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January 1, 2012

SEASON OF NATIVITY

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*St. Thomas, our Father in Faith
Pray for us*

Readings: January 1, 2012. Second Sunday of Nativity .

First Reading. Isaiah 49:1-6. **Second Reading.** 2 Timothy 2:22-26.

Gospel. Luke 2:25-40.

Parish Schedule

Liturgical Celebrations:

SATURDAY:

8:30 AM Holy Mass and Novena to
St. Alphonsa

SUNDAY:

3:00 PM Religious Education

5:00 PM Holy Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

On the day of Liturgical Service at the
church: 4:30– 5:00 PM

Sacrament of the Sick:

Contact Rev. Fr. Vicar if anyone is
seriously ill. -516-505-7940



My Dear Children, Sisters and Brothers,

Wishing you all **A HAPPY NEW YEAR**. This is the first day of a new year, and therefore a solemnly festive day. Though there is no real difference between today and yesterday or any other day, yet in our mind and thought it is a distinct phase, which we regard as one of the milestones set up on our journey of life. We have reached to another year of God's grace, 2012. Let us rejoice and be glad in the Lord. What does it mean when we greet one another with the good wishes of Happy New Year? Are we truly happy? Is happiness something that we can obtain in this world? The Psalmist beautifully describes the destiny of man, "You have made him little less than a god, crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him rule over the works of your hands; put all things at his feet." (Psalms 8:6-7). But the first man – Adam and Eve in the Paradise, who were designed to be with God rejected Him and were separated from Him, it was the end of their union with God; they were expelled from the Paradise, barred from God's Kingdom. However, the birth of the Savior is the pledge of our salvation; it is what we celebrated last week. Pope Benedict XVI, on the Christmas day said in his message, "May the birth of the Prince of Peace remind the world where its true happiness lies; and may your hearts be filled with hope and joy, for the Savior has been born for us."

Science and technology progress day after day; yet the twenty-first century man is restless. St. Augustine said, "Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee." If man is restless, how can he become calm or peaceful? Why we are in this world? What's our destiny? St. Ignatius considered these questions in his life and answered as follows: "Since I have received body and soul, and all I have from God, - in return, I will offer unto Him, in gratitude, my body and soul, and all that I possess." Following this example, let us reflect upon our call and shall make efforts to reach to our destination – Kingdom of God. St. Paul exhorts the Church at Ephesus saying, "Watch carefully how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise, making the most of the opportunity. Therefore do not continue in ignorance, but try to understand what the will of the Lord is." (Ephesians 5:16-17). My brethren now what do you think God's will is for you in this New Year? Do you think He wants your mind to be saturated with worries and anxieties that you can't think spiritual thoughts? Do you think He wants your calendar so crowded that you don't have time for the important things such as Holy Mass, CCD, prayer meetings or whatever that helps you in your spiritual growth? Ask for God's will to take place. Jesus said, "This is the will of my Father that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him [on] the last day." (John 6:40)

!!!!!!!!!!!!HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!!!!!!!

Fr. Ligory Johnson Philips.

Events Calendar

Dec. 31. Year End Services. **8:00 PM**

Jan. 3.2012. Bl. Chavara Kuriakose

Jan. 6.2012. First Friday.

Jan. 8 Parish Council

Jan. 14. Family Night.

Feb. 3. First Friday.

Feb. 12. Parish Council.

Feb. 20 Lent Begins.

January Volunteers. Floral Park.

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PRAYER MEETINGS:



To schedule prayer meetings, please contact Mr. Jose Ouseph (718 347 4761) or your Ward Secretary.

YOUTH FORUM

CELEBRATE A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY.

We are in the season of Advent when we wait patiently for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is a very special time of the year because it is when our Savior was born. Imagine how you would celebrate your own birthday or a friend's birthday. Now imagine how we should be celebrating our Lord's birthday. We have a lot more preparing to do for the big day. We shouldn't have a lack of anticipation because it feels like the same routine every year. Instead, be joyful and reflect on what Christmas means to you and how you can have a personal encounter with God - making your relationship with Jesus stronger. As we decorate our homes with Christmas lights and spend time with our families, we must keep in mind the reason for doing all of this. Where did the origin of these festivities come from? We must remember to keep Christ first in Christmas. To prepare for His coming, we must become purify ourselves, becoming the best we can be, and continuing to keep Jesus in our hearts. Imagine making a home for Jesus to live in?! Well no need to imagine anymore because you can start building yourself up now and you'll find Jesus within you soon. It's never too late to say yes to Jesus.

Navya Simon

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MASS INTENTIONS

1/6/12. Johnson Mavelil for Rosamma Thomas.
 1/7/12. Jin Kuruvilla for T. D Chacko.
 1/14/12. Tomichen Varghese for A.J Varkey.
 1/22/12. Liz Poomkudy—Thanksgiving.

