kallara	Chacko	Hicksville	Jan	27
Bigi	Thomas	Hicksville	Jan	27
Dr. Deepu	Alexander	Ronkonkoma	Jan	28
Dr. Puthanparambil	Philip	Commack	Jan	29

Sunday worship services

Date	Time	Worship
Jan. 3rd	11:30 am	Eng. (Holy Communion)
Jan. 10th	11:30 am	Mal. (Holy Communion)
Jan. 17th	11:30 am	Eng. (Divine Service)
Jan. 24th	11:30 am	Mal. (Holy Communion)
Jan. 31st	11:30 am	Mal. (Divine Service)

Special note: **Sunday school begins at 10:00 AM Every Sunday**

Lectionary

Date	1 st Lesson	2 nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
01/03	Isa. 56: 1-8	Acts 17:16-31	Eph. 4: 25-32	St. John 12: 20-26
01/10	Prov. 23: 19-34	Eph. 5: 1-11	Gal. 5: 16-21	St. Luke 15: 11-32
01/17	Isa. 60: 1-7	Eph. 4: 1-8	2 nd Peter 1: 1-11	St. John 17: 20-26
01/24	Isa. 42: 1-17	2 nd Tim. 2: 1-13	1 st Peter 4: 12-19	St. Luke 14: 25-33
01/31	Gen. 3: 1-15	James 3: 1-12	Romans 5: 12-19	St. John 3: 1-16

Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date	Location
2	Jan. 10th 6:00 PM	Mr. Thomas John 422 Clay Pitts Road East Northport, NY 11731 631-486-5164
3	Jan. 9th 6:00 PM	Mr. Mathew Muthalaly 20 College Road Selden, NY 11784 631-828-8192

Salem Organizations:

CHOIR

Contact Mr. Roy Thadathil at 718-666-7915 for all matters regarding the choir. Also, all choir members who have not paid the membership fees for the year 2009 are kindly requested to give the money to either Mr. Roy Thadathil or Mr. Bijoy Georgekutty as soon as possible.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

YOUTH Fellowship will meet in the near future to plan programs for the New Year; in the meantime, you may continue to contact Ms. Judy James at 516-485-0765 for any immediate concerns.

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

YUVAJANA Sakhyam will meet regularly to conduct prayer meetings in the New Year. Prayer meeting schedules and other interesting programs which include a summer camp for the entire Salem family is in the planning. Please contact Mr. Libu Koshy at 516-390-8666 for further details.

Salem Organizations: (cont'd)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday school begins at 10:00 AM every Sunday. Please bring your children on time.

SEVIKA SANGHAM

Contact Sevika Sangham secretary Mrs. Aleyamma Georgekutty at 631-864-2504 for the upcoming meetings.

EDAVAKA MISSION

EDAVAKA Mission will meet regularly to conduct prayer meetings in the New Year. Prayer meeting schedules and other interesting programs are being planned for the entire Salem family during these weeks. Please contact Mr. Georgekutty Varghese at 631-854-2604 for further details.