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Prayer Meetings

AGAPE

LEADER: JOHN OOMMEN

June 13, 2010 at 5:30pm—Residence of Mr. & Mrs. Raju Mathew

EBENEZER

LEADER: JOHN K. MATHEW

TBD

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LEADER: ABRAHAM KOSHY

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MESSAGE FROM VICAR

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

June 2nd Sunday is performed as environmental day to meditate up on God's Creation. Today we live in a world where a number of eco-

logical issues arise. Some of them are listed below:

1. Air pollution and global warming due to deforestation and increasing of carbon gases.
2. Calamities like flood, earthquake, and famine and climate change due to ecological imbalance.
3. Depletion in Ozone layer due to green house gases like chlorflurone carbons and nitrous oxides.
4. Rise of sea level due to the melting of ice on mountains.
5. Pollution of land and water due to increased use of chemical fertilizers.
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7. Threat of nuclear waste, nuclear weapons and nuclear radiation.

The major reason of these environmental issues is human greed and profit oriented concept of development. God created the world with beauty and order. But human beings made it unfit to live. What is the mission of the church?

1. Accept the fact that God is the owner of everything and human beings are stewards of God's creation. The earth belongs to God (Exodus 19:5, Psalms 24:1). God put man in the garden of Eden to take care of God's creation (Gen 2:15). We have the responsibility to keep the earth as beautiful as God created. This earth is not only for us. But also for the future generations.
 2. Since the earth is cursed by human sin (Genesis 3:17), We have to accept our sin, confess, repent and be redeemed.
 3. Adopt the method of development which is God- Centric and Eco-centric.
 4. Oppose all the destructive activities which cause environmental issues.
 5. Protect the victims who suffer by environmental issues.
 6. Preach the Gospel of redemption of whole creation through Jesus Christ (Romans 8:19-21; Leviticus 25) The church is called to participate in God's mission to make the new heaven and new earth (Revelations 21:1)
- May God bless us and strengthen us to do his mission.

Yours in Christ Service
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Faith and Practices of the Church- Study Series: Marriage and Family
(Continued from last issue).

How to choose the life partner?

There are different ways of choosing a life partner.

1. Arranged marriage: Here the parents find out the life partner for their children and marriage is done according to social and religious custom .
2. Love Marriage: Here Lovers getting married without the consent of parents.
3. Arranged Love marriage- here lovers get married with consent of parents and society.
4. Living together without marriage bond: this causes immorality and destruction of family and society

It is better to be married with the consent of parents so that they may get support in the midst of crisis happenings in life. Today many families are being broken because they enter into marriage without preparation. Two questions are important to those who enter into marriage.

1. Why should I marry?
2. Whom should I marry?

Today many people enter into marriage for various purposes such as money, job, sex, etc. But marriage primarily is selecting a life long partner to share our life in every aspect. Selection of life partner should be done according to God’s will. The criteria for selection should be the fear of God, good character, maturity, cultural values, etc. rather than money, physical beauty, etc. God’s will may be revealed through prayer, meditation of God’s word, and through God fearing parents and friends.

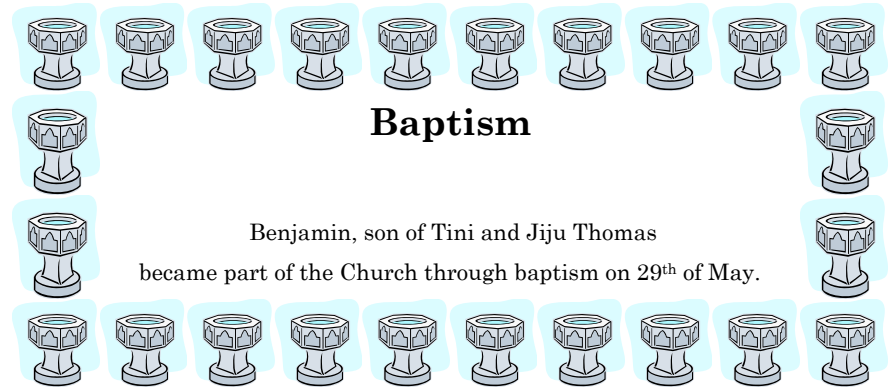
Purity in Pre- Marital life

Today it is a common tendency to have pre-marital sexual relationships. But it is important to keep purity in pre-marital life because:

1. God wants us to have sexual relationships only with the life partner to prevent immorality.
2. Sexual freedom makes us selfish t the worldly desires like animals.
3. Illegal sexual relationships make us guilty and we lose joy and peace of inner soul.
4. Pre- marital and extra-marital sexual relationships will destroy the family and society.
5. Premarital sexual relationships will cause increase in rate of divorce due to dissatisfaction and suspicion.
6. The history reveals that all societies and nations where unlimited sexual freedom is allowed were destroyed.

To keep purity in marital life we can do the following:

1. Make friendships with those who uphold human values.
2. Keep ourselves from circumstances that make temptations.
3. Pray to God for God’s grace to keep us in holiness.
4. If we committed sin repent, turn to God and start a new life with faithfulness.



