



MTCSF Newsletter

FROM VICAR'S DESK

Dear beloved in Christ,

Welcome to 2022. Let us praise the Holy Trinity for this great privilege. The past year was filled with varied experiences: good, difficult, bitter, expected, unexpected, pleasant, and/or indifferent. The ongoing pandemic didn't make life any easier. A new year calls for new decisions, and to turn a new chapter in our lives. The blessed Apostle Paul says in his second letter to Corinth, "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" (2 Corinthians 5:17 NRSV)

As we have moved into 2022, I would like to share a few thoughts which I would like you to meditate and work on as individuals & families:

1. Remember the past, live in the present, and plan/hope for the future.

Jeremiah 6:16 (NRSV): "Thus says the LORD: Stand at the crossroads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. But they said, "We will not walk in it." As human beings, we are focused on the here and now. The bible speaks about faith of generations. We are here not because of our own doing, but rather, God's divine purpose, and the living & dynamic faith & rich traditions which have been passed on to us. While we look at our lives, we need to understand that we are not people of the present, but also of the past and future. Without building our spiritual roots in the present, how can there be a future? Let us not be the weak or broken link of faith, but rather a strong link of faith for the coming generations.

2. Focus on resolutions & Christ-centered living in the new year.

The new year always brings the need for resolutions. When we make any resolution with the Lord, it is meant to be kept and fulfilled. In the midst of our weaknesses/sins, or with the securities and resources the world offers, we can be tempted to drift away from His divine presence. 2022 is a call to respond to His invitation and return with a spirit of repentance & renewal. In essence, we need to reach a point where we can proclaim as Joshua did, by saying: "As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

On behalf of my family and myself, we wish you and your families a blessed & Christ-centered New Year! May the blessings of God the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit, be with us all, now and always, forever and ever. Amen.

Sincerely, Dennis Achen

SECRETARY'S NOTE

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

Let me thank all of you who worked hard during the Christmas season to arrange and execute all the programs. Carol service, Christmas Day, First Communion, Parish day, Episcopal visit, Ecumenical meeting, Watchnight service in addition to the regular Sunday worship services. By Gods grace we were able to manage all of it with out a hitch. As new variants of COVID show up lets monitor the situation continuously and make necessary course corrections.

Wishing you all a very blessed Happy New Year!

Prayers and Regards, Anil Jacob



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MONTHLY EVENTS

Choir	Saturday, January 15, 2022 – Choir meeting at 6:30PM
Edavaka Mission	Saturday, January 8, 2022 – Edavaka Mission Fasting Prayer meeting at 10:00AM
Edavaka Mission	Monday, January 3, 2022 – Diocesan Edavaka Mission prayer meeting at 5:30PM
Sevika Sanghom	Thursday, January 6, 2022 – Western Regional Sevika Sanghom Meeting at 8PM
Sevika Sanghom	Saturday January 15, 2022 - Sevika Sanghom prayer meeting at 11AM
Sevika Sanghom	Sunday, January 16, 2022 - Sevika Sanghom intercessory prayer at 2PM
Senior Fellowship	Sunday, January 30, 2022 - Senior Fellowship meeting at 4PM
Yuvajana Sakhyam	Saturday, January 29, 2022 – Yuvajana Sakhyam Meeting at 2:30PM

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 1st Thursday, 8 PM – Western Regional Sevika Sanghom meeting

Every 1st Saturday, 10:00 AM – Edavaka Mission fasting prayer

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

Friday, January 7, 2022 - San Ramon Area Prayer Group Meeting at 8PM

Saturday, January 8, 2022 - Fremont Area prayer meeting at 6PM

Saturday, January 15, 2022 - Central Valley prayer group meeting at 5PM

Saturday, January 22, 2022 - South Bay Area prayer meeting at 5PM

Saturday, January 22, 2022 - San Francisco Area prayer meeting at 7PM

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

January 2 nd , 10 AM	Malayalam Holy Qurbana Service in person & via Zoom Celebrant - Rev Dennis Abraham	Assistance : San Francisco & South bay Attendance : All Areas
January 9 th , 10 AM	Malayalam Holy Qurbana Service in person & via Zoom Celebrant - Rev Dennis Abraham	Assistance : Central Valley Attendance : All Areas
January 16 th , 10 AM	English Holy Qurbana Service in person & via Zoom Celebrant - Rev Dennis Abraham	Assistance : San Ramon Attendance : All Areas
January 23 rd , 10 AM	English Holy Qurbana Service in person & via Zoom Celebrant - Rev Dennis Abraham	Assistance : Fremont Attendance : All Areas
January 30 th , 10 AM	Malayalam Divine Service in person & via Zoom	Assistance : Central Valley Attendance : All Areas



