

MTCSF Newsletter

FROM VICAR'S DESK

Dearly beloved in Christ,

This month we are celebrating Thanksgiving Day. This is a time many look forward to, in spending time together as families and friends. Many look forward to the Black Friday & Cyber Monday sales to do shopping. Amidst the festivities, we should never lose sight of the historical and biblical premise for Thanksgiving. The former is familiar for all, but I would like to reflect on the latter.

The bible always speaks about giving thanks to God in a manner which is followed by living a life of gratitude and commitment. In Luke 17, we see Jesus healing the ten lepers. Only one, who was a Samaritan, returned, prostrated himself at Jesus' feet, and praised God aloud. Prostration was a sign of his humility and commitment. He praised God through his own words. His response was immediate. True thanksgiving is followed by living a life of true gratitude and commitment. The other nine were became so obsessed with their healing, and lost sight of the living God. Are we the same? The most unexpected person offered thanks, at the most unexpected time.

We are called to live such a commitment. Being a diaspora community, we have immigrated to this country, which we call as our home. Are we grateful to God for the blessings received? Is our life a true reflection of our gratitude to God? Does our gratitude result in tangible and fruitful responses, such as reflection, repentance, and renewal? Do we allow ourselves to be stewards of blessings so that God's kingdom can be furthered, and His name glorified? We are blessed to bless others. May our blessing win ourselves and others for the kingdom of God.

Let us move away from the celebratory / consumeristic / capitalistic attitude of Thanksgiving, and understand the spirit and real meaning of thanksgiving. Let us recommit ourselves into God's keeping. This is part of our missional purpose. I wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving.

In the same way, we celebrated All Saints' Day on November 1. Let us thank God for the men and women who lived the true Christian faith and have passed on their faith legacy, heritage, tradition, and teachings to us. May their memories always be eternal, and may we live lives of gratitude to our Lord.

May the blessings of God the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit, be with you all.

Sincerely,

Dennis Achen

SECRETARY'S NOTE

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

Thank you all for your participation in the Convention and Harvest Festival last month, both the events turned out to be huge success, given our nascent recovery from the pandemic. By God's grace we have been able to fully transition to a fully opened church. Please continue to keep the Parish in your prayers as we enter the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Wishing you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Prayers and Regards,  
Anil Jacob



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NEWS

- Church is open at full capacity
Registration is not required to attend
Please continue to wear masks

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## MONTHLY EVENTS

Choir	Saturday, November 13, 2021 – Choir fellowship meeting at 11AM
Edavaka Mission	Monday, November 2, 2021 – Diocesan Edavaka Mission prayer meeting at 5:30PM
Edavaka Mission	Saturday, November 6, 2021 – Edavaka Mission Fasting Prayer meeting at 10:00AM
Sevika Sanghom	Thursday, November 4, 2021 – Western Regional Sevika Sanghom Meeting at 8PM
Sevika Sanghom	Sunday, November 21, 2021 - Sevika Sanghom intercessory prayer at 2PM
Senior Fellowship	Sunday, November 28, 2021 - Senior Fellowship meeting at 4PM
Yuvajana Sakhyam	Saturday, November 13, 2021 – Yuvajana Sakhyam Meeting at 7PM

## RECURRING EVENTS

**Every Sunday, 9:15 AM – Edavaka Mission Bible Study**

**Every Tuesday 9 PM - Youth Fellowship Prayer call**

**Every Wednesday, 8 PM – Western Regional Edavaka Mission meeting**

**Every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 8 PM – Western Regional Sevika Sanghom meeting**

**Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 10:00 AM – Edavaka Mission fasting prayer**

## AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

**Friday, November 5, 2021 - San Ramon Area Prayer Group Meeting at 8PM**

**Saturday, November 13, 2021 - Fremont Area prayer meeting at 5PM**

**Saturday, November 20, 2021 - San Francisco Area prayer meeting at 7PM**

**Saturday, November 20, 2021 - Central Valley prayer group meeting at 5PM**

**Sunday, November 21, 2021 - South Bay Area prayer meeting at 5PM**

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

November 7 <sup>th</sup> , 10 AM	Malayalam Holy Qurbana Service in person & via Zoom Celebrant - Rev Dennis Abraham	Assistance : Sunday School Attendance : All Areas
November 14 <sup>th</sup> , 10 AM	Malayalam Holy Qurbana Service in person & via Zoom Celebrant - Rev Dennis Abraham	Assistance : Central Valley Attendance : All Areas
November 21 <sup>st</sup> , 10 AM	English Holy Qurbana Service in person & via Zoom Celebrant - Rev Dennis Abraham	Assistance : SF & South Bay Attendance : All Areas
November 28 <sup>th</sup> , 10 AM	English Holy Qurbana Service in person & via Zoom Celebrant - Rev Dennis Abraham	Assistance : Fremont Attendance : All Areas



