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## ICA SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday Service @ 9:30 am & 11: 15 am

Sunday School @ 11:15 am

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# WELCOME TO ICA SUNDAY SERVICE

Date : February 28, 2016



## WEEKLY ICA VOICE

### THIS WEEK'S MEETING

**TUESDAY 06:00 AM TO WEDNESDAY 06:00 AM  
24 HOUR CHAIN PRAYER**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER @ 07:30 PM  
AT BRO. K. A THOMAS'S RESIDENCE IN  
NEW HYDE PARK  
( 92 Norman St., New Hyde Park, NY 11040)**

**FRIDAY FASTING AND PRAYER @10:30 AM  
AT REV. SAMUEL JOHN'S RESIDENCE  
IN NEW HYDE PARK  
( 19 Fairfield Lane, New Hyde Park, NY 11040)**

**SATURDAY SISTERS MEETING @ 05:00 PM AT ICA**

**SATURDAY NIGHT PRAYER @ 07:00 PM AT ICA**

## Cloud of Witnesses

Christian life is a giant marathon. The starting point is the day of salvation and the finishing point is the day of death or the rapture whichever happens first. After explaining in Hebrews chapter 11 what great heroes of faith have accomplished, in chapter 12 the writer tells us that we also need to run this race with perseverance. All the great men and women of faith did not attain what was promised because God has provided something better for us and the OT saints would not be made perfect and receive their promise without us. Ch. 11: 39, 40. Just like thousands of people line the streets to cheer the runners in a marathon we have the great faith heroes of yester years lined up to cheer us on in our race towards eternity.

If we could ask those men and women about this race what would they tell us? They were ordinary men and women who ran their race with perseverance and reached the finishing point. Let's listen to them for a few minutes.

**Abel:** always make sure you do the right sacrifice to God. Your brother or friends or neighbors may have different ideas about sacrifice and worship; but you should always follow God's heart. It is possible you might lose your life because of that; losing the life is worth the cause, never deviate from what God has commanded.

**Noah:** I know you live in a hostile world (to Christians) among wicked people. But you be righteous and do not conform to this world. You will get God's grace even in the midst of all the sins around you. Keep on working on your ark, let others laugh and make fun of you; they will know the real truth one day. You will have the last laugh.

**Abraham:** when God asks you to leave behind everything you love and step out in faith to some unknown land (or risky activity) don't hesitate to obey. God will fulfill his promise no matter how long it takes. You may get tired of the wait; but don't take matters in your hands and try to be a helper to God to keep his promises. I did and the whole world is experiencing the negative consequences. Please do not interfere with his plans.

**Lot:** don't be attracted by the green grass on the other side and follow what is tempting to your eyes. Don't try the limits thinking you can go back and escape after tasting the world a little. Also, don't forget what happened to my wife and my daughters. No, my friend, this world is not worth losing everything you have including your family. Do what my uncle Abraham did, put your faith in God and make the right choice.

**Joseph:** you have a dream from God; hold onto it. I also had one. But before you reach there you may be thrown into deep pits or even in prison. In between you might even get great opportunity to live the pleasures of the world. There will be enticing eyes all around you. But remember, when you commit sin you are sinning against God who gave you the dream and that could be the end of the dream. Run away from that very appealing

offer from the seductive world.

And there are so many others who are standing by us to cheer us onward. We can be inspired by listening to the witnesses around us. But don't stray from the course trying to look at them. Look only at Jesus who is the author and finisher of the faith. He said, 'all authority in heaven and earth is given to me. I will be with you till the end of the ages. I am the Alpha and the Omega. I have the keys to the death and hell. Be faithful till death and I will give you the crown of life.

Be encouraged and inspired by the cloud of witnesses and fix your eyes on Jesus

*Bro. P. A Samuel*

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**Have you reached the goal of the Bible reading plan for the week?  
Are you happy with the amount of time spent in talking to the Father this week?**

## Bible Reading Plan for this Week

<b>February 28, 2016</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 1-2</b>
<b>February 29, 2016</b>	<b>Genesis 32-35</b>
<b>March 01, 2016</b>	<b>Judges 17-21</b>
<b>March 02, 2016</b>	<b>Psalms 24-26</b>
<b>March 03, 2016</b>	<b>Job 17-18</b>
<b>March 04, 2016</b>	<b>Isaiah 45-50</b>
<b>March 05, 2016</b>	<b>Matthew 23-25</b>

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**"I am the LORD who heals you"**

**Please pray for:**

**Mrs. Marykutty Thomas (Sist. Suja's Mom),  
 Bro. Babu Thannickal, Sist. Shiny Chacko, Sam Mathew,  
 Ammini George, Mariamma Johny (Kunjumol),  
 Usha Danielkutty, Kiran (Dr. Jolly Mathew's granddaughter),  
 Nirmala (Friend of Snehalatha Nair), Baby Anaya, Sist. Jolly Jacob  
 & all who are sick among us.**

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