

# FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

## EBENEZER MAR THOMA CHURCH

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### From Vicar's Desk

Dearly beloved in Christ

God is providing us another Lenten season to observe the Great Lent, which begins from February 27 remembering the 40 days of Jesus' temptation together with 10 days as passion week.

The readings for the Lenten season in our corporate worship are selected to reflect upon our mortality and sin as well as the grace of God that saved human beings from eternal death to eternal life through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross. Lenten season is a time of introspection and confession of our lives in the presence of God and preparing ourselves to receive pardon and remission of all our sins. As human beings we are vulnerable to the reality of who we are and our human weaknesses. At the same time Lent opens ourselves to the nature of God as Redeemer, the One who loves the sinner and hates sin. We should pray to God to save us from observing Lent as ritual, and to enable us to submit ourselves to be molded by God to have an authentic living in Jesus Christ.

Let me encourage you to observe the Lent in a meaningful manner, and, in a way that is pleasing to God. As St. John Chrysostom states, "It is folly to abstain all day long from food, if you fail to abstain from sin and selfishness." We are reminded that, "Though the fasting is great, if it is not observed with love, it is futile. If love does not enable its wings, it cannot rise to the presence of the Most High". Hence, may reconciliation and mutual love be the guiding principles of your fasting this year.

This month is special as far our Church is concerned. The world famous Maramon Convention begins on 13th February. Since the surging of Covid-19, the Maramon convention will be conducted with COVID protocol.

Special thanks to all of you for your sincere prayers and comforting words when we were passing through difficult situations. Thank you for being the pillar of support that we needed during the hard time.

We want to rethink about our Christian giving where we are always reminded of a God who has been gracious to give us the best He has. We need to be aware of the fact that we are giving only whatever God has given us. As we are in the beginning days of a new year, let us contribute to the parish and for the needy according to our ability.

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  
Ebenezer Mar Thoma Church,  
New York**

### Message from Youth Chaplain

January 2022 Message

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

This month is an important month for all of us as we the church are looking forward to the Maramon Convention. Even with the restrictions of COVID, the privilege to hold the conference and to witness it on the virtual platform is such a blessing for us who are miles away to still have the feel to be on the sand beds and listen to the word of God. Let us pray that this year's convention can be a motivation for us to guide the world and be the light in the darkness so that others can know God through us.

This month we are also recognizing the Medical Mission Sunday. Let us understand the blessings of medicine and those who are in the medical field. We should recognize this as a ministry, quite specifically the healing ministry. Let us thank God for all our own who are working in this field in various avenues either as a physician, nurse, or many other ways that are recognized as being a healthcare worker. This ministry is the hands and feet of Jesus' earthly ministry, we should first depend on God who is the greatest physician and rely on Him as we pray for the human hands depending on the divine work that comes through it. Let us also pray for the healing of this land throughout this pandemic period.

This month we are entering into two fasting periods, first is the three days fast of Nineveh, and that is followed by the great Lenten period of 50 days as we journey together understanding the passion of Christ. Let us use this time to pray, repent and humble ourselves.

The NERYF has planned the year programs and it will be shared through the youth fellowships, please do mark the events of each program and conferences and encourage our youths to be part of it. As usual, our weekly men's and women's Bible Studies are held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays respectfully. Make use of these forums and let God's word move us.

Have a blessed month of February!

Much love,

Jess M. George Achen

**Rev. Jess M. George**  
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### Sunday Worship Schedule

Date	Time	Service
February 6 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 AM	Divine Service (Malayalam)
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 AM	HQ Service (English)
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 AM	HQ Service (Malayalam)
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 AM	Divine Service (Malayalam)

## Lectionary

Medical Mission Sunday: Healing of Body, Mind, and Spirit		
February 6 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	Num 12:1-16
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Acts 9:32-35
	Epistle	James 5:13-20
	Gospel	Mark 5:25-34
Glorious Divine Creation		
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	Job 39:1-21
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	1Cor 15:35-49
	Epistle	Col 1:15-23
	Gospel	Matt 6:26-34
Fall of Creation		
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	Gen 3:1-21
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Eph 2:11-18
	Epistle	Rom. 7:14-25
	Gospel	Matt 7:13-21
Beginning of Great Lent      Renewal of Creation		
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	Ezek. 36:24-30
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Rev. 21:1-7
	Epistle	2Cor. 5:16-21
	Gospel	John 2:1-11



Rev Johnson Mathew	Reena Mathew	23-Feb
Thomas T Samuel	Annamma T Thomas (Glory)	26-Feb
Varghese C Abraham	Sali D Varghese	26-Feb



Sandra Titus	1-Feb
Justin George	2-Feb
Jacob Mathew	4-Feb
Anil Abraham	6-Feb
Cinthusaa Robin	12-Feb
Ryan K. Varghese	15-Feb
Alizah Marie Jacob	16-Feb
Azannah Jacob	18-Feb
Nini Koshy (Kochamma)	21-Feb
Sumana Mathew	22-Feb
Suja Mary Thomas	25-Feb
Beela George	25-Feb
Tobin Thomas Kovoov	25-Feb
Corimarie Jacob	26-Feb

## Bible Reading



The family of....	Date
Vipin T Kovoov	02/06/2022
Abraham Jacob	02/13/2022
Abraham Onnoony	02/20/2022
Alexie Isaac	02/27/2022
Benjamin Jacob	03/06/2022
C.S. Chacko (Raju)	03/13/2022
Eapen Joseph (Jose)	03/20/2022
George Thomas	03/27/2022

## Upcoming Events

**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=TjdUODZQSndiQkl2amlRaEdSNEo5dz09>**

**Dial 1 646-876-9923; Meeting ID: 812 4392 8868; Passcode:406406**