

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

EBENEZER MAR THOMA CHURCH

From Vicar's Desk

October 2022

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St. John 13:34-35

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Christ Jesus teaches us how to evangelize, how to invite people into communion with him, and how to create a culture of witness: namely, through love. The faithful become agents of evangelization through living witness and commitment to the Gospel. The witness of Christians, whose lives are filled with the hope of Christ, opens the hearts and minds of those around them to Christ. The family, called the domestic Church, is often the first place where one experiences and is formed in the faith.

October first Sunday has been set apart by our church as Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelistic Sunday. The object of this association is that every member of the Church should be a witness to Jesus Christ, whatever his/her occupation may be. Those who volunteer to be members of the Association meet in each parish at least once a week for fellowship, intercessory prayer, Bible study and sharing experiences. Every member of the Church should be a missionary filled with such joy and assurance of salvation as to be Christ's witness to those who meet him, irrespective of one's profession in secular life. The branch of the Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelists' Association in the Parish is called Edavaka Mission.

Second Sunday we set apart to pray for our differently abled brothers and sisters. many were born blind, lame, deaf, or dumb, never getting to enjoy the normal physical abilities of a human being. Let's pray that, Lord, make Your strength perfect in their weakness, and Your comfort perfect in their depression. May God Almighty send His mighty power upon them all that it may rest upon them and unleash a special and unique ability in them. Let's remind them that they are more than loved by the One who makes all things possible.

October 16th Sunday has been set apart by our church as Youth Sunday. The Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam and the Youth fellowship are organized with a view that all the young people in the Church should accept Jesus Christ as their savior and Lord, and bear witness to His saving power. There are many ways you can make a difference as a Christian youth. You can make a difference by living a Christian life every single day.

This year's Family dedication Sunday will be on Sunday, October 30th. **"But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).** May our families to be grateful for each member and to pray for one another continually. Our gratitude for one another will bind us together as a family, and our prayers for each other will further unify us in gratitude and love.

I would like to convey my sincere thanks to you all for making our harvest festival a success. I am in fact touched by your generosity, spirit, hard work and willingness to help our church. May God accept all your offerings and bless you in abundance for the years to come!

Please mark your calendar for our annual Parish Convention, September 30, October 1&2. Rev. T. S Jose, Vicar at New York St. Andrews will be the speaker this year. Living with our faith stirred up is foundational to living an abundant life. God is faithful no matter what. But faith allows us to have trust in that faithfulness, producing a peace and sense of calm amid challenges that we desperately need. Let's pray that our faith would be stirred as we look at the biblical principle that faith comes by hearing.

I encourage you to be faithful to our Lord and his Bride, the church. Let us be committed and serve Him in the beauty of His Holiness.

May God continue to Bless You All. Prayers for you All.

Yours in Christ's ministry,

Rev. George Abraham
Vicar
Ebenezer Mar Thoma Church,
New York.

Message from Youth Chaplain

October 2022 MESSAGE

Dearly beloved in Christ,

As we are now in the season of Autumn, it is starting to get colder by the day and along with that, it's getting darker earlier. But one thing we tend to enjoy throughout this season is when trees change colors. It is always enjoyable to go on a long scenic drive just to see the leaves turn orange, brown, and yellow. Kids also love stopping on the leaves to hear the satisfying crunching sounds that it makes. As much as we enjoy the season and its colors, we should be reminded that the colors are enjoyable only when the leaves die. That is where its beauty is realized more. Christ has given us His life while living and, in His death, burial and resurrection. He had shown us in His perfection, how perfect He is to us and how we can enjoy being with Him. In all seasons of our lives, we can abide in His beauty of holiness. As we go through the season by season let us never forget God has given us the precious gift of being life on this earth, to exist for Him. Let us do that to the fullest.

This month we are observing Youth Sunday on the 16th. Let us thank God for the growing generation of our church and continue to pray for them and be there for them. Especially as the new school year starts, there is a lot of pressure that the children face, I pray that families can come together and have time to communicate with one another with understanding at heart. We should pray that our present and future should be a godly generation glorifying God.