LITURGICAL CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday, January 1, 2022 - New Year

Saturday, January 1, 2022 - Circumcision of our Lord

Sunday, January 2, 2022 - Outside Kerala Mission Sunday

Thursday, January 6, 2022 - Epiphany / Baptism of our Lord (*Denha*)

Saturday, January 8, 2022 - St. Stephen's Day

Sunday, January 9, 2022 - Temperance Sunday

Week, January 18-25, 2022 - Week of Prayer for Unity (Unity Octave)

Sunday, January 23, 2022 - Ecumenical Sunday

Wednesday, January 26, 2022 - Republic Day (India)

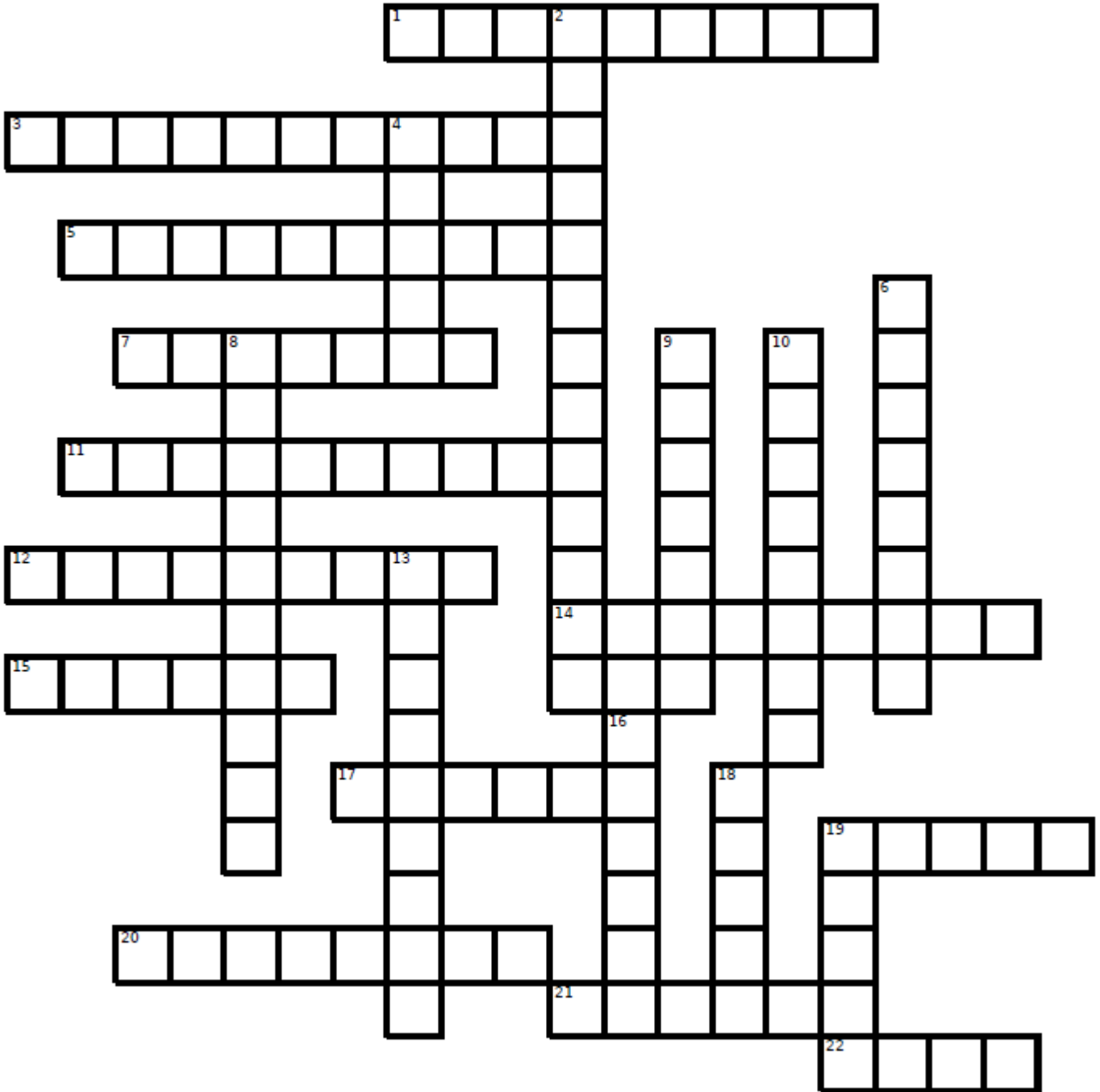


HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Juby Kuriakose (01)	Jijo John (02)
Kalpana Jacob (03)	Deepak Cherian (06)
Reuben John (08)	Alyssa Ninan (08)
Shany Thomas (08)	Vinsu Thomas (08)
Taji Abraham (09)	Anisha Thomas (09)
Joel Johnson (11)	Elizabeth Joseph (11)
Gigi George (13)	Leela Thomas (13)
Ivana John (14)	Samuel John (14)
Anila Thomas (16)	Jeremiah Kenny (17)
Eban Shabu (17)	Anne George (18)
Nikhil George (19)	Rintu Sajan (19)
Rekha George (20)	Babu Ipe (20)
Anoop Johnson (22)	Silpa Kuruvilla (22)
Shawn Mathew (22)	Priju Thomas (22)
P.T. Mammen (23)	Renji Puthenpurukal (23)
Aiden George (24)	Joann Subu (25)
Gincy George (26)	Shelbi Jacob (26)
Elias George (27)	Abigail Kurian (27)
Aparajita Bhatnagar (28)	Amy John (29)
Kenny Mathews (29)	Minu Varghese (30)
Sony Jacob (31)	Anju Soby (31)

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Elizabeth & Boby Alex (01)
Suju & Biju Abraham, (02)
Dolly & John Samuel (02)
Sajini & Roby Thomas (02)
Krupa & Ashish Mathew (02)
Sheba & Biju Samuel (04)
Nisha & Subu Alex (05)
Dhanya & Roshan Mathews (05)
Tina & Rajiv Kochumman (09)
Anila & Prasad Kuruvilla (11)
Sheena & Reuben John (11)
Sheila & Babu Chandy, (16)
Sneha & Sandeep Roy (16)
Anju & Rijo Cherian (18)
Bindhu & Bincy Skaria (24)
Aleyamma & Thomas Geevarghese (26)
Priya & Mathew George (27)
Thankam & Philip Roy (31)





Across

- 1 The one horn threw some of the starry hosts down to the earth and trampled on them(killed many Jews). It set itself up to be as great as the Prince of the host(Jesus). It took away the daily __ and desecrated the temple termed as the 'abomination that causes desolation'. Matt.24:15. History tells he was Antiochus IV Epiphanes and in the future, there will be a similar Anti Christ. He will be destroyed, but not by human power(Jesus).
- 3 Daniel saw in his vision the son of man coming with the clouds of heaven and He was given power and authority; all nations and men of every language worshiped Him. His Kingdom is an __ kingdom. Mark 14:62; Rev.1:7; Dan. 2:44-45
- 5 __ is the man who denies that Jesus is Christ. 1 John 2:22
- 7 __ explained the meaning of the vision concerns the time of the end.
- 11 __ allowed Nehemiah to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem in B.C 444. Neh.2:4-6
