

JUNE NEWSLETTER

**EBENEZER MAR THOMA CHURCH
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Dearly beloved in Christ

The past year for most of us brought a deep level of sorrow and darkness. We longed for answers and hoped in ways we never thought possible. One word that was used, maybe overused, was the word “unprecedented” to describe life in the middle of a pandemic. The word was used not because pandemics are new, but because it had been over 100 years since a pandemic of this scale had hit so hard. These circumstances we face are not new. It might be new to some of us, but not new in the history of the world. Pandemics, pain, and problems have existed since Adam and Eve left the Garden in Genesis. We may not know how to handle them, but they are nonetheless nothing new. Scripture is our navigation tool when life is easy, but even more so when life seems to be a struggle. As believers, we know The Bible is the only place to go. We can draw deep from the well of who God is even in the middle of our troubles. The truth is that pandemics, pain, and problems won’t last. Our God, His Word, and His eternal and everlasting character will remain, always. We cling to this as our comfort. The Bible reminds us that focusing on the temporal brings us no hope or comfort, but casting our eyes heavenward will be us peace.

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We observe Choir Sunday on June 6th, 2021. I appreciate all the Choir members for your dedication and your support during the Sunday Services. May God multiply your talents and work together for the betterment of the parish. We are planning to conduct Parish Day Celebration on Sunday June 20, 2021. As we celebrate our Parish Day let us listen to what our mother Mary tells us: "Do whatever He tells you!" (John 2, 5). May our trust in the living God carry us through the present uncertainty.

Observing special days will help us to Journey with Christ, enhance our spirituality and keep us committed in our responsibilities. So, I urge all the parishioners to prayerfully partake in all the church activities. I remember and pray for all the beloved parishioners who celebrate their birthdays and wedding anniversaries this month. I wish them happy and prosperous days ahead and may good God bless each one of you.

May God bless you all.

Rev. Aju Abraham

Vicar

However, as it is written:
What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard,
and what no human mind has conceived —
the things God has prepared for those who love him.

1 Corinthians 2:9



YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Let us praise God for entering into the sixth month of the year. As we are moving forward in time, let us continue to reflect on the faithfulness of God in the halfway point of the year. The weather is getting warmer and it is important to make use of the time for our spiritual, physical and mental wellness. Throughout the last year and a half it was difficult for all of us, let us encourage ourselves and those around us to take care of our well being so that we can do God's work to the best of our abilities.

As summer approaches, spend a lot of time with family and have our young ones engage well with the activities of the church. This month the lectionary highly focuses on discipleship and the church is going through a season of the Fast of the Apostles from June 16-29. June 27th Gospel portion focuses on the Cost of Discipleship. The Gospel portion of St. John 10: 11-18 is one of the 'I Am' sayings and it speaks about the Good Shepherd. It reminds us on ownership. The hired hand is just taking care of the sheep as a job and not with love. When danger comes they will flee and abandon the flock. Christ emphasizes that He is the Good Shepherd and will be with the sheep. Christ knows His own very well and is with His children always in all situations and seasons of life. Let us remember that Christ is with us. With His presence in our lives, the fast of the apostles should guide us to dedicate our lives fully for Him. Let us daily surrender ourselves to the Lord. Let us pray that this season of fast is a blessing for us to live as a blessing.

July 30- August 1, 2021 on the Zoom Platform the Diocesan National Youth Conference is going to be held. I encourage our youths to mark the calendars and register once it is open. This year's conference is hosted by St. Andrews's MTC, St. James MTC and Bethany MTC. Let us pray for them as they prepare for the conference.

Prayerfully wishing everyone a blessed Summer.