College Campus visits are going on this month, let us pray for the college-going youths, especially those who started their freshman year for courage and willpower to be disciplined and study for God. Our Men's Bible Studies is in person on Tuesdays at 8 PM. The Women's Bible Studies are Saturdays at 8 PM on Zoom. I encourage all our youths to join and learn from God's word.

Wishing everyone a blessed and happy October!

Much love,

Jess M. George Achen

Rev. Jess M. George

Youth Chaplain North-East Region

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Sunday Worship Schedule

Date	Time	Service
October 2 nd – Sunday MTVEA – Sunday Final day – Parish Convention	10:00 AM	HQ Service (Malayalam)
October 9 th – Sunday	10.00 AM	Divine Service (Malayalam)
October 16 th – Sunday Youth Sunday	10.00 AM	Divine Service (English)
October 23 rd - Sunday	10.00 AM	Divine Service (Malayalam)
October 30 th – Sunday Family Sunday	10.00 AM	HQ Service (Malayalam)

Lectionary

October 2 nd – Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelists’ Day – “Do the work of an Evangelist”.		
	1 st Lesson	2Kgs 7:3-11
	2 nd Lesson	2Cor 4:1-6
	Epistle	2 Tim. 4: 1-5
	Gospel	Luke 10:1-12
October 9 th – Christian Approach to the Differently Abled.		
	1 st Lesson	2Sam. 9:1-12
	2 nd Lesson	Acts 3:1-10
	Epistle	2Cor 4:16-18
	Gospel	Mark 3: 1-6
October 16 th – Youth Sunday _ “Youths: Inheritors of Faith”.		
	1 st Lesson	Dan. 6:1-10
	2 nd Lesson	Heb. 12:1-13
	Epistle	Titus 2:1-15
	Gospel	Mark 10:17-22
October 23 rd – Christian Family Dedication Day – “Family that has to be built upon Christ”.		
	1 st Lesson	Gen. 48:1-16
	2 nd Lesson	Col. 3:12-25
	Epistle	Eph. 3:14-21
	Gospel	Luke. 2:41-52
October 30 th – Sanctification of the Church– Kudosh Eetho: Beginning of the Liturgical Year.		
	1 st Lesson	2Chr. 34:14-28
	2 nd Lesson	Acts 28:17-30
	Epistle	1 Pet. 1:13-19
	Gospel	John.2:13-22.



Robin Chacko	Ashley Chacko	12-Oct
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Josefina Parayil	4-Oct
Kevin Joe Chacko	7-Oct
Ava Sarah Titus	8-Oct
Ancy Joseph	13-Oct
Thomas Kovoor	14-Oct
Varghese C Abraham	15-Oct
Joshua Johnson Mathew	17-Oct
Jincy Varughese	21-Oct
Beena Annie Mathew	22-Oct
Justin John	23-Oct
Sanil Abraham	26-Oct
Kurian A Mathew	28-Oct
Abeyson C. Jacob	30-Oct
Johnson Parayil	31-Oct

Bible Reading



The family of....	Date
John C Mathai (Raju)	10/02/2022
John Samuel (Kochumon)	10/09/2022
Rev. Johnson Mathew	10/16/2022
Jose Cherian	10/23/2022
Kurian A Mathew	10/30/2022
Philip Parayil	11/06/2022
Rachel George	11/13/2022
Ryan K. Varghese	11/20/2022
Saji Thomas	11/27/2022

Upcoming Events

1. September 30th (Fri), October 1st (Sat), & October 2nd, 2022 (Sun) - Parish Convention
2. October 2nd, 2022, Sunday - M.T. Voluntary Evangelists Association Day (Special Offertory)
3. October 16th, 2022, Sunday – Youth Sunday
4. October 30th, 2022, Sunday - Family Sunday (Family Dedication -Special Offertory)

Wednesday Bible Study and Saturday Prayer Meeting at 7:00pm via ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81243928868?pwd=TjdUODZQSndiQkl2amlRaEdSNEo5dz09>

Dial 1 646-876-9923; Meeting ID: 812 4392 8868; Passcode:406406