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“Put on the new self , created to be like God”

[Ephesians.4: 24]





Presbyter's Desk

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Dearly Beloved,

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We are entering Lent with Ash Wednesday falling on 14th February. The main theme of the Lent is 'Repentance and Reconciliation'. Once we have realized our condition of being sinners i.e. as once who have victimized others, then we have to change our mind. This change of mind in the Bible is called repentance. It is taking a 'U' turn in our thinking. We need to change our minds to preferentially opt for all those with whom God stands. Now God is on the side of those who are victimized by discrimination, rejection and isolation. What we have to decide is this: I will stand with Christ with victims of caste system. We must remember who are marginalised in our society. Most of them are farmers. Now they are struggling to live in our society. Their dispossession made them poor. Now this what the Lord Jesus said about the poor and the Last Judgement:

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and goats on the left. Then the king will say no those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my

Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for when I was hungry and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me. Then the righteous will answer him. 'Lord when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink, and when was it that we saw you stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick nor I prison and visited you?' and the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did to one of the least of these who are members of my family (these my brethren) you did it to me,' Then he will say those on his left hand, 'You that are accursed depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels'. (Matthew 25: 31-41).

So we see here that the conditions of the ultimate judgement are severe and non-negotiable. Repentance means that we decide with full mental capacities to stand with Christ with the Dalit and Adivasi in our time in this world. This changing one's mind and thinking should be done in the light of the last judgement. This means that the physical temptation for pleasure and psychological lure for power have to be subdued with the power of our will. Our body must obey the moral demand of mind. For this our will has to cooperate with mind. Clearly repentance involves our body, mind and will.

Therefore, lent is another opportunity to put our body under the discipline of our mind and will. It must follow the moral command of God which our mind knows. The moral demand of God is to stop victimizing the weak and vulnerable people. Repentance happens when we change our mind to do so. Not only we are to stop victimizing but we also resist caste system which is the foundation of unjust discrimination, rejection and isolation of Dalit and Adivasi.

Yours in His Ministry,

Rev. Sam Raju

NEWS & EVENTS

Almanac for the month of February 2024

Date	Name of Sunday	Theme	Lessons
04/02/2024	Family Sunday	Family as Gift of God	Joshua 24: 14-22 Psalm 128 Ephesians 3: 14-21 Mark 3: 31-35
11/02/2024	7 th Sunday before Easter	Lent: A time of Reconciliation	Isaiah 26: 1-4 Psalm 04 Ephesians 2: 14-18 John 14: 27-30
14/02/2024	Ash Wednesday	Cross: A Call to Self-Denial	Joel 2: 12-20 Psalm 32 Galatians 2: 15-21 Luke 2: 23-27
18/02/2024	6 th Sunday before Easter	Mission: Sharing God's Pain	Jonah 4: 1-11 Psalm 40: 1-13 Acts 9: 10-18 Luke 10: 1-1125
25/02/2024	5 th Sunday before Easter	Life Saving Faith	2 Kings 4: 1-7 Psalm 72 Acts 5: 12-16 Luke 5: 17-26

FAMILY SUNDAY : Our Family Sunday will be held on 04th February 2024. The Holy Communion service will begin at 9.30 a.m. Rev. Dr. Abraham Scaria, Principal, Dharma Jyoti Vidya Peeth Seminary, Faridabad will be the guest speaker of our family Sunday. The meal fellowship will be arranged after worship service.

ASH WEDNESDAY : This year Ash Wednesday falls on 14th February, 2024. There will be Holy Communion Service on Ash Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. in our Church. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent season. Lent is the time to meditate on the word of God. After Ash Wednesday we will have Lenten Prayer on all upcoming Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. in our Church.

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING: As the financial year ends on 31st March, 2024, all members are requested to settle all the dues/accounts (subscription, auction etc.) related to Church and Women's Fellowship as early as possible



Birthday Greetings To

Date	Name	
01/02/2024	Mrs. Valsamma Shaji	W/o Mr. Shaji John
03/02/2024	Mrs. Elizabeth Jose	W/o Mr. M.A. Jose
07/02/2024	Mrs. Princy Mathews	W/o Mr. Anish C. Mathews
14/02/2024	Mr. Sunil George	
17/02/2024	Mrs. Daisy Sunil	W/o Mr. Sunil George
17/02/2024	Mrs. Lucy Johnson	W/o Mr. K.C. Johnson
17/02/2024	Mast. Ryan Mathai	S/o Mr. Saju Mathai
23/02/2024	Mr. M.C. Mathew	
23/02/2024	Ms. Jessica Grace Nishanth	D/o Mr. Nishanth Abraham
26/02/2024	Mast. Adam John Christy	S/o Mr. Christymon K. John
27/02/2024	Dr. Serah Paul	W/o Dr. Prabhu Kishore



Wedding Anniversary Greetings To

Date	Name
08/02/2024	Mr. John Thomas & Mrs. Priya Elizabeth John
09/02/2024	Mr. Thomas P. Joshua & Mrs. Giji Thomas
14/02/2024	Mr. Reji Chacko & Mrs. Rani Reji
14/02/2024	Mr. Nithin K. Chandy & Mrs. Lincy Nithin
20/02/2024	Mr. Prabin Prakash & Mrs. Ruby Prabin
21/02/2024	Mr. Joshua C.J & Mrs. Mercy Joshua
23/02/2024	Mr. Anish C. Mathews & Mrs. Princy Mathews
28/02/2024	Mr. M.A. Jose & Mrs. Elizabeth Jose



Farewell to Nikhil, 7 January 2024



Couples Dr. Jitka & Dr. Jincy welcomed