



## buried; and the third day rose again”

George Achen

Towards the end of the Great Lent, the Holy Church is now experiencing the passion that our Lord has gone through. Saint Paul, the apostle and Christian philosopher, wrote: **That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.** The Holy Church, hence decided to go through the same path of suffering, death and resurrection that our Lord fulfilled in His mighty Incarnation. Each Christian is being called to attain this experience in Him. Thus St. Paul explains the Baptism as: **Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no**

more dominion over him. For in that he died, but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Do yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but not unto God: that ye should serve God. **Jesus Christ our Lord.** CONTD

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**Divyabhodhanam**

The culminating seminar for the book, *Deva Janam*, will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2006 from 2-5PM at our church. Slomo Achen will be speaking at this event. Classes resume on April 23 for the Sunday class and on April 26 for the Tuesday class. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Paul Babu, Ms. Marykutty Mathews, or George Achen.



The next Bible study and monthly meeting will be held on April 23, for the Holy Qurbana. The One-Day seminar along with the 25th anniversary celebrations will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2006 at our church with George Achen as the speaker. On Sunday, May 14 will be the Lucky

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*Please see page 4 for complete Holy Week Schedule.*

**9. Sunday– Palm Sunday (Hosanna)**

Reading– 1 John 5:1-12, Romans 8:18-25, St. John 12:12-19

**12. Wednesday– Maundy Thursday Qurbana**

Reading– Acts 1:15-20, 1 Corinthians 5:1-8 & 11:23-34,  
St. Luke 22:14-30

**13. Thursday– Washing of the Feet Service**

**14. Friday– Good Friday**

**15. Saturday– Holy Saturday**

Reading– 1 Peter 3:13-22, Romans 6:1-14, St. Matthew 27:62-66

**16. Sunday– Easter**

Reading– Acts 2:22-36, 1 Corinthians 15:1-19, St. Matthew 28:1-20

**21. Friday– KFC Leaders' Training @ Church 7PM**

**22. Saturday– MGOCSM Service Project 9AM-12PM**

IGNITE Bible Study 11AM-1PM

Sunday School Teachers' Meeting 3-5PM

Family Night @ Church 5.30PM

**23. Sunday– New Sunday**

Reading– 1 Peter 2:19-25, 2 Timothy 2:1-13, St. John 20:19-31

MGOCSM Day– English Qurbana @ St. Mary's

Sunday School Song Competition after Holy Qurbana

**28. Friday– Prayer Team and Leaders' Meeting**

**29. Saturday– KFC Large Group @ Church 11AM-1PM**

Divyabhodanam Seminar @ Church 2-5PM

**30. Sunday– First Sunday after New Sunday**

Reading– Acts 13:26-39, Ephesians 6:10-20, St. John 21:1-14

Monthly Youth Group Meeting after Holy Qurbana

**Planning Ahead**

**May 6–** MGOCSM Prayer Meeting @ residence of

Mr. Dinu & Mrs. Anu Skariah at 9AM

Women of Faith @ Christy John's at 11.30AM

**May 13–** MMVS One-Day Seminar and 25th Anniversary

Celebrations

**May 14–** MMVS Lucky Drawing

Sunday School Bible Verse Competitions

**May 27–** OVBS Leaders Training @ Church 9AM-4PM

**June 22-25–** Sunday School Camp 2006

**June 25–** Centralized Exams

This Holy Week, our church is graced by the presence of His Grace Dr. Thomas Mar Athanasios. Athanasios Thirumeni comes to us from the Kandanad Diocese in Kerala and is planning to stay with us until May 3rd. Let us all welcome His Grace to our church and may his love and prayers be a blessing for us all.

**Holy Week Schedule 2006**

You are cordially invited to attend all the activities of the Holy Week at St. Gregorios Orthodox Church in Oak Park. His Grace Dr. Thomas Mar Athanasios will be the chief celebrant during Holy Week.

**Sunday, April 9, 2006 (Palm Sunday)**

8.30AM – 12PM Morning Prayer, Holy Qurbana & Palm  
Sunday Service  
7PM – 8.30PM Evening Prayer

**Monday, April 10, 2006**

7PM – 8.30PM Evening Prayer & Devotional Address

**Tuesday, April 11, 2006**

7PM – 8.30PM Evening Prayer & Devotional Address

**Wednesday, April 12, 2006 (Maundy Thursday)**

7PM – 9PM Evening Prayer & Holy Qurbana

**Thursday, April 13, 2006**

7PM – 8PM Washing of the Feet Service  
8PM – 9PM Evening Prayer

**Friday, April 14, 2006 (Good Friday)**

9AM – 3.30PM Good Friday Service  
6PM – 7PM Evening Prayer

**Saturday, April 15, 2006 (Holy Saturday)**

10.30AM – 12.30PM Morning Prayer & Holy Qurbana  
7PM – 8.30PM Evening Prayer

**Sunday, April 16, 2006 (Easter)**

8.30AM – 12PM Morning Prayer, Holy Qurbana & Easter Service

\* Please note: There will be Holy Confession everyday from 3 PM to 6.30 PM, or by appointment.

