

Shepherd's Voice, CS – January – February 2021

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and my dear people,

Thy Kingdom Come!

In the first place I wish you all a HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021. For the past one year - 2020 - the whole world was facing the challenge of an uncertainty due to the Pandemic Covid - 19. We are slowly getting rid of it and with Job let us exclaim: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job 1:21). Nothing in the world happens without God's knowledge: "Who can command and have it done, if the Lord has not ordained it? Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that good and bad come? Why should any who draw breath complain about the punishment of their sins?" (Lamentations 3: 37-39). "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good" (Rom. 8:28). Let us pray that God's plan be realized in our life! In the year 2021 as a community of believers following Christ in Chanda let us focus our attention on respecting and sustaining God's creation by meaningfully observing/celebrating *Harith Varsh* - Go Green Diocese Campaign. God bless you all.

Yours devotedly in Christ

† Ephrem Nariculam
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