- 12 Out of one of the four horns came another horn, which grew in power to the south and to the east and toward the __ land (Canaan).
- 14 Daniel in his prayer to the Lord said that they have turned away from His commands and disaster has come upon the people and the city that bears His name. "O Lord, look with favor on your desolate __".
- 15 Seventy 'sevens':- 'sevens' refers to sevens of years. i.e., a total of 490 years. From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Messiah was crucified would be 7 'sevens' and 62 'sevens'. There is a gap between 69 'sevens' [483 years] and the last 1 'seven'. The gap is called the church age, the present age. It is not mentioned in the 70 'sevens' time period because it is only for the Jews. The people of the ruler(AntiChrist) will confirm a covenant with many for the last 1 'seven'. In the middle of the 'seven', 3 1/2 years he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. In the temple, he will set up an abomination that causes desolation until the second coming of the Lord. Then he will be thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning __. Rev. 19:20. If one calculates 483 years from 444 B.C.(rebuilding the wall), one might conclude that the date for Messiah being cut off is A.D. 39 instead of A.D 33. However, both the Jews and the Babylonians observed years of 360, rather than 365 days per year. One thing to note: God has a timetable and He works according to His time. We should be ready for the day when He comes to take His Church. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- 17 The goat with a prominent horn in Daniel's vision represented __ under Alexander the Great. At the height of his power, his kingdom was divided into four of his generals[Ptolemy-Egypt(S); Seleucus-Syria(E); Cassander-Greece(W); Lysimachus-Asia Minor(N)].
- 19 The first beast was like a lion with eagle's wings and the wings were torn off and it stood like a man and the __ of a man was given to it. The beast represented the Babylonian kingdom [626-539 B.C] and its deterioration. God made Nebuchadnezzar more humane after He humbled him by sending him to the forest.
- 20 In the first year of Belshazzar's reign, Daniel saw a vision similar to Nebuchadnezzar's about four __.
- 21 The second beast looked like a bear and one of its sides was __ and it had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. It was told, "get up and eat your fill of flesh". It represented the Medo-Persian kingdom [539-334 B.C] and the Persians were more powerful than the Medes. The three ribs may represent Babylon, Lydia, and Egypt that they would devour; eat more flesh is the nations that they would devour eventually.
- 22 In the third year of King Belshazzar's reign as Babylon's glory was falling away, Daniel saw himself in a vision in the city of __, which is 230 miles east of Babylon and 120 miles north of the Persian Gulf. It was the winter capital of the Persian Kings.