OUR MISSION

We the faith-filled descendents of St. Thomas the Apostle, and the members of the Syro-Malabar hierarchy nourished by the rich traits of one of the ancient cultures, thrive to impart our faith and culture to the whole world and especially to our descendents. Through worship, motivation, support and education we foster spiritual growth, Syro-Malabar traditions and values. With open hearts and helping hands we respond to the needs of our community and the world.

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SACRAMENTS

Please contact our Pastor & Vicar Rev. Fr. Ligory Johnson Philips for the Sacraments of Marriage and Baptism. 516-505-7940.

Active membership of six months required.

HOLY MASS

As per the Diocesan directive, Holy Mass will not be celebrated at homes for any reason. We can have prayer services at home for special occasions. The vicar will be available to help. Anyone who wishes to announce intentions or special matters should provide the information to the Vicar or the Sacristan before the Mass.

TOGETHER IN FAITH.

Sundays.

3: 00 PM - 4: 00 PM Prayer Group meetings.

4: 15 PM - 4: 45 PM Rosary by Women's Group.

3rd Sunday of the month 2:00 PM– Youth Prayer Group.

IN YOUR CHARITY PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mr. Cherian Jose Pallickaparampil, 89-63 Hollis Court Blvd, Queens Village, NY-11427 (718) -217-6585, Mrs. Rachel John, 72-65 Little-neck Pkwy, Glen Oaks, NY-11004, Mrs. Mariamma Varkey 1 Brisbane Street, New Hyde Park, NY-11040 .

Luke 2: 25-40. Presentation of Child Jesus.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the holy Spirit was upon him.

It had been revealed to him by the holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Messiah of the Lord.

He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted

(and you yourself a sword will pierce) so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage,

and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer.

And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon Him.

READINGS

January 8, 2012.

First Reading: Isaiah. 44:28-45-4.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy.3:10-15.

Gospel: Luke. 4:16-22a.

Jan. 7, Saturday. Acts. 14:8-15.

John. 14:1-6.



CAMPAIGN UPDATES

Please remember to fulfill your Pledge

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	12/11/11	12/18/11	Increase
Registered Families	421	421	0
Pledges	251	251	0
Our Goal	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	0
Amount Pledged	\$1,795,651	\$1,795,651	0
Cash Received	933,572	940,577	8005

Capital Campaign Committee : James Karukasseril (347 587 4757) Guardian Angel Ward, Anthony Puthenpura(516-270 2035) New Hyde Park Ward; Mishu Joseph (718 663 8860) Floral Park Ward; Biju Puthussery (516 437 4779) Nassau & Suffolk Ward; Chacko Thyparampil (718 468 0771) Queens Ward; James Kattuputhusseril , Chairman (516-872-4818), Jacob Mathew Vice Chairman (516 414 5305).

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REGISTRATION OPEN FOR HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION.

1-15-2012

Meeting

Communion/Confirmation Parents

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January 8, 2012. 2 Timothy 3:10-15. Salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

You have followed my teaching, way of life, purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, and sufferings, such as happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra, persecutions that I endured. Yet from all these things the Lord delivered me.

In fact, all who want to live religiously in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

But wicked people and charlatans will go from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived.

But you, remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it, and that from infancy you have known (the) sacred scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus

FAMILY NIGHT

January 14, 2012. 6:00 PM

St. Thomas Church Auditorium

24 Westminster Road, W. Hempstead.

A celebration of Member Families: Entertainment and Sumptuous Dinner.

Contact: Ward Secretaries, Marykutty Michael, Reji Kurian, Saju Kanatt.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM THE POPE

Three wishes.

“My first wish, therefore, is that our gaze, that of our minds and our hearts, not rest only on the horizon of this world, on its material things, but that in some way, like this tree that tends upward, it be directed toward God. God never forgets us but He also asks that we don't forget Him.”

“The Gospel recounts that, on the holy night of Christ's birth, a light enveloped the shepherds, announcing a great joy to them: the birth of Jesus, the One who brings us light, or better, the One who is the true light that illuminates all. The great tree that I will light up shortly overlooks the city of Gubbio and will illuminate the darkness of the night with its light.”

“My second wish is that we recall that we also need a light to illumine the path of our lives and to give us hope, especially in this time in which we feel so greatly the weight of difficulties, of problems, of suffering, and it seems that we are enshrouded in a veil of darkness. But what light can truly illuminate our hearts and give us a firm and sure hope? It is the Child whom we contemplate on Christmas, in a poor and humble manger, because He is the Lord who draws near to each of us and asks that we receive Him anew in our lives, asks us to want Him, to trust in Him, to feel His presence, that He is accompanying us, sustaining us, and helping us.”

“This great tree is formed of many lights. My final wish is that each of us contribute something of that light to the spheres in which we live: our families, our jobs, our neighborhoods, towns, and cities. That each of us be a light for those who are at our sides; that we leave aside the selfishness that, so often, closes our hearts and leads us to think only of ourselves; that we may pay greater attention to others, that we may love them more. Any small gesture of goodness is like one of the lights of this great tree: together with other lights it illuminates the darkness of the night, even of the darkest night.”