

JULY NEWSLETTER

EBENEZER MAR THOMA CHURCH

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From Vicar's Desk

Dearly Beloved,

We are experiencing the everlasting presence of our Lord these days. The assurance that our Lord gives saying "I will not leave you orphaned" is always our anchor while each of our lives are rocked by the storms of life, particularly the present pandemic.

A loving God who is there to hear our cry gives us strength to pray unceasingly. This is not a time to panic rather a time to be closer to our loving God, and to begin a life of repentance and living a holy life.

Let us remember all the opportunities God has given us and understand that every opportunity is tagged with responsibilities. Let us do our responsibilities and glorify the holy name of our heavenly Father.

As a church, let us pray and continue to journey in the ways of the cross. Let us pray...

1. Lord, help me to start everyday with prayer.
2. Lord, through prayer enlighten the eyes of my heart.
3. Lord, help me to realize that you love me without looking at my merits.

4. Lord, help me to understand the need of transformation in my life.
5. Lord, help me to drink the deceitless milk of the Word so that I can stay healthy in the spiritual life.
6. Lord, help me to do everything in my life, whether it is a small or big with You.
7. Lord, help me to understand the need to listen to your call.
8. Lord, teach me that observing lent is a responsibility and a call from you.
9. Lord, equip me to help our fellow beings without looking at who they are.
10. Lord, I surrender my life before you, who transformed the cross.

As we move on, I seek your wholehearted co-operation and support towards our parish and its activities. May the crucified and the resurrected Lord be with us in our daily life, in our ministry and in all walks of life...

With prayerful regards,

Rev. Aju Abraham
Ebenezer Mar Thoma Church,
New York

Dearly beloved in Christ,

As we embrace this summer season especially with things getting better by the day with the pandemic, let us praise God for His abundant blessings. God guides us to understand His goodness even in trials and hardships so that we can abide in His goodness rather than relying or depending on ourselves.

We commemorate July by celebrating the 245th Independence Day. Let us give thanks to God for our nation and our leaders. Let us pray for the political leaders of our land for God-given wisdom and strength. We are placed in this land not without a purpose but purposefully. Let us surrender ourselves to God in being part of God's mission to build this nation to move towards God-centeredness rather than selfish motives. On July 3rd we are commemorating St. Thomas Day as it recognizes the Apostle to India, St. Thomas. Although he was known as doubting Thomas, that was not his character, he should be known as honest Thomas. He grew out of his doubts and acknowledged Christ as "My Lord and My God" (St. John 20:28). Let us also learn from the strengths and weaknesses of St. Thomas and give all our doubts and uncertainty to God and continue to grow in our faith.

Usually, every year during the summertime, our church has a season of both deacon and priestly ordinations. Let us pray to God for the ordained ministry of our church, especially the need of the hour is more clergy from this diocese. Let us prayerfully encourage our growing generation to consider the ordained ministry of our church. We need to own the church to know "I" can be God's child in serving in the blessed ministry of being an ordained priest of the Mar Thoma Church. God just needs our availability for the same.

The Diocesan Youth Fellowship Conference is held on July 30- August 1, 2021. It is hosted by St. Andrews MTC, St. James MTC, and the Bethany MTC. Our youth who are 18 and above should register online. This year it is Free, and the first 2 days are on the Zoom platform and the final day Holy Qurbana and the closing program will be at the St. James MTC.

Much love,

Jess M. George Achen

Congratulations Johannah, Joshua and Ryan



Sunday Worship Schedule

| Date | Time | Service |
|-----------|----------|----------------------------|
| July 4th | 10:00 AM | HQ Service (Malayalam) |
| July 11th | 10.00 AM | Divine Service (Malayalam) |
| July 18th | 10.00 AM | HQ Service (English) |
| July 25th | 10.00 AM | Divine Service (Malayalam) |

Lectionary

| Date | Lesson 1- Lesson 2 | Epistle-Gospels |
|-----------|---|------------------------|
| 04 Sunday | Christian Stewardship - Tithe Offering | |
| | 1 Chronicles 29: 1-9 | Philippians 4: 10-20 |
| | Acts 5: 1-11 | Luke 19: 11-26 |
| 11 Sunday | Priests: Called to be Imitators of Christ | |
| | Malachi 1: 6-14 | Galatians 6: 11-18 |
| | 2 Timothy 2: 1-13 | John 21: 15-19 |
| 18 Sunday | God's People to be prepared for Witness | |
| | Deuteronomy 6: 1-12 | Romans 13: 11-14 |
| | Ephesians 5: 1-21 | Matthew 5: 13-16 |
| 25 Sunday | The Gift of the Holy Spirit | |
| | Exodus 36: 1-7 | 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 |
| | Ephesians 4: 7-13 | John 20: 19-23 |



Wedding Anniversary

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| Saji Thomas | Suja Mary Thomas | 4-Jul |
| Thomas K Mathai | Annamma Thomas | 5-Jul |
| Ben George (Rajan) | Kunjamma Ben | 13-Jul |
| C.S. Chacko (Raju) | Aleyamma Chacko | 19-Jul |
| Noble G Varughese | Tisha Varughese | 19-Jul |
| Thomas K Mathew | Beena Annie Mathew | 21-Jul |
| Ajus K Ninan | Jaimie Cherian | 21-Jul |



Birthday Wishes

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| Richy Tom Mathew | 15-Jul |
| Gabriel John | 17-Jul |
| Dona Shino | 22-Jul |
| Sara Parayil | 25-Jul |
| Rinju John | 25-Jul |
| Jacob Varughese | 30-Jul |
| Aleyamma John | 30-Jul |
| Sali D. Varghese | 30-Jul |

Bible Reading

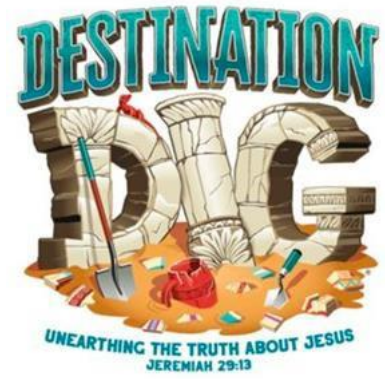
| The family of.... | Date |
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| Titus Samuel | 07/04/2021 |
| Tibu C Tharakan | 07/11/2021 |
| Viju V Varghese | 07/18/2021 |
| Vipin T Kovoor | 07/25/2021 |
| Abraham Jacob | 08/01/2021 |
| Abraham Oonnoonny | 08/08/2021 |
| Alexei Isaac | 08/15/2021 |
| Benjamin Jacob | 08/22/2021 |
| C.S. Chacko (Raju) | 08/29/2021 |

EMTC VBS 2021

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

Event Date: July 23rd-25th, 2021



TITHE OFFERING SUNDAY: SUNDAY JULY 04, 2021

VBS: JULY 23RD -JULY 25TH, 2021

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

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

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