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# THE EPISTLE

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**February 2015**



***BIRTHDAYS***

1-Feb	Twinkle Philip	Ebenezer	23-Feb	Raju Mathew	Agape
1-Feb	Gracy Mepurath	Ebenezer	23-Feb	Ritika Grace Reji	Agape
4-Feb	P.C. George	Ebenezer	23-Feb	Jaiden Bincent	Agape
4-Feb	Sydni Rebecca Philip	Emmanuel	26-Feb	John K.Mathew	Ebenezer
5-Feb	Alex Sam koshy	Agape	26-Feb	Maya Easo	Manna
8-Feb	Stan Philip	Manna	26-Feb	Nevin Thomas	Agape
11-Feb	Ritz Thomas	Ebenezer	27-Feb	Cheryl Babu	Agape
11-Feb	Bindu Philip	Agape	27-Feb	Ruben John	Agape
11-Feb	Chrissy Mathew	Agape	28-Feb	Jennifer John	Manna
14-Feb	Rohan Chelagiri	Emmanuel			
14-Feb	Edison K.John	Manna			
14-Feb	Neethu Varghese	Emmanuel			
14-Feb	Sibu George	Agape			
15-Feb	Thomas Mathew(Valsan)	Shalom			
17-Feb	P.P.Simon	Agape			
18-Feb	Johnkutty Mathai	Shalom			
18-Feb	Nishil Philip	Emmanuel			
21-Feb	Mini Pappachen	Agape			
23-Feb	James Joy Thomas	Emmanuel			

***WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES***

4-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Easow Chacko	Agape
5-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Babu P. Simon	Agape
6-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Chacko T Oommen	Agape
9-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Mathew	Manna
13-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Ajit Cherian	Agape
14-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Mathew P . Samuel	Emmanuel
22-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Varghese George	Shalom
23-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas K. J	Ebenezer
25-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Mathew	Agape
28-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph A. Varghese	Agape
28-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Geevarghese Mathew	Emmanuel

*Lectioary/Worship Information*

<b>Sunday, February 1, 2015</b> Healing and Wholeness Medical Mission Sunday	
<b>Lesson 1:</b> Job. 42:1-12	<b>Epistle:</b> 2 Cor. 12:1-10
<b>Lesson 2:</b> Rev. 22:1-5	<b>Gospel:</b> John 5:1-9
<b>Sunday, February 8, 2015</b> Beginning of 120th Maramon Convention	
<b>Lesson 1:</b> Gen. 1:24-31	<b>Epistle:</b> Eph. 1:3-14
<b>Lesson 2:</b> Acts.10:9-16	<b>Gospel:</b> Luke 18:31-34
<b>Sunday, February 15, 2015</b> Pethrutha: Beginning of Great Lent Lent: A time of reconciliation End of 120th Maramon Convention	
<b>Lesson 1:</b> Gen. 45:1-15	<b>Epistle:</b> 2 Cor. 5:16-21
<b>Lesson 2:</b> Eph. 2:11-22	<b>Gospel:</b> John. 2:1-11
<b>Sunday, February 22, 2015</b> Touching the untouchable 2nd Sunday in Lent	
<b>Lesson 1:</b> 2 Kings 5:1-10	<b>Epistle:</b> Rom. 15:7-13
<b>Lesson 2:</b> Heb.13:7-17	<b>Gospel:</b> Mat. 8:1-4

**MESSAGE FROM VICAR**



*Dearly Beloved in Christ,*

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 Greetings in the Loving Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
 Lent of this year begins by 15th of February, Sunday.  
 Lent is a time when Christians observe a period of Fast-  
 ing , Repentance, moderation and Spiritual Discipline.

The purpose is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ, His suffering, His Sacrifice, Life, Death, Burial, and Resurrection, to grow in our Christian Life.

At the time of Jesus baptism the spirit of God like a Dove descended and landed on Jesus and a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, Beloved, with whom I am pleased", After wards as mentioned in St Mathew:4:1-11, Jesus was sent in to the wilderness by the Spirit. Their he fasted and prayed for forty days. During this time He was tempted by Satan and found clarity and strength to resist temptation, afterwards he was ready to begin His ministry.

Lent is a time to repent, fast and to return to God, and to refocus our life to be more in line with Jesus. Some people fast one time food on all 40 days, and use more time to pray. This year let us give some importance for lent days and decide to set apart some time for reading and meditating the Word of God and more time for prayer and to attend regularly the evening prayers , we arrange during the Lent season.

Maramon Convention of this year is from 8 to 15th of February. It is a very important and large gathering of the Christian Churches. Along with our Bishops, speakers of International fame will be the main preachers. Let us pray that the present situation in our land will not cause any disturbance for the peaceful function of the Convention.

Regional Conference of the Voluntary Evangelistic Association, Sevika Sanghom, and Yuvajana Sakhyam of the South West Region is to be held on 20 and 21st of February, Friday and Saturday at our Parish. Delegates from all ten parishes of this region will be attending. Let us also attend the meeting by registering our names in advance.

Pray that the meeting will enrich all participants and the arrangements will be done well.

Wish you all every Blessings from the Almighty God.

Yours in Christ's Love

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## *Organizational Activities*

### **Church**

Southwest Sangham/Edavaka Mission & Yuvajan Sakhyam Regional Conference—February 20-21, 2015 at St. Paul's MTC

### **Prayer Fellowships**

Ebenezer prayer fellowship- Sunday, 2/01/2015- 6:30 pm at the residence of Mr. Toby Philip

Manna prayer fellowship- Saturday, 02/07/2015- 7:00 pm at the residence of Mr. Anil Mathew

**READ BIBLE IN A YEAR!**

<http://www.oneyearbibleonline.com>

### **South West Regional Conference**

Sevika Sangham/ Edavaka Mission & Yuvajana Sakhyam jointly hosts Regional Conference

Venue: St Paul's Mar Thoma Church, Mesquite, TX

Dates: February 20th and 21st, 2015

Need Sponsors - If you are interested in sponsoring the event, please get with myself or organizational secretaries

Please plan to attend and keep this conference in your prayers