**Prayer Requests**—Please send your prayer requests to [www.1church.org/prayerteam.htm](http://www.1church.org/prayerteam.htm). We will join you in bringing your requests before God. Questions or prayer requests? Please contact:

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**MGOCSM Lenten Retreat—James Panicker**

On Saturday, March 18, 2006, the regional MGOCSM held its third event of the year, the Annual Lenten Retreat, at St. Gregorios Church, Oak Park. We focused around Jesus' Prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. This was truly a powerful session guided by our guest speaker, Dn. Aju Mathews. Deacon Aju addressed key themes of cleansing, forgiveness and healing. These important themes are constantly illustrated in our Gospel readings during this Lenten season. Some of you may recall from your Bible studies and from many traditional pictures of Jesus' prayer at Gethsemane how passionate His prayer truly was. "Let your will be done, not mine, despite the sufferings that need to be endured." How many of us can say this in our lives? Deacon Aju Matthew eloquently said, "We must train our bodies to respond to the Spirit, overcoming worldly powers and temptations. We can only attempt to do this through devout fasting, prayer, repentance and building up one another in Christ."

The retreat went throughout the day and prayers were highlighted to help us grow closer to God. Psalm 121, the Holy Beatitudes, the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi & the Prayer of St. Ephrem the Syrian were only a few examples discussed as spiritual supports in a Christian challenged society. Rev. Kelby Cotton anchored the whole theme into place by explaining to us the dire need to prepare our hearts for God's inhabitation and confess our sins with the Holy Sacrament of Confession. Overall, my brothers and sisters in Christ, it was a blessed experience for our youth of the Chicagoland MGOCSM. Special thanks to all the youth that attended from our sister Orthodox churches: St. Gregorios Cathedral, St. Thomas, St. Mary's & St. Peter's. Respected Achens Fr. Daniel and Fr. Slomo were also able to bless us with their presence. Dr. Kurian Chor Episcopa & Fr. Alexander of St. Mary's sent their regards as they were unable to attend due to a prior church commitment. Those of you that missed it, please make efforts to attend our next retreat and kickoff at St. Thomas Church, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 and for more information e-mail us at [Chicago\\_MGOCSM@yahoo.com](mailto:Chicago_MGOCSM@yahoo.com).

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**Sunday School**  
**Learning to Live the Life**

Meeting was held on March 11, 2006. Susan Abraham led the topic "Lent, Fast and Meditation." George Achen explained the number of Canonical fasts we have. The next Teachers' Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 22 from 3 to 5PM.

Third-graders under the direction of their teacher, Anne Kurian and parent coordinator Meena Chacko, conducted a bake sale of Kerala snacks. The bake sale raised \$114 towards the Sunday School charity drive. The parents' assistance in this regard is appreciated. Fifth-grade teachers, Susan Abraham and Jerry Panicker, organized a fun day for their class. All the students enjoyed the fun of lasertag, the food and the fellowship. Last Sunday, April 2, the speech competitions at our church level were held. Nearly 60 children participated. The song competitions will be held on Sunday, April 23 right after the Holy Qurbana. Jason Thomas is the coordinator for the competitions. At the diocese level, the general assigned competitions (drawing and essay) are due by May 21, 2006. The topics have been given to the students in the class. Jenny Polachira is the coordinator for this competition.

**Women of Faith met for their first Bible study at Christy John's condo on April 1**

2006. The topic was on the message of the gospel – what Jesus did for us and what kind of life He offers us. It was a great time of discussion and fellowship. 18-20 girls came and it was a lot of fun. The leaders were blessed by the girls and their openness to the discussions going on. We hope that girls continue to come and that we can build deeper relationships with each other. The next Women of Faith meeting is on May 6 at Christy's place at 11:30AM.

-Christy John

**KFC Large Group** took place on Saturday, March 11. This last KFC was the second of a three part study to the Nicene Creed. In this session, we covered the Nicene Creed through the paragraphs regarding the Son. The students were able to get a little bit more in-depth study of the Nicene Creed, hopefully by now they have an understanding of the history and a general knowledge about the Nicene Creed and how it relates to the Orthodox tradition of our church. All in all, we had about 25 kids that participated in the Large Group. We hope to have a much bigger turn out for our next Large Group, which will conclude the study of the Nicene Creed by covering the paragraphs discussing the Holy Spirit and the Church. This lesson will take place on April 29. We hope to see everyone there. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Jinu Alex, Jason Thomas, Stanley Thomas, Princy Paulose, or Julie Polachira.

