

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

EBENEZER MAR THOMA CHURCH

From Vicar's Desk

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"And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast." -1 Peter 5:10

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

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

The church is a sign and instrument of the kingdom of God, a people united by faith in the gospel announcement of the crucified and risen King Jesus. The mission of the church is to go into the world in the power of the Spirit and make disciples by proclaiming this gospel, calling people to respond in ongoing repentance and faith, and demonstrating the truth and power of the gospel by living under the lordship of Christ for the glory of God and the good of the world. We are reminded to put our faith, hope and trust in God who raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory. We are indeed called to be the followers of Jesus sent in God's mission that God wants us and needs us to be at this time.

It was a beautiful day for our Ebenezer Parish Picnic on July 15! Without the help of so many great parishioners who volunteered, we would not have had such a great day. Thank you all.

When we started our VBS this year, we asked Lord for the divine guidance and all of us can see what the Lord has done, we have finished well and want to praise God for the mercies. The music, the spoken word, and the prayers have all been magnificent. Let's pray that our children will know Christ and that they will be able to do all things through Him. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who found time to come, contribute and grace the occasion.

Many of our members are on vacation and travelling this month. May God Almighty be our guide and our protector in our journeys. God almighty will help us to set our plans and then equip us to fulfill them. May our plans reflect God's will for our life and may they be for God's glory.

It is very sad to hear about the Manipur riot. May the Lord console the people and send his deliverance to them. We should express our solidarity and support to the Manipur people who suffer a lot and lost everything. We should creatively respond to our Metropolitan's circular no:101.

Let us pray: Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith, where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen. (Prayer of St. Francis)

May God continue to bless you all. Prayers for you all.

Yours in Christ's ministry,

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Message from Youth Chaplain

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Dearly beloved in Christ,

As we are in the 8th month of the year, let us continue to thank God for the manifold blessings He has given us throughout the year. August is an important month in our community as we celebrate the Independence Day of our motherland India. God has guided India to be an independent nation for the last 76 years, but nevertheless it is saddening to see the situation in Manipur as Christians are suffering from the injustice that is happening there. Let us continue to pray that our motherland can genuinely be a proud independent nation and not just wear the label as for namesake. Psalm 119:165 speaks about great peace by obeying and surrendering to God and His law. Full surrender to God guides us from stumbling. The sad thing is that we are seeing chaos around us because people are straying away from God and defining justice within their own terms. Let us pray that this world can connect to the true God and live in harmony with one another.

As we continue our journey of summer, let us also pray for the youths of our region and the events we have over the summer. Let us pray for the Mental Health Workshop on August 5th that will be held at the St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church Yonkers. Let us pray that this workshop can be a space of education and opportunity for healing in our community. We will have our NERYF BBQ on August 11th at our parsonage in New Hyde Park, all youths are invited and expected to be there. We are still collecting a list of new college students as well as information of the college they are attending, if anyone hasn't done so, please fill out the information which would help be a guidance for Campus Ministry Visits, please contact the youth secretary for the QR code.

Wishing everyone a blessed August!

Much love,
Jess Achen

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Worship Schedule

Date	Time	Service
Aug 6 th – Sunday Harvest Festival Kick-off	10.00 AM	HQ Service (Malayalam)
Aug 13 th – Sunday	10.00 AM	Divine Service (English)
Aug 20 th – Sunday Dedication for College going students	10.00 AM	HQ Service (English)
Aug 27 th – Sunday	10.00 AM	Divine Service (Malayalam)

Lectionary

Aug 6 th – Mission Sunday, The Feast of Transfiguration – Glorification of the Messiah Through death (10 th Sunday after Pentecost).		
	1 st Lesson	Exod. 34: 29-35
	2 nd Lesson	2Pet. 1:12-21
	Epistle	2Cor. 3:5-11
	Gospel	Luke 9:28-36
Aug 13 th – Holy Qurbana: Commemoration and the Experience of the Salvific Event (11 th Sunday after Pentecost).		
	1 st Lesson	Gen. 14:17-24
	2 nd Lesson	1Cor. 10:14-22
	Epistle	1Cor. 11:23-24
	Gospel	Mark. 14:22-25
Aug 20 th – Reformation Sunday, Life To be Reformed through the Word of God (12 th Sunday after Pentecost).		
	1 st Lesson	2Kgs. 23:1-6
	2 nd Lesson	1 John. 2:14-17
	Epistle	Heb. 4:12-13
	Gospel	Luke. 8:9-15
Aug 27 th – Called to be the Light – Church in the Pluralistic Society (13 th Sunday after Pentecost).		
	1 st Lesson	Isa. 60:1-10
	2 nd Lesson	Acts. 10:9-16
	Epistle	1Pet. 2:1-10
	Gospel	Matt. 5:13-16



Wedding Anniversary

Mathew A Mathew	Sumana Mathew	8-Aug
John Samuel (Kochumon)	Dr. Minnie John	9-Aug
Tony Thomas Mathew	Sneha Anna Thomas	15-Aug
Philip Parayil	Sara Parayil	17-Aug
Abraham Oonnoony	Leelamma Abraham	18-Aug
Kurian A Mathew	Susan Kurian	18-Aug
Abeyson C Jacob	Corimarie Jacob	18-Aug
Vipin T Kovoov	Merin Kovoov	18-Aug
Eapen Joseph (Jose)	Ancy Joseph	24-Aug



Birthday Wishes

Nithin Thomas	1-Aug
Teena Sara Mathew	4-Aug
Titus Samuel	9-Aug
Thomas Tharakan	11-Aug
Gigo K Ninan	12-Aug
Akhaila T.Jacob	12-Aug
Ben George (Rajan)	19-Aug
Marissa Kevin Chacko	21-Aug
Sujith Mathews	23-Aug
Sosamma E Varughese	26-Aug
Rijo Ann Cherian	27-Aug
Abraham Oonnoony	30-Aug
Reena Mathew	31-Aug

Bible Reading



The family of....	Date
Abraham Onnoonyy	08/06/2023
Alexei Isaac	08/13/2023
Benjamin Jacob	08/20/2023
C.S. Chacko (Raju)	08/27/2023
Eapen Joseph (Jose)	09/03/2023
George Thomas	09/10/2023
Jacob Mathew	09/17/2023
Jacob Varughese	09/24/2023

Upcoming Events

1. August 6th, 2023, Sunday – Harvest Festival Kick-off
2. August 20th, 2023, Sunday - Dedication for College going students
3. September 2nd, 2023, Saturday – N-E Region S.S Couples Meeting (Registration - \$15/head)
4. Wednesday Bible Study and Saturday Prayer Meeting at 7:00pm via ZOOM.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81243928868?pwd=TjdUODZQSnRlQkl2amlRaEdSNEdSNEo5dz09>

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