## LITURGICAL CHURCH CALENDAR

<b>Monday, November 1, 2021 – All Saints’ Day</b>	
<b>Sunday, November 7 2021 – Hudosa Eetho - Renewal of the Church</b>	
<b>Thursday, November 11 2021 – Veteran’s Day</b>	
<b>Sunday, November 14 2021 – Communion of Churches in India (CCI) CSI-CNI-MTC</b>	
<b>Sunday, November 21 2021 – Suboro - Annunciation to Virgin Mary</b>	
<b>Thursday, November 25 2021 – Thanksgiving Day</b>	
<b>Monday, November 29 2021 – Inaguration Day of the Church of North India (CNI)</b>	
<b>Tuesday, November 30 2021 – St. Andrews the Apostle’s Day</b>	



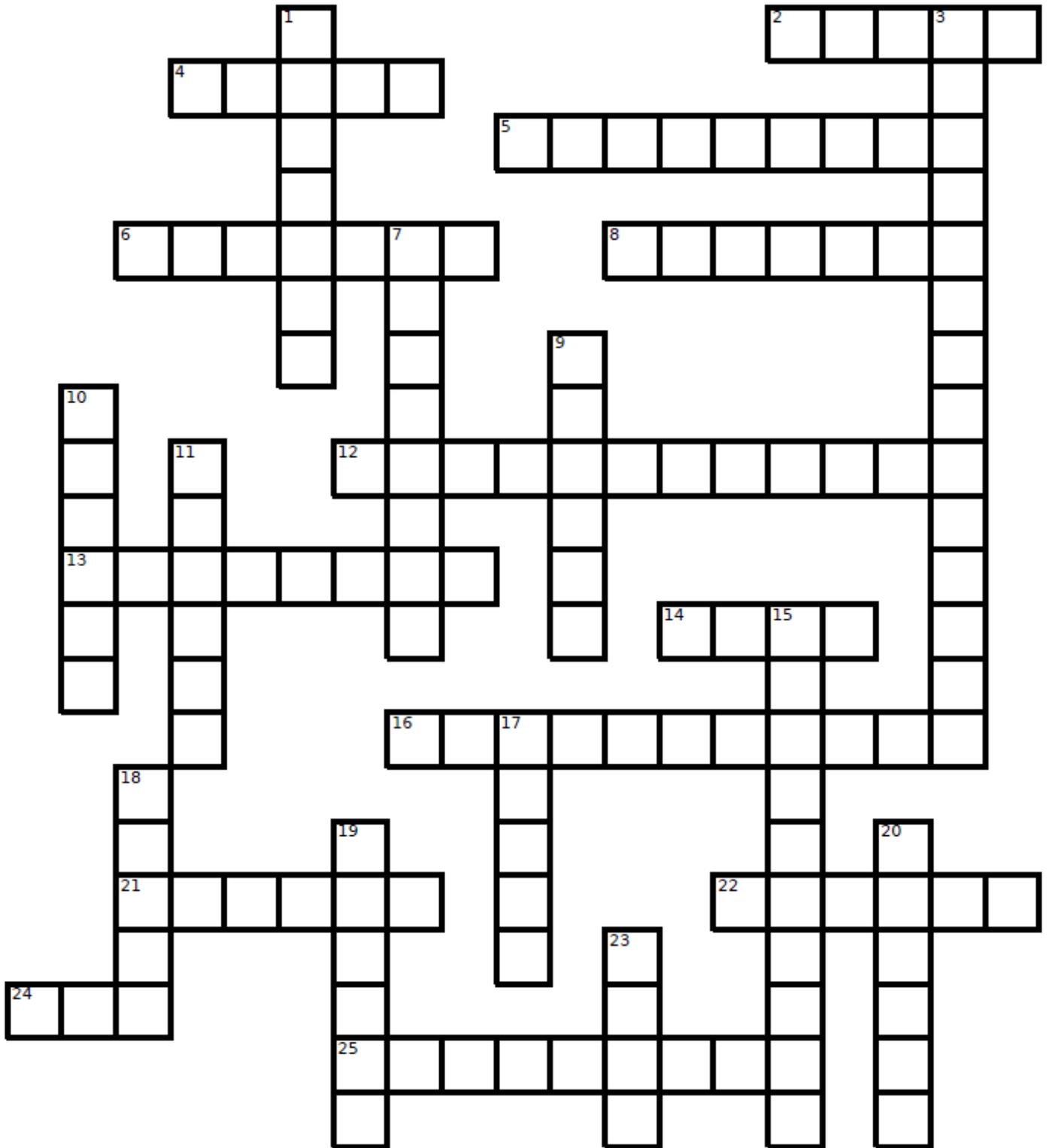
## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Luke Muthalaly (01)	Stanley Samuel (05)
Reni Varghese (05)	Jubin Jose (07)
Jibu George (08)	Jaden Viji (08)
Biju Abraham (09)	Raichal Roy (10)
David Sam (10)	Annamma Thomas (10)
Juana Varghese (10)	Joel Varughese (10)
Aniamma Cherian (11)	Roy Thomas (12)
Johnson Abraham (13)	Shawn Jacob (13)
Hannah Mathews (15)	Nikhil Roy (15)
Joshua Jacob (16)	Jeremy Varughese (16)
Eva Vurghese (16)	Rhea Vurghese (16)
Roy Chacko (17)	Angeline Roy (17)
Rency Joseph (18)	Anu Samuel (18)
Brad Varghese (18)	Anaya Jacob (19)
Shannon Cherian (20)	Vinu Mathews (20)
Rajan Philip (20)	Mirelle George (21)
Jebu Jacob (21)	Anitha Paul (21)
Albin Shabu (21)	Leena Isaac (22)
Ian Jacob (22)	Jyotika Abraham (23)
Erin Johnson (23)	Janessa Varghese (24)
Sam George (25)	Leena Jacob (25)
Elvis Titus (25)	Philip Roy (26)
Sherly Issac (28)	Aditi Abraham (29)
Daniel Philip (29)	Leelamma Varghese (29)
Biju Varughese (29)	Emil Kurian (30)

## HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Leela & Mathew Thomas (01)
Silpa & Oommen Thomas (02)
Saumya & Aju Philip (02)
Susha & Vijayan Varghese (05)
Beena & Bejoy Oomman (07)
Mary & Mathews George (11)
Santamma & Kaithara George (12)
Saramma & Mathew Palakothu (12)
Mariamamma & Babu Ipe (13)
Darly & Shabu Eapen (13)
Beena & Johnykutty Jacob (17)
Ajni & John Chankaramangalam (18)
Elizabeth & Joseph George (20)
Maya & Vinu Mathews (22)
Sherly & John Jacob (24)
Raichal & Roy Philip (27)
Graceykutty & Georgekutty Kuruvilla (28)
Sindhu & Jibu George (29)







#### Across

- 2 Daniel and his friends were from the tribe of \_\_\_.
- 4 At the end of the training period, the king found Daniel and his friends ten times better than all the wise men in his whole kingdom and they entered into his service. Daniel remained there until the first year of King \_\_\_.
- 5 In 605 BC, Prince Nebuchadnezzar led the army of his father Nabopolassar and defeated the allied forces of Assyria and Egypt at Carchemish in the East. After that Nabopolassar died and Nebuchadnezzar became the king. In the same year, during the reign of \_\_\_ king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem and he took Daniel and his friends along with some of the articles from the temple of God to Babylon. This was the first of three deportations of Judah. Second in 597; Third in 586 after 18 months of siege, Jerusalem temple and walls were destroyed.
- 6 \_\_\_ was taken from Mesopotamia (Babylon-idolatry) to the promised land (Jerusalem). Daniel was taken from Jerusalem to Babylon, where he lived as a citizen of Heavenly Jerusalem.
- 8 Interpretation of the dream: The statue represented four kingdoms: \_\_\_, Persia, Greece, and Rome respectively. In the days of the last kingdom, the God of heaven would shatter all the earthly kingdom and establish an eternal kingdom through the Rock the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 12 The chief official changed Daniel's name to \_\_\_; Hananiah to Shadrach; Mishael to Meshach; Azariah to Abednego.
- 13 God had caused the \_\_\_ to show favor and sympathy to Daniel.
- 14 "If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to \_\_\_ us from it. But even if He does not, we will not worship the image of gold" Ex.20:4
- 16 Nebuchadnezzar asked the magicians, enchanters, sorcerers, and \_\_\_ to tell him the dream that he had and interpret it. If they could tell he would reward them, otherwise he would kill them.
- 21 Daniel asked his friends to plead for mercy from the God of heaven and that night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a \_\_\_.
- 22 \_\_\_'s prophetic ministry began and ended in Babylon.
- 24 The wise men admitted their inability to perform the king's order. "No one can reveal it to the king except the gods, and they do not live among \_\_\_". Their confession set the stage for Daniel to introduce a God in heaven who reveals mysteries.
- 25 After hearing the interpretation of the dream, the king fell \_\_\_ before Daniel acknowledging the God of Daniel as the God of gods and made him ruler over the entire province of Babylon.