-KFC Core

On Sunday, March 19, 2006, about 75 young people gathered after church for presentations on the newly organized youth ministries. The presentations were given by the ministry leaders and were very well received. The main idea of this program is to meet the needs of the young members of our church by utilizing the many talents and resources we have here. You will be seeing more signs of these ministries in the coming weeks, from a calendar of events posted in the church basement to numerous announcements and fliers for events, which include service projects, parent-youth programs, fun days, Bible studies, etc. Please keep these ministries in your prayers, and let us continue to work together to make our community dynamic and God-focused!

**Mission:**

To develop a relationship with God, a culture of seeking spiritual growth and a spirit of fellowship, charity and service

**Our Means:**

Establishing different ministries to utilize and develop the talents of our youth

**Ministries:**Educational Ministries

**KFC** – Monthly teaching for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through high school Sunday school students

**Regional MGOCSM** – Regional programs, high school and above

**FOCUS** – Programs geared toward young adults, working professionals, and young married couples

**Bible Studies** – Different Bible studies geared towards youth, guys, and girls

Outreach Ministries

**Service** – Consistent community service programs for everyone

**Prayer Team** – Monthly prayer group for everyone

**Campus Ministry** – Monthly program of campus visiting by Achens, coordinated by students

**Tutoring** – Program for making senior member tutors available for younger members

Fellowship Ministries

**Fun Days** – Fellowship events for everyone, including girls and guys only events

**Sports Fellowship** – Seasonal sports activities: softball, football, basketball, etc...

New Initiatives

**Parent -Youth Program Coordinators** – Group to work to integrate parent and youth programs to develop more of a family focus

**Interchurch Relations/Counseling** – Group to work to investigate and establish relationships with other churches, including religious counseling organizations



### Peace, Liberty and Freedom—Elizabeth Varghese

nocour, Archbishop of Acre once said, “Come, let us be brothers and sisters of this beautiful land in which we all have history and roots. There is enough of us.” Peace, liberty, and freedom are three characteristics that all Palestinians and Israelis alike wish to have as their own. The soil that lies beneath Israel is the land that both groups of people long to officially call home. On one side of this controversial issue lie the Israelis, trailing their history back to their forefather, Abraham. And on the other lie the Palestinians, where generation upon generation of ancestors grew up and lived on the land. The history of Israel plays a crucial role in understanding this issue.

It was not until 1917 that the United Nations was aware of the problems of fighting and other violence that were taking place in Israel. After learning of the controversy and its effects on the people residing in the area, the U.N. sent a commission to the land to investigate the controversy. That is, the initial fighting between the two groups of people. They tried for several years to make peace and control the problems of the people by taking control of the Holy Land themselves. They did this by placing Palestine under administrative control of Britain and giving Britain authority to facilitate Jewish immigration under suitable conditions. Meaning, the British had control over the Palestinian territory with permission to let in Jewish immigrants as necessary. After thirty years of attempted peace, the British, under the guidance of the U.N., failed miserably. As a result, there was more chaos, fighting, and violence. Later, during the years of WWII, more and more Jews fled to Palestine under the unfavorable conditions of Nazi Germany and the persecution of the Jews in Europe. Palestine was the place where many people went to in an effort to seek refuge from all the maltreatment they were being put through. In 1947, the United Nations planned to establish two separate states; 53 percent of the land for Jewish states, 47 percent of the land for a Palestinian state, and Jerusalem as an international city. On one hand, the Jews liked this idea and agreed to it, but the Palestinians strongly opposed the making of a Jewish state in Palestine. A year later, Israel’s first Prime Minister, David Ben-Gurion, declared Israel’s independence. Although founded as a Jewish state, the term “Judaism” failed to be mentioned in this declaration. Due to this and numerous other reasons, this declaration was the starting point of the first of five wars between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

Along with other factors, the views of the Israelis in this matter involve religious connection to Israel. In the 1880’s, the Zionist thinking was brought up in Europe. That is, the political ideology that supports a native soil for the Jewish people, within the land of Israel. Israeli’s have used the theory as an argument for regaining their territory and homeland as their own. According to United States Senator James Inhofe, “I believe very strongly that we ought to support Israel; that it has a right to the land. This is the most important reason: Because God said so...look it up in the book of Genesis...this is not a political battle. It is whether or not the Word of God is true.” As seen here, the term Zionism is once again brought up. This time, in connection with the Holy Bible. Some also say that Arabs have not been

**FROM PG 8** willing to make peace nor take the steps necessary to obtain it. For example, in 2002 Israeli Ehud Barak sat down in a meeting with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. It has been said that Barak offered to Arafat all of which he wanted but nonetheless, Arafat refused to even consider and stormed out. Under these unfavorable conditions, nothing can be accomplished. Not only must the Israeli's make a strong effort to conclude all the chaos, but they must also understand the Palestinians and where they are coming from.

