

MAY NEWSLETTER

EBENEZER MAR THOMA CHURCH

From Vicar's Desk

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“After His suffering, He presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that He was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.” (Acts 1:3)

Dearly Beloved members of New York Ebenezer Mar Thoma Church,

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!!

I am so happy to address you all through the pages of this monthly newsletter. Jesus died on a cross. He was buried. The tomb was sealed. On the third day the “very large stone” over the entrance was rolled back. A messenger says, “He has been raised; he is not here.” Christ’s victory over sin and death is our hope of eternal life and eternal happiness, and it should be the motive force of our entire lives.

The Covid pandemic and its effects are dramatic and widespread enough that everyone’s life has changed for the worse in some way. God heals and restores. Let us praise with all our heart the One and Triune God for the graces we have received in these years. Our path has been full of God’s love that has guided and enveloped us. In times like these, it is especially important to remember God’s promise to be with us. Remain steadfast, faithful, and hopeful!

I thank God for giving me the privilege to serve the Ebenezer Mar Thoma Parish. It is an opportunity for me to interact with you all and to know your zeal for the mission of the Church, which is to be appreciated always. I am thankful to Mar Thoma Metropolitan Thirumeni and our Isaac Mar Philoxenos Thirumeni always. I am thankful to Rev. Aju Abraham and family for their blessed ministry in Ebenezer Mar Thoma Church. We deeply appreciate all that you have done for us. I do believe nothing is more important than being in the will of God. Please keep me and family in your prayers as you are in ours.

May God bless you all. We'd love the chance to get to know you and your family better.

Hope to see you soon,

Yours in Christ's ministry,

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

[Message from Youth Chaplain](#)

May 2022 Message

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

As we welcome the fifth month of the year, it is a time when many of our youths are facing exams. As we look into the first week of the lectionary, we understand the theme: "Dignity of Labor and Divine Commissioning". Our life is full of labor. If we are students, we are laboring; if we are working, we are laboring. Labor is tiring but it is part of life. It is the question for whom we are laboring that matters. Especially as students in this season of studying, why and for whom are we studying for? We see in the Gospel portion for May 1: St. John 21:1-14, we see the disciples were fishing and toiling all night but still caught nothing. They were not able to see the result. When we do not see the results of our labor, it hurts us, and it is frustrating. We would feel like giving up. The Lord saw them and told them to set the net out again, they caught a great overwhelming number of fish and it was great! We should also persevere in our life and keep trying without losing hope. There will be seasons of failures, but if we know we are laboring for the Lord and not ourselves, in His time we can see how much of a blessing we are. We just must commit ourselves to being faithful to God as He has always been faithful to us.

This month, we will be having our Fifth Sunday NERYF Praise and Worship night at the Epiphany MTC on May 29th, 2022, at 5:00 P.M. Our love and prayers go out to all of our youths taking the finals. We are awaiting a well-deserved summer break to see all of you.

God bless everyone and have a blessed May!

Much love,
Jess M. George Achen

Rev. Jess M. George
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OUR VICAR



Our new Vicar, Rev. George Abraham took charge of our Parish from April 27th, 2022 and will cover two weeks per month, giving services on 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month. Rev. George Abraham is also serving as the Diocesan and Bishop's Secretary.

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Ordination as Deacon: 10/17/2008

Ordination as Priest: 11/05/2008

Mother Parish: St. Thomas MTC, Kalloopara

Previous Parish Served: Mar Thoma Church Austin

Parishes Served: Pidavoor Ebenezer, Rajagiri, Angadickal, Kaipatoor, Choorakodu, Elambal, Vaikkal, and Austin

Also Served as:

1. **Missionary** – Pachayil Mooku, Mar Thoma Congregation
2. **Chief Editor** – Yuva Deepam (2016-2018) & Hermon Dhoothan (2013-2016)

3. **Program Secretary-** Kerala Student Christian Movement – Trivandrum
4. **Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam Study Forum Chairman** - Trivandrum-Quilon Diocese
5. **Diocesan Council Member** -Trivandrum-Quilon Diocese

Education: BSc Physics from M.G. University

Baccalaureate in Divinity from Gurukul Lutheran Theological College, Chennai

Masters Degree in Syriac Language from M.G University

Books Written by Rev. George Abraham – “*Krishuvintae Sughantham*” & “*By the Rivers We Sat and Wept.*”