#### Down

- 1 Daniel is one of the few Old Testament books written in two languages, partly in Hebrew and partly in \_\_\_.
- 3 At Daniel's request, King appointed his friends as \_\_\_ over the province of Babylon.
- 7 \_\_\_ was the chief of Nebuchadnezzar's court officials
- 9 God rewarded Daniel and his friends with knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning and Daniel could understand visions and \_\_\_.
- 10 After finding out from \_\_\_ about the king's decree to put to death all the wise men of Babylon, Daniel went to the king and asked for time so that he might reveal the dream to him.
- 11 Daniel resolved not to \_\_\_ himself with the royal food and wine though he had many reasons to rationalize like it is king's order so he must listen etc..(probably the food was sacrificed to false gods or prohibited under Mosaic Law).
- 15 Daniel proposed to give them ten days that they would only eat \_\_\_ and drink water but not the royal food. At the end of the ten days, they looked healthier and better nourished than those who ate the royal food. So the guard granted their request and took away the choice food for the rest of the training period.
- 17 Nebuchadnezzar asked his officials to train some young Israelites men from royal families without defect, showing aptitude for every kind of learning for \_\_\_ years, and after that they were to enter the king's service.
- 18 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were thrown into a furnace heated \_\_\_ times more than usual since they refused to worship the golden image.
- 19 Another person in the Old Testament, who interpreted dreams.
- 20 Nebuchadnezzar's dream: An enormous statue made up of various materials stood before him. Its head was of gold, chest and arms were of \_\_\_, belly and thighs were of bronze, its legs were of iron, and its feet were part of iron and clay. While he was watching, a rock struck the statue on its feet and smashed them into pieces and the wind swept them away without leaving a trace. But the rock became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth.
- 23 Nebuchadnezzar set up a golden image 90 ft by 9 ft (Nebu. wanted to elevate his kingship as he heard the interpretation of the dream) on the plain of \_\_\_ and ordered to worship the image and those who would not worship it would be thrown into a blazing furnace.

# CHURCH CALENDAR

< **November 2021** >

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	All saints day Diocesan Edavaka Mission prayer meeting Youth Fellowship prayer call	Western Region Edavaka Mission meeting	Western Region Sevika Sanghom	San Ramon Area Prayer meeting	Edavaka Mission Fasting Prayer Edavaka Mission Fasting Prayer meeting	Hudos Eetho - Renewal of the Church <a href="#">Bible study - Edavaka Mission</a> Holy Communion Service - Malayalam
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Youth Fellowship prayer call	Western Region Edavaka Mission meeting	Veteran's Day		Choir fellowship meeting Fremont Area prayer meeting Yuvajana Sakhyam Meeting	Communion of Churches in India (CCI) CSI-CNI-MTC <a href="#">Bible study - Edavaka Mission</a> Holy Communion Service - Malayalam
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Youth Fellowship prayer call	Western Region Edavaka Mission meeting			Central Valley area prayer meeting San Francisco Area prayer meeting	Suboro - Annunciation to Virgin Mary <a href="#">Bible study - Edavaka Mission</a> Holy Communion Service - English Sevika Sanghom intercessory prayer South Bay Area prayer meeting
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Youth Fellowship prayer call	Western Region Edavaka Mission meeting	Thanksgiving Day		Youth Fellowship Bible study Sevika Sanghom prayer meeting	<a href="#">Bible study - Edavaka Mission</a> Holy Communion Service - English Senior Fellowship meeting
29	30					
Inaguration Day of the Church of North India (CNI)	St. Andrews the Apostle's Day Youth Fellowship prayer call					