One of the main factors that many may argue in the case of the Palestinians is the faith-related significance to the land. Although all Arabs are not Muslim, a high percentage of them are. Hence the reference of the Holy Qur'an in many arguments in favor of Palestinians. According to the Islamic Association for Palestine, "The greatest significance of Palestine for the Muslims is that it contains Baitul-Maqdis, the holiest place in Islam outside of the Hijaz [where lie Mecca and Medina, holiest places to Muslims]." Not only is it the second holiest place on earth for Muslims, but it also a symbol of Islam's first prophet, Adam, to its last prophet, Mohammed. If the Holy Bible stands to be the Word of God for Christians, and the Holy Torah for Jews, why is it that the Holy Qur'an can not be considered when thinking of where the Palestinian Muslims stand and why? Is ignorance getting in the way of making peace between two peoples? In the words of late Indian peace maker Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, "Palestine belongs to the Arabs in the same sense that England belongs to the English, or France to the French... Surely, it would be a crime against humanity to reduce the proud Arabs so that Palestine can be restored to the Jews party or wholly as their national home." With all these considerations of the Israelis and the Palestinians to keep in mind, the pilgrimage to peace will be a long, tiring, and extremely difficult road to journey on.

Over the course of the past few centuries, Israelis and Palestinians have been torn apart due to numerous reasons. In the end, it all comes down to each group of people wanting a place to call home, to call their own. Before concluding things or trying to find a solution to this rivalry, one must understand the history of the people as well as a history of the significance behind Israeli soil. On one side of this century long controversy lie the Israelis, with a long history of the territory and Zionistic views on their side. Also fighting for land in this dispute are the Palestinians, having just as many testaments to keep the land for themselves. Both groups of people deserve to have the land for the own, but how must humanity decide who gets what? The world must stand around no longer nor watch this chaos continue. In the words of Leon Hadar, "No one should expect that a national conflict... could be resolved in a week of talks in Camp David." Rather, proper steps shall be taken to end this mass turmoil and return the state of the land that lies beneath Israel into a respectable, safe, and holy place to all people, Israeli or Palestinian. After all, everyone is created equal and everyone is human.

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Easter - A time for rejoicing!

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On Easter we remember that Jesus was cruelly mocked, beaten, and crucified. So why is it a time of rejoicing? Because on Easter, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. He is victorious over death and gives new life to those who believe in Him. Through His death, burial and resurrection, we are given forgiveness of our sins and the gift of eternal life. Indeed, Easter is a time for great rejoicing!

Contest is open to Sunday School students only. If multiple submissions have the same number of correct answers, the prize winner will be selected at random.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 4. Jiyana Varghese
- 5. Jeslin Panicker
- 8. Steve Mathew
- 11. Melvin Mulanthara
- 12. Gregory George
- 13. Jaison Panicker
- 17. Robin Panicker



**FROM FRONT PAGE** So there can not be Life in a person, unless s/he follows the life of our Lord in its fullness. The economy of Salvation could only be possible by following Him from His birth to death and resurrection and awaiting His awesome Second coming. It is the community who is commemorating all these redemptive acts that is called Christian!

Let us thank God and give homage to our Fathers and Mothers of faith who have brought us this eternal Tradition by joining us in the Holy Week and participating in this liturgical life. God has provided us this year one of our church Fathers as our chief celebrant of the Holy Week. Let us make the decision to take maximum advantage of it, then the Resurrection of our Lord will be a reality in our life. We will be able to be filled with the joy, freedom, hope and power of the Resurrection. Evil forces and dominions will be removed from our lives, no grief and sorrows, no hatred and revenge, no phobias and anxieties; rather the Peace of our Lord! The risen Christ always welcomes us, saying: **PEACE BE WITH YOU.**

The first day of the week, the day of Resurrection, thus came to be known as the **SUN** day, since on this Day a new Era has started: an Era of new Sky and new Earth, an Era of new Dispensation. The Old has been transformed into New. The Death has been transformed into Life. Thus Isaiah says: **Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.** Through Christ, the Glory of God shines on His Creation in this Feast. **Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.** Micah witnesses this Day as: **He will bring me forth to the light, and I shall behold his righteousness.** Joel declares: **Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things.**

Yes, we are celebrating this Day of our Lord each Sunday, because this is the **ACT** of God done for our Salvation. The response He needs: **My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you.** Lord, transform us in your love; make us perfect Love and Compassion by your grace.

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