Baptism

Benjamin, son of Tini and Jiju Thomas
 became part of the Church through baptism on 29th of May.

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Laity Duties

	Worship Service Assistant	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Prayer
June 6 <i>Ebenezer</i>				
June 13 <i>Emmanuel</i>				
June 20 <i>Manna</i>				
June 27 <i>Shalom</i>				

Lectioary/Worship Information

Sunday, June 6, 2010 - (Holy Qurbana - English)

Real Wisdom: A Divine Gift (Students Day)

Lesson 1: Proverbs 2:1-12

Epistle: Colossians 2:1-7

Lesson 2: James 3:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 7:21-29

Sunday, June 13, 2010 - (Holy Qurbana - Malayalam)

Preservation of Creation (Environmental Sunday)

Lesson 1: Job 37:1-23

Epistle: Romans 8:18-25

Lesson 2: 1 Corinthians 15:35-41

Gospel: Matthew 6:25-32

Sunday, June 20, 2010 - (Holy Qurbana—English)

Apostleship: Witnessing of Resurrection

Lesson 1: Isaiah 3:14-22

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Lesson 2: Acts 1:15-26

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday, June 27, 2010 - (Holy Qurbana - Malayalam)

Apostleship : Victorious Life in the Sprit

Lesson 1: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Epistle: Romans 13:8-14

Lesson 2: Romans 8:1-17

Gospel: John 14:15-27

Church Organizational Activities

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Regular classes at 8.45am.

SEVIKA SANGHAM:

TBD

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP:

Tuesdays - Bible Study with Rev. Jaisen Thomas

Thursdays - Prayer Call

Fridays - Prayer Fellowship -

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM:

Saturday, June 12, 2010 at 7pm—Prayer meeting at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Edison K. John

PARISH MISSION:

Fridays at 7pm - Bible Study/Prayer fellowships at the Church.

Sundays at 9-9:30am - Intercessory Prayer

CHOIR:

Sundays - Practice sessions after Holy Qurbana.

KECF Ecumenical Convention

St. Paul's Mar Thoma Church, Dallas

June 25th through June 27th

(Friday to Sunday)

BIRTHDAYS

1-Jun	Abraham Perumal	Mesquite	13-Jun	Michelle Mathai	Mesquite
1-Jun	John Thomas(Kunju)	Mesquite	17-Jun	Shilu Varghese	Dallas
1-Jun	Varghese A. Varghese	Garland	17-Jun	Thomas P . Chacko	Garland
2-Jun	Jacob C .C	Garland	19-Jun	Abigail Mammen	Rockwall
2-Jun	John K John	Mesquite	20-Jun	Joice Phil Mathew	Sunnyvale
2-Jun	Susan SaumiChacko	Mesquite	22-Jun	Raju Chacko	Rowlett
3-Jun	Sudha Varghese	Rockwall	25-Jun	Thomas Philip	Mesquite
4-Jun	Bassy Philip	Mesquite	26-Jun	Sherril Ann Raju	Mesquite
4-Jun	Sosamma Varghese	Garland	30-Jun	Annamma Thomas	McKinney
5-Jun	Amita Edison	Garland			
5-Jun	Kunjamma Thomas	Garland			
8-Jun	Ashish Mathai	Mesquite			
8-Jun	Jenny Mammen	Rockwall			
8-Jun	Lincy George	McKinney			
8-Jun	Subin John	Mesquite			
9-Jun	Joseph Koshy	Garland			
10-Jun	Keren Cherian	Sunnyvale			
10-Jun	Oommen Koshy	Sunnyvale			
11-Jun	Thankamma Thomas	Mesquite			
11-Jun	Vijee Mathew	Plano			

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

5-Jun	Mr.&Mrs. Reji Philip Thomas	Garland
6-Jun	Mr.&Mrs. John K . Mathew	Mesquite
7-Jun	Mr.&Mrs. Beji Pappachan	Mesquite
8-Jun	Mr.&Mrs. Jonathan Jones Mathew	Sunnyvale
9-Jun	Mr.&Mrs. Abey Kuruvilla	Wylie
12-Jun	Mr.&Mrs. Anish Mathew Thomas	Garland
17-Jun	Mr.&Mrs. Bincent Jacob	Garland
19-Jun	Mr.&Mrs. Abraham Koshy	Mesquite
20-Jun	Mr.&Mrs. Zachariah Thomas	Sunnyvale
20-Jun	Mr.&Mrs. George Mammen	Rockwall
30-Jun	Mr.&Mrs. Viju Varghese	Rowlett
30-Jun	Mr.&Mrs. Thomas George	Rockwall

Diocesan Clergy Conference

Where: St. Paul's MTC Dallas
Date: Sunday July 4th – Tuesday July 6th

Youth Fellowship Regional One Day Retreat and Holy Qurbana

On Saturday June 5th
At
St. Paul's MTC



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

From July 7th Wednesday – July 11th Sunday

Register Today!!!