Much Love,

Jess Achen

Sunday Worship Schedule

Date	Time	Service
June 6th	10:00 AM	HQ Service (Malayalam)
June 13th	10.00 AM	Divine Service (Malayalam)
June 20th	10.00 AM	HQ Service (English)
June 27th	10.00 AM	Divine Service (Malayalam)

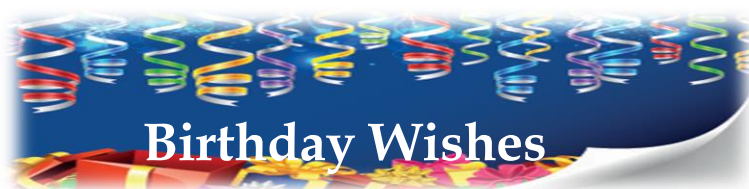
Lectionary

Date	Lesson 1- Lesson 2	Epistle-Gospels
06 Sunday	Student Sunday "Growing In Grace and Wisdom"	
	1 Kings 3: 4-15	James 1: 5-8
	Colossians 1: 3-14	Luke 2: 41-52
13 Sunday	Environment Sunday "Creation Praising the Glory of God"	
	Job 38: 1- 41	Colossians 1: 15-20
	Revelation 21: 1-8	Matthew 6: 25-30
20 Sunday	Woship In Spirit and Truth	
	Isaiah 6: 1-8	2 Thessalonians 2: 13-17
	1 John 5: 1-12	John 4: 13-26
27 Sunday	The Cost of Discipleship	
	Daniel 6: 10-23	Titus 2: 1-10
	Colossians 3: 12-17	John 10: 11-18



Wedding Anniversary

Robin T Samuel Cinthujaa	10-Jun
Anil Abraham Jensy Anil	10-Jun
Viju V Varughese Alice Varughese	20-Jun



Birthday Wishes

Tibu C Tharakan	7-Jun
George Thomas	11-Jun
Ashok Benjamin Jacob (Ben)	12-Jun
Robin Sam Chacko	13-Jun
Thomas.K.C	15-Jun
Rachel George	15-Jun
Rijin Cherian	17-Jun
Soji Samuel	21-Jun
Shana Sarah Ben	22-Jun
Saji Thomas	26-Jun
Nevin Varughese	27-Jun
Eapen Joseph (Jose)	30-Jun

BIBLE READING – JUN 2021

The family of....	Date
Suja Ninan	06/06/2021
Thomas K Mathai	06/13/2021
Thomas K. Mathew	06/20/2021
Thomas T Samuel	06/27/2021
Thomas. K.C	07/04/2021
Tibu C Tharakan	07/11/2021
Titus Samuel	07/18/2021
Viju V Varghese	07/25/2021

EMTC VBS 2021 Announcement:

Destination Dig

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13

Event Date: July 23rd-25th, 2021

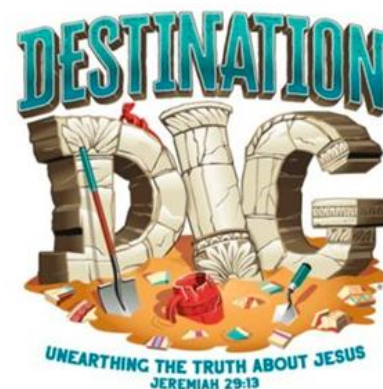
Event Address:

406 King Street, Port Chester, NY 10573 or Virtual

Registration: \$25 per Student

PLEASE HAVE FORM FILLED OUT BY JUNE 9, 2021

Click [HERE](#) for Registration Form:



CLERGY APPRECIATION SUNDAY: SUNDAY JUNE 06, 2021

CHOIR SUNDAY / DEDICATION: SUNDAY JUNE 06, 2021

34TH PARISH DAY: SUNDAY JUNE 20, 2021

FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION: SUNDAY JUNE 20, 2021

BIBLE STUDY: EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7:00PM VIA ZOOM

PRAYER MEETING: EVERY SATURDAY AT 7:00PM VIA ZOOM

COVID RELIEF: ANY MEMBER WHO WISHES TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS COVID RELIEF CAN PLEASE MAKE PAYMENT TO THE TRUSTEE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.



Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81243928868?pwd=TjdUODZQSndiQkI2amlRaEdSNEo5dz09>

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