Family



Our Vicar's Family: Rev George Abraham, Preema Kochamma, Prarthana & Emima

Rev. George Abraham's Parents: M.G.Abraham & Leelamma Abraham

Home Address: Mettill, M. North P.O, Puramattom, Thiruvalla - 689543

Baskiyamo – Preema Mary Cherian, D/O Ittycheriya & Amminikutty; **Home Parish** - Oyur St. Thomas MTC

Children: Prarthana Susan George & Emima Mary George

Sunday Worship Schedule

| Date | Time | Service |
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| May 1 st - Sunday | 10:00 AM | Divine Service (Malayalam) |
| May 8 th – Sunday | 10.00 AM | Divine Service (Malayalam) |
| May 15 th - Sunday Mother's Day Celebration | 10.00 AM | HQ Service (Malayalam) |
| May 22 nd - Sunday | 10.00 AM | Divine Service (Malayalam) |
| May 29 th - Sunday DSMC Sunday: Choir Dedication | 10.00 AM | HQ Service (English) |

Lectionary

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| May 1 st Dignity of Labor and Divine Commissioning - May Day | | |
| | 1 st Lesson | Judg. 6: 11-24 |
| | 2 nd Lesson | Acts 18:1-4 |
| | Epistle | 2Thess 3:6-15 |
| | Gospel | John 21:1-14 |
| May 8 th St. John the Apostle's Day | The Church that has to bear witness to the Resurrection MOTHER'S DAY | |
| | 1 st Lesson | 2Kgs. 4:27-37 |
| | 2 nd Lesson | Rev. 22:16-21 |
| | Epistle | 2Cor. 4:7-15 |
| | Gospel | John 21:15-25 |
| May 15 th | Journey with the Risen Christ | |
| | 1 st Lesson | 1Kgs. 19:1-13 |
| | 2 nd Lesson | Acts 8: 26-40 |
| | Epistle | Eph 5:1-10 |
| | Gospel | Luke 24:13-35 |
| May 22 nd | Lord worthy of Praise – (DSMC Sunday) CHOIR SUNDAY | |
| | 1 st Lesson | Exod. 15:1-18 |
| | 2 nd Lesson | Acts 16:19-31 |
| | Epistle | Phil. 2:1-11 |
| | Gospel | Luke 1:46-56 |
| May 29 th | The Church that has to be on Watch | |
| | 1 st Lesson | Ezek. 22:23-31 |
| | 2 nd Lesson | Acts. 1:12-14 |

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| | Epistle | Eph. 6:10-20 |
| | Gospel | John 6:10-20 |



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| John C Mathai | Aleyamma John | 2-May |
| George Thomas | Silvi George | 20-May |
| Alexi Isaac | Beela George | 25-May |
| Rev. George Abraham | Preema Mary Cherian | 27-May |
| Chris John | Seba Samuel John | 29-May |
| Ashok Benjamin Jacob | Lini Mathew | 29-May |



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| Rev. George Abraham | 2-May |
| Rev. Johnson Mathew | 2-May |
| Suja E Ninan | 11-May |
| Ann Susan Mathew | 14-May |
| Amara Rose Ninan | 14-May |
| Joel Anil | 14-May |
| Lini Mathew | 14-May |
| Dr. Christeena Kurian | 18-May |
| Thomas T Samuel | 20-May |
| John Samuel (Kochumon) | 25-May |
| Sheba Tibu | 26-May |
| Mariamamma Mathews | 30-May |
| Annamma Thomas | 30-May |
| Viju V Varughese | 30-May |
| Akalon George Ninan | 30-May |
| Idon Uthup Ninan | 30-May |
| Sunitha Jacob | 31-May |

Bible Reading



| The family of.... | Date |
|-------------------|------------|
| Jose Cherian | 05/01/2022 |
| Kurian A Mathew | 05/08/2022 |
| Philip Parayil | 05/15/2022 |
| Rachel George | 05/22/2022 |
| Ryan K. Varghese | 05/29/2022 |
| Saji Thomas | 06/05/2022 |
| Thomas K Mathai | 06/12/2022 |
| Thomas K. Mathew | 06/19/2022 |
| Thomas T Samuel | 06/26/2022 |

Upcoming Events

Mother's Day Celebration - May 15th - Sunday

DSMC Sunday: Choir Dedication - May 29th - Sunday

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

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

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