JUNE NEWSLETTER

EBENEZER MAR THOMA CHURCH

From Vicar's Desk

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St. Luke 2:52

' And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.'

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

What is wisdom? Wisdom is to act upon the truth contained in God's word. Romans 12:2 says, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." i.e. we are not to live by the values of this world which are constantly bombarded upon us or pursue all the attractive and deceptive dreams shown to us constantly by the world but be transformed by the renewing of our mind each day by the wisdom found in God's word. True wisdom refers to actions which are controlled by the word of God. Moreover, God's wisdom is available to any that will ask for it. James 1:5 says, "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." So, when we ask for wisdom, God doesn't just provide us with minimal requirements but bestows us with His wisdom which benefits not only us but all those around us. We can also receive wisdom by choosing to revere God. Proverbs 9:10 says "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom". To fear the Lord is to regard God & His word more highly than us and our view of truth. May we renew our mind each day by the wisdom found in God's word.

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We will be celebrating our Parish Day and Father's Day together on Sunday June 18th. May I invite your wholehearted participation. Prayers and blessings on our Parish Day and for your future. Keep on growing. Keep adding to the goodness and beauty in the world.

My Dear Sunday School Children, we are glad to share that our Sunday school is arranging VBS in the coming days. We will have a great time together as we are going to learn more about the Bible in fun and exciting ways such as singing, hearing stories, playing games, making crafts and more. So please be prepared.

I take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued generosity in supporting the ministerial work in our parish. May the good Lord reward you abundantly! Please keep me and family in your prayers as you are in ours. Please feel free to contact, for pastoral care, prayer requests if any. May God continue to bless you all.

Please be assured of our sincere prayers for you all.

Love and blessings, now and always.

Yours in Christ,

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

Message from Youth Chaplain

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Dearly beloved in Christ,

Let us thank the Lord for allowing us to enter the 6th month of the year. Many of us are looking forward to the beautiful summer season filled with activities and a great reunion with families and friends. This month is different in India when we compare it to us in the United States. Many of our schools will close for summer break here whereas in India students will begin a new academic year. Nevertheless, as we are here for those who study, let us thank God for the previous academic year even if it was a tough one. The opportunity to go through both passing and failing assignments and exams are measures to guide us to improve and sharpen for His glory. Now a few months of rest is given to us. We are blessed to invest our time back with family and friends. At the same time, we should ask ourselves if we are also spending quality time with God daily. As we reconnect with those around us, let us also make it a point to reconnect to the One who is always with us.

We as a Church use this month to commemorate the Fast of the Apostles from June 16-29. This fast is a reminder that 50 days after the post-resurrection. The apostles rejoiced, and from then on had to prepare themselves to move out of Jerusalem and spread the truth of the Gospel to all the ends of the world. As we commemorate this fast together, let us also remember that are migrant community placed by God in this country not just to make better life for ourselves, but also to spread God's love to those around us in where we are placed. Let us thank God for the life of the apostles, although imperfect, moved by God's forgiveness, mercy, and grace. We too flawed, still survive by His love to change this world to be Godcentered.

For the youths who graduated from either high school or college, we congratulate you. May God's grace be there for you in the next chapter of your lives. For new college students, please find the QR code for campus ministries and send your information, it will be helpful for the next academic year of planning campus visits.

May God's grace continue to be with all of you. Have a blessed June!

Much love, Jess Achen

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Worship Schedule

Date	Time	Service
June 4 th – Sunday	10.00 AM	Divine Service (Malayalam)
June 11 th – Sunday	10.00 AM	HQ Service (English)
June 18 th – Sunday Father's Day Celebration Parish Day Celebration	10.00 AM	HQ Service (Malayalam)
June 25 th – Sunday	10.00 AM	Divine Service (English)

Lectionary

June 4 th – Beginning of the New Academic year- Grow in the Divine Wisdom; Medical Aid offertory of the Clergy (1 st Sunday after Pentecost)					
	1st Lesson	1Kgs. 3:3-14			
	2 nd Lesson	1 Cor. 1:18-25			
	Epistle	Eph. 1:15-19			
	Gospel	Luke 2:41-52			
June 11 th – Environmental Sunday	June 11 th – Environmental Sunday – To till and keep; 2 nd Sunday after Pentecost.				
	1st Lesson	Gen. 2: 4-15			
	2 nd Lesson	Rev. 22: 1-5			
	Epistle	Col. 1: 9-20			
	Gospel	Luke 12:24-27			
June 18 th – Worship: The celebration of Faith; 3 rd Sunday after Pentecost.					
	1st Lesson	Isa. 6:1-8			
	2 nd Lesson	Rev. 4:1-11			
	Epistle	Eph. 3:14-19			
	Gospel	Luke 18:1-14			
June 25 th – Discipleship: Call for Mission; 4 th Sunday after Pentecost.					
	1st Lesson	Jer. 1:1-11			
	2 nd Lesson	Acts 9:1-15			
	Epistle	1 Tim. 1:12-17			
	Gospel	Mark 3:13-19			



Kevin Joe Chacko	Marissa Kevin Chacko	5-Jun
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	12-Jun
Rachel George	15-Jun
Rijin Cherian	17-Jun
Celine John	20-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



The family of	Date
Saji Thomas	06/04/2023
Thomas K Mathai	06/11/2023
Thomas K. Mathew	06/18/2023
Thomas T Samuel	06/25/2023
Tibu C Tharakan	07/02/2023
Titus Samuel	07/09/2023
Viju V Varghese	07/16/2023
Vipin T Kovoor	07/23/2023
Abraham Jacob	07/30/2023

Upcoming Events

- 1. June 18th, 2023, Sunday 36th Parish Day Celebration (Special Offertory)
- 2. June 18th, 2023, Sunday Father's Day Celebration
- 3. July 2nd, 2023, Sunday Tithe Offering
- 4. July 15th, 2023, Saturday- Parish Picnic (Convener: C.S. Chacko/Trustees)
- 5. July 16th, 2023, Sunday Clergy Sunday (Clergy Appreciation Day)
- 6. July 21st, 22nd, & 23rd, 2023 VBS
- 7. Wednesday Bible Study and Saturday Prayer Meeting at 7:00pm via ZOOM.

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

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