Down

- 2 God's answer to Daniel's prayer: " Seventy 'sevens' are decreed for your people and your holy city to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting __
- 4 The saints will be handed over to the AntiChrist for __ and a half years.
- 6 Daniel learned from the prophecy of __ that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years.
- 8 The little horn had eyes like the eyes of a man a mouth that spoke __.
- 9 Daniel saw the __ of Days(God the Father) [Is:43:13] seated on the throne, his clothing was as white as snow(purity), the hair of his head was white like wool(mature judgment), his throne was flaming with fire(judgment), and its wheels(Eze.1:15 moving in any four directions with full of eyes shows His omnipresence and omnipotence)
- 10 Another little horn came up among the ten horns in the fourth beast and it __ the three horns. It refers to the AntiChrist who will expel the three kings who oppose him. He will speak against the Most High and oppress his saints and try to change the set times and the laws.
- 13 The fourth beast was a frightening and powerful beast with large iron teeth, trampled __ whatever was left by the other beasts. It had ten horns. It represented the Roman Kingdom. It will be different from all the other kingdoms. In AD 476 the last Roman Emperor was dethroned. The ten horns represent the future restorations of this kingdom, ten kings will come from this kingdom. Rev. 12:3; Rev.17:12
- 16 The two-horned ram in Daniel's vision represented the kingdoms of Media and Persia and the longer horn stood for __ a more powerful kingdom in the alliance. This kingdom expanded its border toward North, South, and East.
- 18 __ decreed to rebuild the temple in 538 B.C. Ezra 1:1-4
- 19 The third beast looked like a Leopard and it had four wings and four __. It represented the Grecian Kingdom [334-323 B.C] under Alexander the Great and the wings represent swiftness. He conquered more land swiftly than any other man in history. After his untimely death at the age of 32, his kingdom fell to four of his generals.

CHURCH CALENDAR

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January 2022

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1	2
					Holy Qurbana - Malayalam	Outside Kerala Mission Sunday
					Circumcision of our Lord	Bible study - Edavaka Mission
					New year	Holy Communion Service - Malayalam
					Edavaka Mission Fasting Prayer	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Diocesan Edavaka Mission prayer meeting	Youth Fellowship prayer call	Western Region Edavaka Mission meeting	Epiphany / Baptism of our Lord (Denha)	San Ramon Area Prayer Group Meeting	St. Stephen's Day	Temperance Sunday
			Western Region Sevika Sanghom		Edavaka Mission Fasting Prayer meeting	Bible study - Edavaka Mission
					Fremont Area prayer meeting	Holy Communion Service - Malayalam
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Youth Fellowship prayer call	Western Region Edavaka Mission meeting			Central Valley prayer group meeting	Bible study - Edavaka Mission
					Choir meeting	Holy Communion Service - English
						Sevika Sanghom intercessory prayer
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Week of Prayer for Unity	Week of Prayer for Unity	Week of Prayer for Unity	Week of Prayer for Unity	Week of Prayer for Unity	Week of Prayer for Unity
	Youth Fellowship prayer call	Western Region Edavaka Mission meeting			Youth Fellowship Bible study	Ecumenical Sunday
					South Bay Area prayer meeting	Bible study - Edavaka Mission
					San Francisco Area prayer meeting	Holy Communion Service - English
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Week of Prayer for Unity	Week of Prayer for Unity	Republic Day (India)			Yuvajana Sakhyam Meeting	Bible study - Edavaka Mission
	Youth Fellowship prayer call	Western Region Edavaka Mission meeting				Senior Fellowship meeting
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