

# 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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**  
**Youth Chaplain North-East Region**  
**Diocese of North America and Europe of the Mar**  
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### OUR VICAR



Our new Vicar, Rev. George Abraham took charge of our Parish from April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and will cover two weeks per month, giving services on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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
May 1 <sup>st</sup> - Sunday	10:00 AM	Divine Service (Malayalam)
May 8 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday	10.00 AM	Divine Service (Malayalam)
May 15 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday Mother's Day Celebration	10.00 AM	HQ Service (Malayalam)
May 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Sunday	10.00 AM	Divine Service (Malayalam)
May 29 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday DSMC Sunday: Choir Dedication	10.00 AM	HQ Service (English)

## Lectionary

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

May 29 <sup>th</sup> The Church that has to be on Watch		
	1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	Ezek. 22:23-31
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Acts. 1:12-14
	Epistle	Eph. 6:10-20
	Gospel	John 6:10-20



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



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
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 15<sup>th</sup> - Sunday**

**DSMC Sunday: Choir Dedication - May 29<sup>th</sup> - 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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