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2012

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≡ **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

We will open the book. Its pages are blank.
We are going to put words on them ourselves.
The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day.
~Edith Lovejoy Pierce

ANOTHER 'NEW' YEAR

On this New Years day, at least a few of us would have thought, more than any other times in a year, that we can never go back in time. We can look back and remember but we cannot retrace a single moment of the year that is past.

We are now like the Israelites, as they stood on the edge of a new opportunity. After four decades of desert wanderings by the Israelite people, the new generation Israelites at that time may have wondered if they had the faith and fortitude to possess the Promised Land

Their leader, Moses, reminded them that they had seen every great act of the Lord which he did (Deut 11:7) and that their destination was "a land for which your God cares; the eyes of the Lord your God are always on it,

from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year (v.12)

On New Years Eve, when the clock stroked 0:00 am, we may all have wished & prayed a new good year, to us and all our friends and families. We may fear the future or be doubtful about the future because of the events in the past.

But we need not remain chained to our old memories because, we can move ahead focused on God. Just as the Lord God watched over the land of HIS PEOPLE, so HIS EYES will be UPON US. Gods faithful care will extend to every day of the new year. We can count on that promise.

God Holds our future in his hands
With grace sufficient enough day by day
Through Good or Ill, He gently leads;
If we But, Let him have his way

May God Bless You All!!!

-Webmaster SPIOC



CHRISTMAS CAROLS & PROGRAMS 2012

The Christmas Carols & Programs in 2012 went well by Lords grace. All the Photographs & Videos have been updated in the 'Photo & Video Gallery' section of the Church Website (www.stpaulsalbany.com)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial for Barnabas Thirumeni

The 30th day memorial for H.G. Mathews Mar Barnabas is on January 5th at St. Thomas Orthodox Church, Philadelphia Unruh. Its been requested that we give an approximate list of people who will attend the meeting. If you are willing to attend, please let our Sujit Achan know as soon as possible. You can reach Sujit Achan at his cell number (516) 754 0743 or Home number (718) 347 2416.

Monthly Prayer Meeting

We will be having our 1st monthly prayer meeting on Saturday 19th January 2013. It will be in the evening.

An online voting was conducted to decide on the start time of the meeting and from the poll results, 80% voted for 4pm. Hence, the prayer meeting will start at 4pm unless notified for a change in the timing by Achan.

What time on Saturday evenings is most convenient to start the prayer meeting? (please note that meeting will last approximately 2 hours)

4pm 80%

5pm 0%

6pm 20%

Total votes: 5

Next Holy Ourbana

We will be having our next Holy Ourbana (1st of the year 2013) on Sunday January 6th 2013. The Namaskaram will begin at sharp 8:30 am followed by the Holy Eucharist and then followed by General Body Meeting to handover responsibilities from the previous team to the newly elected team. For the general body meeting, please come prepared in prayers with new ideas, so that the year 2013 can be another memorable on as the previous years.

Next Divyabhodhanam Class

Our next Divyabhodhanam class will be on Wednesday, January 2nd 2013 at 9pm EST. We will be completing the last lesson of Unit 1 and beginning with Unit 2. All the scanned documents/download links and details about Divyabhodhanam classes can be found on the church website under the Divyabhodhanam section

Remembrance in Prayers

Mrs. Sheena Mathew, a loving wife and mother of 2 young girls passed away in a tragic "hit-and-run" accident on Hillside Avenue in Queens NY on Wednesday, December 26th 2013. Sheena is the wife of Mr. Mathew T Pappen and is the niece of Mrs. Lizy Philip (Wife of Mr. Philipose Philip). The 2 children are around 10 years old. Please remember this family in your valuable prayers. Tragedies like this remind us how valuable and precious life truly is. May God give rest to Sheena and comfort to the bereaving family.

Request from Webmaster

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