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A MESSAGE FROM OUR VICAR

Glory be to the Triune God...

We are going to enter into the Lenten season...The days we observe fasting & the time we spend with Jesus Christ is really an asset to the growth of our spiritual as well as social life. Christ, the Son of God, fasted for forty days before his public ministry. Holy Lent is a weapon given by God to defeat Satan & his army...

Fasting is not just a ritual but a means through which we get to know our Father in heaven... Through prayer & fasting we are getting trained to give up our worldly desires & to attain a pure heart...

May this Lenten season bring you the power & strength to remain steadfast in our Lord's love....

With love,
Fr Sujin Varghese Mappila Kandathil
(SGIOC Vicar and SGIOC MGOCSM & OCYM President)

IMPORTANT DATES/EVENTS

- FEB** FEB 1st End of Ninvaeh Lent
- FEB** FEB 2nd Feast of Mayaltho
- FEB** FEB 5th Sunday of All the Departed Priest
- FEB** FEB 12th Sunday of all faithful departed
- FEB** FEB 18th YOUTH DAY OUT
- FEB** FEB 19th The Great Lent Begins
- FEB** FEB 20th Service of Reconciliation
- FEB** FEB 23rd Commemoration of Saint Dionysius (Vattasseril Thirumeni)
- MAR** MAR 15th Mid Lent
- MAR** MAR 25th Annunciation to St Mary
- MAR** Mar 31th 40th day of Great Lent



THE SGIOC & SMIOC YOUTH RETREAT

The combined youth of SGIOC and SMIOC retreat was held this month at the SMIOC Church. Both church's MGOCSM and OCYM participated in the day-long activities and discussions led by **Rev. Fr. Ferdinand Pathrose**. Some of the youth have shared their biggest takeaway from their day.

JESLYN BIJU

The conference was a very **INSIGHTFUL** and **ENJOYABLE** retreat, with **ENTHUSIASTIC VOLUNTEERS** conducting the sessions and a large number of youth members taking part. One thing that was memorable was **FERDDY ACHEN'S TALK** on the theme "Caught". He spoke about the **UNCONDITIONAL, SELF-SACRIFICIAL** love that God has for the creation. He emphasised our relationship and role we have as Christians to God. He also spoke highly of the **DIFFERENT MINISTRIES** that summarise our lives as Christians, the Priestly, Prophetic and Shepherdly ministry, which led to very deep and **INSPIRING GROUP DISCUSSIONS**.

GINA MATHEW

The retreat/conference was a balance between interactive discussions, **ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION SESSIONS** that addressed the theme "Caught, What am I supposed to do?" and the passage, **JONAH 3:2**. I learnt more about the factors that impact the youths connection to the Church and our role as the Body of Christ.

My takeaway from this conference is that while we often get caught in **WORLDLY DESIRES** and needs we need to remind ourselves that we are part of a **GREATER HUMANITY** that gives to God through our **BAPTISM** in the church.

ANSLEY ABRAHAM



SERMON OF THE MONTH



NAME: Tarun Zachariah
TOPIC: St Matthew 23:34-39

SERMON SUMMARY

The last youth sermon provided some invaluable insight from the life of Jesus Christ to take with us into the New Year. Being the first Sunday since Epiphany, the focus was on 2 passages from the Gospel according to St. Matthew. The first passage provided an overview of Jesus recruiting his disciples and examples of his active Ministry. Then in stark contrast, we see a more despondent and grim quality in Jesus' character as the people of Israel are reminded of their betrayal and rejection of Him, and we are reminded that this is His last appearance before His crucifixion. It offers the reader an opportunity to be enthralled by the iron resilience of Our Lord even in the most hopeless of circumstances. Even while bearing the brunt of this behaviour from the people of Israel, Jesus holds out and provides us the answer to salvation we desperately seek, which is to accept Him as our saviour.

DISCUSSION GROUPS



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WORSHIP SESSION



CONGRATULATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY MARRIED COUPLES

Jithu G Panickar & Rona - Bessel Raj Varghese & Reenu - Austin Paul Tom & Alishba

Good luck to all the students going back to school for the year 2023.

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